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Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2018 session (A/73/400)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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8 November 2018

Madam Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

- 1. The report before you presents the budgetary impact related to resolution 2018/19 on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti and the decision related to resolution 13/1 on the Outcome of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will accommodate the budgetary impact on Section 9 of the programme budget of these resolutions, amounting to \$69,200 for 2019 and \$282,900 for 2020 and 2021, without request for additional resources.
- 2. Further, the report includes the proposed organizational restructuring and programmatic changes to the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the related proposed reorganizing, realigning and reprofiling of resources in accordance with the new strategic directions of ECA, which was endorsed by the Economic and Social Council. The budgetary impact of these changes is within the overall approved budget level for 2018-2019 for Section 18A: Economic Commission for Africa, and no additional resources are being requested.

3. The report requests the General Assembly to approve the organizational restructuring, including the related redistribution of posts and non-post resources; the reorganizing, realigning and reprofiling of resources under the new sub-programme structure; the abolishment of seven posts; the establishment of seven new posts; and the reclassification of one post from the P5 level to the P4 level.

I thank you, Madam Chair.