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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations
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Budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period
from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (A/73/636)

Budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July
2019 to 30 June 2020 (A/73/774)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance for 2017/18 and the budget for 2019/20 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, under **agenda item 150**, as listed in today's journal.
2. The proposed 2019/20 budget for UNLB amounts to \$65.2 million, which represents a decrease of 20.9 per cent compared with the 2018/19 approved budget. The decrease is primarily attributable to the proposed transfer of Umoja maintenance and support costs, previously included in the budget for UNLB, to the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations; the application of a lower exchange rate between the euro and the United States dollar and its impact on the estimates for national staff costs; as well as the lower post-adjustment factor for international staff.
3. The vision is to transform UNLB into an operational service centre primarily for the field for: (a) supply chain management, (b) engineering; (c) environmental management; (d)

specialized programmes (e.g., occupational health and safety); and (e) geospatial, information and telecommunications technologies.

4. The proposed budget also includes a revised concept of operations for strategic deployment stocks pursuant to the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/71/798), as requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 71/294 and 72/287. The findings are included in annex III to the present budget report.

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