

Statement by the delegation of Brazil on Agenda Item 136: 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: Cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions: United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, at the main part of the Seventy-Second Session of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

New York, 13 December 2017.

Mr Chairman,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate of El Salvador on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

My delegation would like to thank Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, for presenting report A/72/371/Add.7, and Mr. Carlos Ruiz-Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for presenting report A/72/7/Add.17.

Mr Chairman,

It has been little more than a year since the signing and entry into force of the Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Long Lasting Peace between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — People's Army (FARC-EP).

Brazil would like to join previous speakers in celebrating the success of the United Nations Mission in Colombia and in congratulating Colombia for its commitment to the implementation of the Agreement.

Brazil welcomed the unanimous adoption of Security Council Resolution 2366 (2017), which established the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, and of Resolution 2377 (2017), which specified the mandate, size and operational aspects of the Mission.

We also welcomed the adoption of Resolution 2381 (2017), which extended the mandate of the Verification Mission to include the implementation of the ceasefire between the Government and the National Liberation Army (ELN).

Brazil is deeply committed to the preservation of peace and the maintenance of regional stability. My delegation has expressed its unequivocal support for Colombia's efforts to fully implement the Agreement, which will have positive effects of historical significance for the entire region.

Mr Chairman,

My delegation is of the view that the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia must be provided with all necessary resources for the proper implementation of its mandate.

Brazil is ready to engage in a constructive discussion of this important agenda item under consideration by the Fifth Committee.

I thank you Mr Chairman.