



Agenda item 136
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
(A/73/365/Add.4 and Add.5)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Madam Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce addenda 4 and 5 of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, containing the proposed budget for 2019 for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), respectively.

2. Addendum 4 presents the resources required for UNAMA for 2019 in the amount of \$141.5 million, reflecting a net decrease of \$7.2 million as compared to the approved resources for 2018. The net decrease primarily reflects reduced requirements for national staff due to the proposed net reduction of 28 Local level positions and a new cost-sharing arrangement between UNAMA and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes. In addition, the net decrease reflects the impact of the disengagement of military and police advisers following a strategic review of the Mission.

3. Addendum 5 presents the resources required for UNAMI for 2019 in the amount of \$105.8 million, reflecting a net decrease of \$2.8 million as compared to the approved resources for 2018. The net decrease reflects lower requirements for military contingents and civilian staff costs, attributable

primarily to cost recovery from the United Nations country team and a net decrease of 52 civilian positions mainly due to Mission restructuring and the abolishment of cost-shared security positions.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you.