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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 financing of four peacekeeping missions under agenda items **151-UNISFA**, **158-MINUJUSTH**, **161-MINUSMA** and **166-UNSOS**.

2. In respect of agenda item **151- UNISFA**, the interim security Force in Abyei, the proposed budget of \$267.9 million for 2019/20 represents an increase of 1.5 per cent over the 2018/19 approved budget. The increase is largely in relation to the planned deployment of 135 additional United Nations police personnel and one formed police unit. The overall increase is offset, in part, by reduced requirements under military and police personnel, mainly attributable to the reduction of the authorized troop ceiling by 946 military contingent personnel in accordance with

Security Council resolutions 2416 (2018) and 2445 (2018). UNISFA will continue to provide the sole security presence in the Abyei Area and to support the delivery of humanitarian aid, freedom of movement and the protection of civilians under imminent threat. UNISFA will also support the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism through monitoring, verification and investigation missions within the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone. In the absence of an Abyei Police Service, UNISFA will continue to provide policing services in response to matters of law and order.

3. In respect of agenda item **158-MINUJUSTH** in Haiti, the operational circumstances of MINUJUSTH were subject to significant uncertainty, until the Security Council, by its resolution 2466 (2019) of 12 April 2019, extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months until 15 October 2019. The Secretary-General proposes financing arrangements for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2019 in the amount of \$51.9 million to provide the Mission with adequate resources to continue to fulfil its existing mandate and conduct closure activities. The proposed resource requirements take into consideration the planned drawdown of formed police units, the gradual downsizing of civilian personnel and the closure of camps and other liquidation activities.

4. With regard to agenda item **161-MINUSMA** in Mali, the proposed budget of \$1.1 billion for 2019/20 reflects an increase of 7.0 per cent compared to the 2018/19 approved budget. Building on the successful holding of the presidential elections as well as the positive momentum created by the conclusion of the Pact for Peace on 15 October 2018, the Mission has achieved some progress during the past year. It is anticipated that by the beginning of 2019/20, tangible progress in the implementation of the political and security provisions of the peace agreement will have been achieved as a result of increased international pressure and sustained good offices. MINUSMA will continue to reconfigure its military and police posture in accordance with its mandate and priorities and with the recommendations of the military and police capabilities studies conducted during 2018/19. Provided that gaps in military aviation and explosive ordnance disposal capabilities are identified, the Mission is expected to reach full operational capability of uniformed personnel during the 2019/20 period. While the focus on the north will remain key for the implementation of the peace agreement, the Mission is increasing its presence in central Mali in order to support the extension of State authority and the protection of civilians. The Mission will continue to implement initiatives related to improving its intelligence architecture with the necessary investments required for the implementation of its

mandate while ensuring the safety and security of Mission personnel in the face of increasing threats against the United Nations and the international community.

5. Turning now to agenda item **166-UNSOS** in Somalia, the proposed 2019/20 budget amounts to \$569.5 million, which represents an increase of 2.0 per cent over the 2018/19 approved budget. UNSOS will continue to provide logistical support to the operations of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). Through the Mine Action Service, UNSOS will continue to support AMISOM with options to reduce threats posed by improvised explosive devices. In relation to mission support, UNSOS will focus on projects including environmental enhancements; camp infrastructure improvements; and critical security-related upgrades in the aftermath of the 1 January 2019 mortar attack on the United Nations compound in Mogadishu. The 2018 internal review of UNSOS and the subsequent staffing review identified new requirements related to international and national civilian staffing, which are reflected in the proposed budget for the 2019/20 period.

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