Fifth Committee - 73<sup>rd</sup> Second Resumed Session

**Explanation of Vote** 

on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

on

**UNDOF** 

Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Member States of the European Union are concerned that once again no consensus could be reached during the negotiations on the draft resolution on UNDOF. We furthermore regret the politicization of the discussions.

The Member States of the European Union intend to vote against the paragraph proposed by the Syrian Arab Republic. We consider that the position proposed for abolishment should continue to fulfil the key functions they were assigned by this same Committee. It is regrettable that since 2015 this post has been vacant due to the refusal of the necessary visas. We urge the Syrian government to allow such posts to be filled as decided in the past by this Committee, and thus enable the proper functioning of the mission.

Thank you, Madam Chair.