



Agenda item 134
Proposed Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/68/327/Add.11)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/68/327/Add.11.

2. The report contains proposals for the additional 2014 resource requirements for the Office of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General for Yemen, and the 2014 requirements for one newly established mission, the Panel of Experts on Yemen, which was established by the Security Council in February 2014. The additional resource requirements for the Office of the Special Adviser on Yemen relate mainly to the enhancement of security arrangements, including the proposed establishment of 15 new positions. The report also contains an update on the level of leadership for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel, as requested by the General Assembly by its resolution 68/247A.

4. The total resource requirements being requested in the present report amount to \$3.9 million (net of staff assessment), comprising of \$1.5 million for the Office of the Special Adviser on Yemen and \$2.4 million for the Panel of Experts on Yemen. It is proposed that these requirements be charged against the provision for special political missions, appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

Thank you Mr. Chairman