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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**

**Panel of Experts on Somalia  
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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed budgets for 2019 in respect of **special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council under thematic cluster II for the Panel of Experts on Somalia.**

2. On 14 November 2018, the Security Council, by its resolution 2444 (2018), decided to establish the Panel of Experts on Somalia, consisting of six members and to be based in Nairobi, until 15 December 2019.

3. The estimated requirements for 2019 for the Panel of Experts on Somalia would amount to \$1,867,600 to provide for salaries and common staff costs for six positions (1 P-3, 1 General Service (Other level) and 4 Local level), security services and security escorts for the experts, as well as for operational requirements. The initial requirements of the Panel of Experts on Somalia for the period 14 November to 31 December 2018 were funded under the authority granted to the Secretary-General under paragraph 1 (a) of General Assembly resolution 72/264 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2018–2019 and for which appropriation is sought through the present report.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.