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**Agenda item 165**  
**Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)**

**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 donation of assets of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur to the Government of the Sudan under agenda item **165** as listed in today's journal.
2. 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. The Council further noted that in implementing UNAMID's drawdown and liquidation, the United Nations will comply with general United Nations practices and financial regulations.
3. The present report on donation of assets is submitted pursuant to Financial Regulation 5.14 (e) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, which requires that *any assets which have been installed in a country and which, if dismantled, would set back the rehabilitation of that country, shall be provided to the duly recognized Government of that country in return for*

*compensation in a form to be agreed by the Organization and the Government. This refers, in particular, to airfield installations and equipment, buildings, bridges and mine-clearing equipment. Where such assets cannot be disposed of in this manner or otherwise, they will be contributed free of charge to the Government of the country concerned. Such contributions require the prior approval of the General Assembly.*

4. During its liquidation period, in line with the Financial Regulation 5.14(e), the Operation identified assets with a total **acquisition cost of \$145.5 million and net book value of \$55.3 million**, the removal of which would set back the rehabilitation of the Sudan and the Darfur Region, in particular. These would also require restoration of the land and premises to their original condition, which would not be in the best interest of the Organization. The General Assembly is requested to approve the proposed donation of such assets to the Government of the Sudan in line with the provisions of the Financial Regulation 5.14(e) quoted above.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.