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**Agenda item 134**  
**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019**

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives  
authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council**

**Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other  
entities and mechanisms (A/72/371/Add.2)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce addendum 2 of the report of the Secretary-General in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, which contains thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms.
2. The proposed resources for 2018 for the 13 special political missions presented amount to \$40.5 million, which represent an overall increase of \$2.9 million compared to the approved resources for 2017. Part of the increase, in the amount of \$1.6 million, relates to the estimated requirements for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism (OPCW-JIM), whose mandate was expected to be renewed into 2018 at the time of preparation of the budget report. However, the mandate of OPCW-JIM expired on 17 November 2017 and was not renewed by the Security Council. Therefore, the related resource requirements for 2018, in the amount of \$4.8 million, will not be required.

3. The remainder of the increase in resources for cluster II in 2018 compared to 2017 is mainly under 4 SPMs: the Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in relation to new tasks mandated by the Security Council and to security requirements; the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, and Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) due to lower vacancy rates applied in 2018 to new positions approved in the previous period, as well as tasks mandated by the Security Council for the former; and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate due to new tasks mandated by the Security Council, for which 6 new posts are proposed to be established. These increased resources are partly offset by reduced resource requirements for 6 special political missions.
  
4. These requirements would be charged against the provision of \$1.1 billion proposed for special political missions under section 3, Political Affairs of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. I would like to point out, finally, that these requirements do not include the resources required for the newly established Panel of Experts on Mali, which are included in the report of the Secretary-General A/71/371/Add.6, and which I introduced to this Committee on 28 November.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.