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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 five agenda items: financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) under agenda item **151**, financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) under agenda item **152**, financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) under agenda item **161**, financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) under agenda item **164**, financing of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) under agenda item **166** for the period from **1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**.

2. In respect of agenda item **151 - UNISFA** Abyei, the proposed 2022/23 budget amounts to of \$263.4 million for 2022/23, which represents an increase of 1.1 per cent compared to the 2021/22 approved budget. The increased requirements are attributable mainly to the increase in air operations costs, with two fixed-wing aircraft added to the existing fleet, and to a higher number of projects and programmatic activities in cooperation with implementing partners, in line with the recommendations of the strategic review dated August 2021 and the new mandated activities, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2609 (2021). The increased requirements in operational costs are offset, in part, by the reduced requirements under military and police personnel, as a result of the reduced authorized military strength, in line with Security Council resolution 2609 (2021).

3. In respect of agenda item **152 - MINUSCA** in Central African Republic, the proposed budget of \$1.09 billion for the 2022/23 period reflects an increase of 4.9 per cent (\$50.5 million) compared to the approved 2021/22 budget. The proposed budget reflects increased requirements for (a) military and police personnel (\$28.1 million) attributable primarily to the anticipated progress in the deployment of additional uniformed personnel authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 2566 (2021); (b) higher costs for civilian personnel (\$6.9 million) attributable to higher salary costs owing to the application of revised salary scale and the proposed establishment of new posts and position; and (c) higher operational costs (\$15.5 million) primarily to enhance the Mission's capacity regarding mine detection and mine clearing services to respond to threat posed by explosive ordnance.

4. In respect of agenda item **161 - MINUSMA** in Mali, the proposed budget of \$1,262.1 million for the 2022/23 financial period represents an increase of \$90.5 million compared to the 2021/22 approved budget. The proposed budget reflects the impact of: (a) increased requirements for military and police personnel (\$22.8 million), attributable primarily to the application of a lower vacancy rate for military contingents; higher costs for contingent owned equipment self-sustainment owing to the expected improved performance of the related equipment; and higher costs for rations as they relate to warehouse operations and mobilization fees to guarantee food safety and availability in Timbuktu for sector west; (b) increased requirements for civilian personnel (\$11.9 million), attributable primarily to a revised salary scale for national staff; and (c) increased requirements for operational costs (\$55.8 million), attributable primarily to the expected additional deployment of 5 additional military utility helicopters and 4 unmanned vehicles in the context of the adaptation of the force; additional requirements for fuel costs; the acquisition of

safety and security equipment; and higher costs for the operation and maintenance of an end-to-end solution for water supply and waste water treatment systems as well as the operation and maintenance generators. MINUSMA will continue to work towards its overall objective of long-term peace and stability in Mali, including implementation of its adaptation plan involving all components (civilian, police and military). In addition, the Mission will support the ongoing political transition, as entrusted by the Presidential Statement of the Security Council of 15 October 2020.

5. In respect of agenda item **164 - MINURSO** in Western Sahara, the proposed 2022/23 budget of \$61.0 million represents an increase of 8.0 per cent compared to the approved resources for 2021/22. The budget proposal reflects an increase in operational requirements primarily due to the higher average prices of fuel, a proposed new contract for technical support services for team sites east of the berm and an increase in requirements for civilian staff due mainly to an increase in the average salary costs applied in the 2022/23 period and the proposed establishment of three new international posts and one United Nation Volunteer. MINURSO will continue its observation and activities to promote cessation of hostilities; provide continued support to the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General in the performance of his or her functions, including during visits to the region; facilitate the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in implementing the programme of confidence-building measures once the programme resumes, and provide logistical support to the observer delegation of the African Union in Laayoune once they return.

6. In respect of the agenda item **166 - UNSOS** in Somalia, the proposed 2022/23 budget amounts to \$526.9 million, which represents an increase of 1.4 per cent from the 2021/22 approved budget. The estimates take into consideration increased cost of petrol, oil and lubricants as well as acquisition of specialized vehicles to replace assets which have reached the end of their life cycle as well as to higher rates for international staff salaries based on the revised salary scale effective January 2022. The increased requirements are partially offset in part by reduced requirements under military and police personnel attributable mainly to lower estimated cost of travel on emplacement, rotation and repatriation of military contingents. Notwithstanding the adjustments to be made in relation to the reconfiguration of the African Temporary Assistance Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), it is anticipated that the required logistic support would be performed during the planned period within the submitted UNSOS proposed budget for the 2022/23 period. The

changes to the mandate, planning assumptions and the result-based budgeting framework of UNSOS for the periods from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 would be thoroughly reflected in the respective performance reports.

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