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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's performance reports for the period 2011/12 and the budget reports for the period 2013/14 for agenda items: 147-UNISFA, 150-UNFICYP, 156-UNMIK, 158(a)-UNDOF, 158(b)-UNIFIL, 159-UNMISS, 162-MINURSO, 164-UNSOA and 146-UNLB as listed in today's journal.

In regards to agenda item 158(a) UNDOF, a Note by the Secretary-General has been prepared and submitted to the ACABQ requesting additional funds for the current period as the security situation in the Syrian Arab Republic has further deteriorated

and has begun to encroach on the operations of the Mission. As a result, an additional \$8.0 million is being requested to deal with the on-going security situation in the Mission-area.

Also, with regards to agenda item 162-MINURSO, on 25 April 2013 the Security Council in its resolution 2099 (2013) extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2014 and supported the Secretary-General's request for an additional 6 United Nations police officers to implement the expanded family visit programme.

At this time, I would also like to highlight the work that is being done in UNIFIL in relation to the roll-out of Umoja and IPSAS. UNIFIL will transition to both IPSAS and Umoja on 1 July 2013. All other peacekeeping operations will transition to IPSAS on 1 July 2013 and Umoja on 1 October 2013. All missions have been provided special closing instructions in order to finalize their ending UNSAS balances which will become their beginning IPSAS balances as at 1 July 2013. We in OPPBA, including Accounts Division, Peacekeeping Financing Division and the IPSAS team have been working very closely with colleagues in the missions, the Department of Field Support and Umoja to prepare for the upcoming roll-out of IPSAS and Umoja. I would like to stress that this would not be possible without the close collaboration of colleagues here in headquarters as well as in the field.

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you.