



**Agenda item 169**  
**Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur**  
**(UNAMID)**

**Agenda item 155**  
**Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on two agenda items: financing of African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) for the period from **1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021** under agenda item **169** and financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from **1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022** under agenda item **155**.

2. In respect of agenda item **169**, the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, in its resolution **2559 (2020) of 22 December 2020**, the Security Council decided to **terminate the mandate** of UNAMID **as of 31 December 2020**. The Council requested the Secretary-General to commence the drawdown of UNAMID personnel on 1 January 2021 and to complete the withdrawal of all uniformed and civilian UNAMID personnel by 30 June 2021, other than those required for the Operation's liquidation. The Council also decided to authorize, for the duration of the UNAMID drawdown and liquidation, the retention of a guard unit from within the existing UNAMID footprint to protect UNAMID personnel, facilities and assets.

3. The proposed resources for the six-month period are based on the recent decision of the Security Council in resolution 2559 (2020) to terminate the mandate of UNAMID as of 31

December 2020 and cover the drawdown period from 1 January to 30 June 2021 and preparatory work for UNAMID liquidation, which would continue in the following 2021/22 period.

4. The additional resource requirements for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021 are estimated at **\$46.7 million** to provide the Operation with adequate resources to cover requirements related to drawdown and preparation for the liquidation of the Operation, including payments due to staff members at the time of separation from service, repatriation of UNAMID uniformed personnel, freight of contingent owned equipment and UNAMID assets outside of the mission area, as well as other activities in preparation of the Operation's liquidation from 1 July 2021.

5. The additional resource requirements for the drawdown period take into consideration the amounts already approved for UNAMID for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021 in the amount of **\$198.8 million** as well as the unencumbered balance for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020 in the amount of **\$10.8 million**.

6. In respect of agenda item **155- UNISFA**, the interim security Force in Abyei, the proposed budget of **\$270.5 million** for 2021/22 represents an increase of **2.5 per cent** over the 2020/21 approved budget. The increased requirements are attributable mainly to an increase in the post adjustment multiplier and salary scales for international staff, the construction of new and reconstruction of ageing existing accommodations, and implementation of the construction projects in support of the Force mobility. The overall increase is offset, in part, by reduced requirements under police personnel, attributable mainly to the delayed deployment of three formed police units, in accordance with Security Council resolutions 2519(2020) and 2550(2020). 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.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on these items.