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Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Secretary-General's budget performance reports for the period 2012/13 and the budget reports for the period 2014/15 for agenda items: 148- UNISFA, 151-UNFICYP, 155-MINUSTAH, 163-MINURSO and 147-UNLB.

In regards to agenda item 155-MINUSTAH, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2119 (2013), the 2014/15 budget reflects a reduction in the authorized military strength by 1,249 personnel, from 6,270 in 2013/14 to 5,021 in 2014/15, as well as the proposed abolishment of 146 civilian posts and positions, and the proposed establishment of 4 international temporary positions (one ASG, one D-2 and two P-3) for the Integrated Support Solutions Unit.

In regards to agenda item 163-MINURSO, the 2014/15 budget reflects 6 additional United Nations police officers approved by Security Council resolution 2099 (2013), as well as the abolishment of 14 civilian posts and nationalization of 4 international posts.

In regards to agenda item 147-UNLB, the proposed budget for 2014/15 is based on the continuation of the re-profiling of the Base as the Global Service Centre, in line with the end-state vision of the global field support strategy. The Centre will provide global information and communications technology, logistics and supply chain operational management, as well as enabling support services throughout the life cycle of field missions. In this context, it is proposed to centralize at the Global Service Centre the functions of the geospatial information services that are currently performed in field missions and to restructure the Communications and Information Technology Service.

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you.