



Agenda item 163
Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) under agenda item **163**.

2. The proposed budget of \$41.3 million for the 2021/22 financial period represents an increase of 3.7 per cent (\$1.5 million) compared to the approved budget for 2020/21. The proposed budget reflects the increased requirements under civilian personnel (\$1.8 million), as a result primarily of the application of the latest salary scales for local staff and the appreciation of the euro against the United States dollar. UNMIK will work towards the fulfilment of its strategic objective of strengthening and consolidating peace, security and stability in Kosovo and the region. In 2021/22, confidence-building projects and programmatic activities, linked to the strategic objectives and priorities, will continue to play a pivotal role in enhancing the Mission's ability to deliver on its mandate, in particular as it relates to intercommunity trust-building with a focus on advancing the peace and security agendas relating to women and youth. The Mission will continue to pursue its three-year quality assurance strategy by focusing on developing business intelligence capabilities for operational performance management, transparency and reporting.

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