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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's budget report for the 2013/14 period for agenda item 158-MINUSMA as listed in today's journal.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/286, the 2013/14 budget for the Mission was prepared on the basis of the revised standardized funding model, taking into account lessons learned. The proposed financial resources for the maintenance of the Mission, which amount to \$609.5 million, reflect deployment patterns and resource utilization of historical start-up missions in their first year of operations, and are limited to what can realistically be achieved during the 2013/14 period. Provisions are included to support the phased deployment of up to 9,250 military personnel, 1,168 police personnel and 987 civilian personnel.

In addition, the Secretary-General's 2013/14 budget report for MINUSMA reflects provisions of \$6.1 million for 22 temporary positions to provide backstopping capacities in Headquarters, as well as 6 temporary positions for the Resident Audit Office to be established in Mali.

For the period from 25 April to 30 June 2013, expenditure of \$82.0 million was incurred against the authorized commitment authority of \$83.7 million. This expenditure was mainly for the acquisition of critical assets and equipment in the mission.

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on this item.

Thank you.