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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance for 2015/16, and the budget for 2017/18 for agenda items **150-UNISFA** and **164-UNSO**, as well as the Secretary-General's budget performance report for 2015/16 for agenda item **152-UNOCI** as listed in today's journal.

2. In respect of agenda item **150-UNISFA**, the interim security Force in Abyei, the proposed 2017/18 budget of \$278.0 million represents an increase of 3.5 per cent compared with the approved resources for 2016/17. UNISFA will continue to support mediation and inter-community dialogue in order to address tensions between the communities. In addition, the mission will continue to support the work of the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism and thus improving relations between the Sudan and South Sudan and building confidence between the two States.

3. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in respect of agenda item **152-UNOCI** in Côte d'Ivoire are set out in paragraph 74 of the budget performance report (A/71/732). UNOCI

has prioritized its efforts in ensuring sustainability of action on key mission priorities by transferring them to the Government, the United Nations country team and partners. The mission is meeting the deadlines set by the Security Council in its resolution 2284 (2016) of 28 April 2016 with the full closure and liquidation of UNOCI by 30 June of this year. Specifically, all military and police contingents departed Côte d'Ivoire by mid-February, and civilian substantive staff has been reduced significantly, with the exception of a small complement whose focus would be on finalizing residual tasks associated with UNOCI's liquidation from May until the end of June. The mission has instituted a programme of assisting staff, particularly national staff, in obtaining employment after UNOCI. The withdrawal plan facilitated the reduction in the Mission's footprint and allowed for a timely and environmentally responsible closure of camps and other liquidation activities.

4. In respect of agenda item **164-UNSOS** in Somalia, the proposed 2017/18 budget of \$619.3 million represents an increase of 7.8 per cent compared with the approved resources for 2016/17. UNSOS will continue to provide logistical support for the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), including through the expansion of mission enabling units to all sectors. These units are embedded in AMISOM and include heavy transport, combat engineering, explosive management and security elements. UNSOS will expand mission enabling units with additional mentors and will continue to ensure that AMISOM receives an adequate level of support to address the evolving threat of improvised explosive devices.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on these items.