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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of two peacekeeping missions under agenda items **159-MONUSCO and 158-UNFICYP.**:

2. In respect of agenda item **159**, Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the proposed 2021/22 budget amounts to **\$1,054.6 million**, which represents a decrease of **1.9 per cent** compared with the 2020/21 approved budget. The budget proposal reflects a decrease in the number of police personnel deployed owing to the closure of the field offices in the Kasai provinces; an increase in requirements for civilian staff due mainly to an increase in the average salary costs applied in the 2021/22 period; and a decrease in operational requirements due mostly to lower fuel costs, lower requirements for air operations and the discontinuation of a one-time provision for the reimbursement of ammunition to troop-contributing countries. MONUSCO will continue its efforts to protect civilians through political engagement and physical protection and will focus on supporting the Government's disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme while continuing to work on creating conditions conducive to the responsible and sustainable exit of MONUSCO in the short to medium term.

3. In respect of agenda item **158**, Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, the proposed budget of **\$54.9 million** for the 2021/22 financial period represents an increase of **6.1 per cent** compared to the 2020/21 approved budget. The proposed budget reflects increased requirements for military, police and civilian personnel costs owing to the appreciation of the euro against the United States dollar and higher salary rates and common staff costs anticipated for civilian personnel for the period; and increased requirements for operational costs primarily under ground transportation owing to the acquisition of vehicles in connection with the final year of the approved 5-year plan for the phased replacement of leased vehicles with United Nations-owned vehicles. 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.

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