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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 two agenda items: financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) under agenda item **155**, financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) under agenda item **163**, for the period from **1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**.

2. In respect of agenda item **155- MONUSCO**, the proposed 2022/23 budget for MONUSCO amounts to \$1,037.3 million, which represents a decrease of 0.5 per cent compared to the 2021/22 approved budget. The budget proposal reflects a decrease in the number of police personnel deployed due to the closure of the field office in Tanganyika province and a decrease in requirements for military and police personnel due to a lower MSA rate and lower costs of transportation of troops and contingent-owned equipment; an increase in requirements for civilian staff due mainly to an increase in the average entitlements applied in the 2022/23 period for United Nations Volunteers; and an increase in operational requirements due mostly to higher fuel costs, the replacement of aging equipment and an increase in security services. MONUSCO will continue its efforts to protect civilians through political engagement and physical protection; focus on

supporting the Government's disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme while continuing to work to create the conditions conducive to the responsible and sustainable exit of MONUSCO in the short to medium term.

3. In respect of agenda item **163-UNMISS**, the proposed budget of \$1.1 billion for 2022/23 represents an increase of 0.7 per cent compared with the approved resources for 2021/22. The increased requirements are mainly attributable to higher fuel prices, and increased requirements for civilian personnel, owing primarily to higher rates for international staff salaries. The increased estimates are offset in part by reduced requirements for military and police personnel, owing mainly to the application of a lower rate for mission subsistence. UNMISS will continue to assist the Council in advancing a three-year strategic vision to prevent a return to civil war in South Sudan, to build durable peace at the local and national levels and to support inclusive and accountable governance and free, fair and peaceful elections in accordance with the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan.

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