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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 six peacekeeping missions under agenda items **152-MINUSCA**, **153-UNOCI**, **157-MINUSTAH**, **160-UNMIL**, **162 (a)-UNDOF** and **163-UNMISS**, as listed in today's journal.

2. In respect of agenda item **152-MINUSCA** in the Central African Republic, a budget of \$925.5 million is proposed for 2019/20, reflecting a decrease of 0.5 per cent compared to the approved 2018/19 budget. The reduced requirements are attributable mainly to non-recurring costs

for contingent-owned equipment for self-sustainment, and for freight owing to the completion of the deployment of an additional 900 authorised troops in the 2018/19 period. At the request of the Secretary-General and in line with his reform of peacekeeping, a comprehensive independent strategic review of MINUSCA was undertaken from June until August 2018. Its findings and recommendations were presented in the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 28 November 2018 (S/2018/922). The recommendations, endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 2448 (2018), and recommendations or actions from internal and independent reviews/investigation are taken into consideration in the budget proposal.

3. In respect of agenda item **153-UNOCI** in Côte d'Ivoire, the Operation disposed of assets with a total inventory value of \$115.4 million and \$38.0 million residual value. The process of liquidating the assets of UNOCI was guided by regulation 5.14 of the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules with respect to assets under Groups I-III. Group I included assets with a total inventory value of \$23.5 million, which were transferred to the other peacekeeping missions or UNLB for temporary storage. Group II included assets with a total inventory value of \$29.7 million, which were sold commercially or at nominal value. Group III included assets written off or lost with a total inventory value of \$30.0 million. Besides, following an assessment conducted by a working group headed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, the Operation identified, for gifting to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, government agencies and their non-profit partners, assets with a total inventory value of \$32.2 million.

4. In respect of agenda item **157-MINUSTAH** in Haiti, expenditure of \$90.0 million was incurred in 2017/18, which was an implementation rate of 100.0 per cent. During the reporting period, MINUSTAH prioritized liquidation activities, including but not limited to the mandated complete withdrawal of the military contingents and the drawdown of police personnel to reach the 295 United Nations police and 7 formed police units that formed the authorized strength for its successor mission, MINUJUSTH. The Mission also focused on transitioning mandated activities and closing facilities that were not needed by MINUJUSTH.

5. In respect of agenda item **160-UNMIL** in Liberia, expenditure of \$109.6 million was incurred in 2017/18, which was an implementation rate of 99.6 per cent. The financial performance reflects the early repatriation of uniformed personnel, the lower number of flight hours and earlier-than-planned closure of camps. The overall reduced requirements were offset by higher-than-

budgeted payments due to staff members at the time of separation from service or relocation to another duty station.

6. With regard to item **162 (a)-UNDOF** the observer force in the Golan, a budget of \$70.1 million is proposed for 2019/20, reflecting an increase of 16.2 per cent compared to the approved 2018/19 budget. The additional requirements are attributable mainly to the expected conclusion of the full return of the Force to the Bravo side pursuant to Security Council resolution 2450 (2018), and further to the reopening of the crossing point at Qunaytirah and the continued commitment of the parties of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement. For the 2019/20 period, UNDOF plans to deploy a net additional 128 military contingent personnel to conduct mobile patrolling activities from Camp Faouar and Camp Ziouani to the area of separation. The mission also plans to reconstruct two additional former United Nations Positions, which would restore UNDOF's full deployment levels and observation capability to the levels held by the Force prior to the temporary evacuation from the Bravo side in September 2014, conditions permitting.

7. In respect of agenda item **163-UNMISS**, the proposed budget of \$1.2 billion for 2019/20 represents an increase of 6.4 per cent compared to the approved resources for 2018/19. The increased requirements are attributable mainly to the increase in deployment of military contingent personnel, higher costs for contingent-owned major equipment and self-sustainment, the planned implementation of critical engineering projects, and higher salary-related costs for civilian personnel. The revitalized Peace Agreement was signed by parties of the conflict in September 2018, which offered a sense of hope for progress towards an inclusive and sustainable peace in South Sudan. In this regard, the Mission will continue to implement its main priorities, including providing support to the implementation of the revitalized Peace Agreement in South Sudan, creating the conditions conducive to the delivery of humanitarian assistance, and monitoring and investigating human rights. The Mission will also continue to implement its protection of civilians mandate, where the Mission currently has over 198,000 internally displaced persons temporarily housed in six UNMISS protection of civilians camps.

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