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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 three peacekeeping missions listed in today's journal under agenda items **151-MINUSCA**, **159-MINUSMA** and **161-UNMISS**.

2. In respect of agenda item **151-MINUSCA** in the Central African Republic, the proposed budget for 2017/18 amounts to \$921.6 million, an increase of 0.1 per cent over the 2016/17 approved budget. MINUSCA will pursue its strategic objective of sustainably reducing the presence and threat of armed groups. At the national level, the Mission's integrated approach to fulfilling its mandate focuses first and foremost on robust efforts to protect civilians. The Mission will simultaneously engage armed groups in dialogue to persuade them to enter into a disarmament, demobilization, reintegration, and repatriation process, promote respect for human rights, inclusive of addressing conflict-related sexual violence and children and armed conflict,

and pursue the administration of justice for serious crimes through the establishment of the Special Criminal Court.

3. With regards to item **159-MINUSMA** in Mali, a budget of \$1,077.6 million is proposed for 2017/18, reflecting an increase of 15.4 per cent over the approved 2016/17 budget. The Security Council, by its resolution 2295 (2016) of 29 June 2016, expanded the military strength by 2,049 personnel and the police strength by 480 personnel. The implementation of the Peace Agreement has been affected by the prevailing situation of growing insecurity in the north. Banditry and other types of crime, along with an increase in activities by violent extremist groups, are increasingly undermining stability. MINUSMA has become a target of choice for the latter groups, with attacks carried out on MINUSMA patrols, convoys and camps, as well as on the Malian Defence and Security Forces and Opération Barkhane. In that context, MINUSMA will focus on: (a) the political aspects of the peace agreement ensuring inclusivity in the peace process; (b) improving the security situation in northern Mali by strengthening the security mechanisms of the peace agreement; (c) building sustainable peace through early recovery activities carried out in close collaboration with the United Nations country team; and (d) strengthening its presence and its activities in northern and central Mali, in particular by reinforcing the newly established office in Ménaka and increasing the troop presence in Mopti.

4. Turning now to agenda item **161-UNMISS** in South Sudan, estimated resource requirements of \$1,178.3 million for the 2017/18 period represent an increase of 8.9 per cent compared to the approved resources for 2016/17. The Security Council, by its resolution 2304 (2016) of 12 August 2016, increased the authorised military strength by an additional 4,000 military personnel for the Regional Protection Force, which was established to provide a secure environment in and around Juba. Further the Security Council, by its resolution 2327 (2016) of 16 December 2016, increased the police ceiling by 100 police personnel. The Mission will continue to implement its main priorities including the protection of civilians, monitoring and investigating human rights, creating the conditions for the delivery of humanitarian assistance and supporting the implementation of the Peace Agreement in South Sudan.

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