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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 the budget performance for 2014/15, and the budget for 2016/17 for agenda items **153-UNFICYP** and **165-UNAMID** as listed in today's journal.

2. In respect of agenda item **153-UNFICYP**, the proposed budget for 2016/17 amounts to \$55.5 million, an increase of 5.6 per cent over the 2015/16 budget level. In response to the new political climate arising from the resumption of intercommunal talks since May 2015, UNFICYP will undertake additional confidence-building measures, including the opening of additional crossing points and a new mine action programme. The proposed budget reflects the increase in

authorized strength of 28 military personnel and the proposed establishment of 8 posts. In addition, UNFICYP will restructure its Mission Support Division to align the structure of the Force with the structure of other peacekeeping missions with a view of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the support functions.

3. With regards to agenda item **165-UNAMID**, the hybrid Operation in Darfur, the proposed budget for 2016/17 amounts to \$1,098.5 million, a decrease of 0.3 per cent compared to the approved 2015/16 budget. The decrease is primarily attributable to the proposed abolishment of 53 international posts and proposed conversion of 9 international posts to national General Service posts, offset in part by increased requirements for military contingents due to the application of a lower vacancy factor. The protection of civilians remains the core mission mandate of UNAMID, and during the 2016/17 period, the Operation's substantive components will continue to work jointly on the implementation and operationalization of the revised protection of civilians strategy to build upon areas of expanded coordination, information-sharing and associated early warning.

Mr. Chairman,

4. I also have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the final performance for agenda items **150-MINURCAT**, **156-UNMIT** and **163-UNSMIS**. The reports include information on the assets, outstanding liabilities and fund balance as at 30 June 2015.

5. Based on updated information on cash assets, liabilities and fund balance as at 30 April 2016, the Secretary-General proposes that the available cash balances of \$35.05 million in the special account of MINURCAT, \$9.07 million in the special account of UNMIT, and \$1.82 million in the special account of UNSMIS as at 30 April 2016 be credited to Member States.

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