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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 six agenda items: financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) under agenda item **154**, financing of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) under agenda item **159**, financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) and United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) under agenda items **162 (a)** and **162 (b)** respectively for the period from **1 July 2022**

to **30 June 2023**; final disposition of assets of United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH) under agenda item **158**; and performance of African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) for the period from **1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022** under agenda item **165**.

2. In respect of agenda item **154-UNFICYP** in Cyprus, the proposed budget of \$54.5 million for the 2022/23 financial period, represents an increase of 1.3 per cent (\$0.7 million) compared to the 2021/22 approved budget. The proposed budget reflects increased requirements for military, and police personnel costs attributable primarily to the higher rates for mission subsistence allowance based on the revised rates effective 1 January 2022. 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.

3. In respect of agenda item **159-UNMIK** in Kosovo, the proposed budget of \$41.9 million for UNMIK for the 2022/23 financial period represents an increase of 1.6 per cent (\$0.6 million) compared with the approved resources of \$41.3 million for 2021/22. The proposed budget reflects increased requirements under civilian personnel, which were due primarily to higher cost parameters for civilian staff such as: (a) revised base salary scale and the updated post adjustment multipliers for all categories of international personnel; (b) the application of a higher step level for national General Service staff and National Professional Officers; (c) the proposed reduction of the vacancy rate for the United Nations Volunteers from 11 per cent approved for the 2021/22 period to 8 per cent. UNMIK will continue to strengthen and consolidate peace, security, the rule of law and stability in Kosovo and the region. In 2022/23, the Mission will continue to implement projects and activities playing a pivotal role in enhancing the Mission's ability to deliver on its mandate, particularly in promoting inter-community trust-building, human rights, and rule of law initiatives.

4. In respect of agenda item **162 (a)-UNDOF** in Golan Heights, the proposed budget of \$64.9 million for the 2022/23 period, reflects an increase of 6.0 per cent (\$3.7 million) compared to the 2021/22 approved budget. The increased requirements are attributable primarily to the planned deployment of an additional 46 military contingent personnel, within the authorized troop ceiling, following the finalization of the memoranda of understanding with troop-contributing countries signed in 2021. For the 2022/23 period, UNDOF will focus on the maintenance of its operations and its mandated observation and patrolling activities, conditions permitting.

5. In respect of agenda item 162 (b), UNIFIL in Lebanon, the proposed budget of \$507.2 million for the 2022/23 financial period, represents an increase of \$30.4 million compared to the 2021/22 approved budget. The proposed budget reflects increased requirements for military and police personnel (\$8.4 million) attributable primarily to higher costs for major contingent-owned equipment in connection with the restructuring of four key mechanized battalions and alignment with the revised statements of unit requirements for these troop-contributing countries associated with the Secretary-General's Assessment of the Force, and civilian personnel (\$17.4 million) attributable to the higher salary costs owing to the application of revised salary scales. The increased requirements also include operational costs to rehabilitate and implement major repairs to UNIFIL facilities and continue to replace assets that have passed their useful economic life.

6. In respect of agenda item 158, MINUJUSTH in Haiti, the present report provides details on the final disposition of the assets of the Mission as of 30 June 2020, undertaken in accordance with regulation 5.14 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, as well as information on the assets disposed of within the purview of rule 105.23 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations. The Mission's assets, with a total capitalized value/acquisition value of \$123,904,655, were disposed of as at 30 June 2020.

7. In respect of agenda item **165-UNAMID** in Darfur, the Operation incurred \$477.3 million in expenditure for the reporting period, representing a resource utilization rate of 98.5 per cent, compared with \$509.3 million in expenditure and a resource utilization rate of 99.0 per cent in the 2019/20 period. The resource performance for the 2020/21 period reflects reduced requirements for operational costs owing primarily to lower-than-budgeted requirements under other services, supplies and equipment resulting from smaller number of assets transferred from UNAMID, cancellation of programmatic activities and lower demand for individual contractors as well as lower demand for services under communications and information technology as well as under facilities and infrastructure due to the closure of UNAMID team sites. Lower-than-budgeted payments due to international staff members at the time of their separation from service earlier than estimated in the approved budget also contributed to the reduced overall requirements during the performance period.

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