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**Agenda item 150**  
**Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Madam Chair,  
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the note of the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for agenda item **150-UNISFA** for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 as listed in today's journal.
2. Let me start by thanking the Committee for making time available for this item in your Programme of Work.
3. The General Assembly, by its resolution 70/269, approved the appropriation and assessment of the amount of \$268.6 million for the maintenance of UNISFA for the 2016/17 period. Since the General Assembly adopted its resolution 70/269, exceptional deferred costs from the 2015/16 period and substantial changes in the assumptions underpinning the budget for the 2016/17 period have had a significant impact on the approved budget, resulting in additional resource requirements in the amount of \$18.4 million for the 2016/17 period.
4. During the 2016/17 period, UNISFA has sought to reprioritize the utilization of its approved resources to the extent possible, and in this regard it is expected that the mission will be able to absorb from within its approved budget an amount of \$7.1 million of additional requirements. On the basis of its operational requirements and expenditure projections, however, UNISFA cannot meet the remaining costs from within its existing approved resources and

therefore requires additional resources in the amount of \$11.3 million. This would enable the mission to meet the associated costs for the reimbursement of the troop-contributing country for standard troop costs and related allowances, the costs of contingent-owned major equipment and self-sustainment reimbursement and rations costs, in respect of the tank and artillery units for the 2016/17 period, for which no provision was made in the approved budget for UNISFA for that period.

5. The General Assembly is requested to appropriate and assess the amount of \$11.3 million for the 12-month period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. This is in addition to the amount of \$268.6 million already appropriated and assessed under the terms of General Assembly resolution 70/269.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.