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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 five peacekeeping missions under agenda items **154-UNFICYP**, **159-UNMIK**, **162 (b)-UNIFIL**, **164-MINURSO**, and **165-UNAMID**, as listed in today's journal.

2. In respect of agenda item **154-UNFICYP** in Cyprus, a budget of \$51.4 million is proposed for 2019/20, reflecting a decrease of 2.9 per cent compared to the 2018/19 approved budget. The decrease reflects the expected completion of the construction of the accommodation for the relocation of military personnel in the first half of 2019; the application of a lower exchange rate between the euro and the United States dollar; the lower salary costs for international staff; and

the lower number of flight hours for patrol and observation operations. The activities of UNFICYP will continue to support liaison and engagement with the sides across all components, including intercommunal contacts and confidence-building measures to maintain stability and calm, thereby contributing effectively to conditions conducive to progress toward reaching a potential settlement agreement.

3. In respect of agenda item **159-UNMIK** in Kosovo, the proposed 2019/20 budget of \$37.2 million represents an increase of 0.1 per cent compared to the 2018/19 approved budget. UNMIK will continue to strengthen and consolidate peace, security, the rule of law and stability in Kosovo and the region. In 2019, the Mission will continue to leverage projects and activities towards mandate implementation, particularly in promoting inter-community trust-building, human rights, and rule of law initiatives. In line with its efforts to reduce the overall environmental footprint of the Mission, UNMIK will focus on energy efficiency, recycling, tree-planting and awareness-raising activities.

4. With regard to agenda item **162 (b)-UNIFIL** in Lebanon, the proposed 2019/20 budget of \$485.2 million represents an increase of 2.3 per cent compared to the 2018/19 approved budget. The budget proposal reflects increased requirements for the reimbursement to troop-contributing countries, the proposed implementation of the first year of UNIFIL's five-year asset replacement plan, and the higher estimated cost for fuel. The activities of the Force will continue to focus on restoring international peace and security in southern Lebanon, and advancing the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). In addition, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2433 (2018), UNIFIL will increase its presence within its existing mandate and capabilities, and enhance its coordination with the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon.

5. In respect of agenda item **164-MINURSO** in Western Sahara, the proposed 2019/20 budget of \$56.4 million represents an increase of 7.7 per cent compared to the approved resources for 2018/19. MINURSO will continue its observation and monitoring activities to ensure the compliance of the parties with the ceasefire agreement; provide continued support to the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General in the performance of his functions during his visits to the region; facilitate the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in implementing the programme of confidence-building measures once the programme

resumes; and provide logistical support to the observer delegation of the African Union in Laayoune.

6. Turning now to agenda item-**165 UNAMID**, the hybrid Operation in Darfur, the Secretary-General proposes financing arrangements for the six-month period until 31 December 2019 in the amount of \$269.9 million. The six-month period will be a period of consolidation, as the Secretary-General awaits the decisions of the Security Council, to enable further refinement of planning in relation to the scope and pace of the reconfigurations and on the modalities for the drawdown of the Operation during the latter part of the 2019/20 period. The Operation will continue to collaborate with the United Nations country team through the State Liaison Functions to undertake programmatic activities, in accordance with the transition concept endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 2429 (2018). In view of the Operation's envisaged exit in June 2020, the Operation will undertake critical operational activities during the period including environmental clean-up and bio-remediation activities.

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