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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

- 1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the revised budget for 2017/18 for agenda item **163-UNAMID**, as listed in today's journal.
- 2. The 2017/18 revised budget proposal of \$948.8 million for UNAMID, the hybrid Operation in Darfur, represents a decrease of 8.7 per cent compared with the approved resources for 2016/17. This reduction reflects the planned repatriation of military and police personnel, in accordance with the reconfiguration of the Operation, as per Security Council resolution 2363 (2017). The Operation will focus on military protection, clearance of explosive remnants of war and emergency relief in the Jebel Marra area. In other areas of Darfur, where there has not been recent fighting, the Operation will focus on stabilising the situation, supporting the police and helping the rule of law institutions whilst continuing to protect civilians, mediating intercommunal conflict and following up on issues related to reforming the security sector. Considering the amount of \$486 million previously assessed on Member States for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 71/310, an additional amount of \$462.8 million would have to be assessed for 2017/18.

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