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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 two peacekeeping missions listed in today's journal under agenda items **160-MINUSMA** and **162-UNMISS**.

2. In respect of agenda item **160-MINUSMA** in Mali, the proposed budget for 2016/17 amounts to \$945.5 million, an increase of 2.4 per cent over the approved budget for 2015/16. This reflects an increase in resource requirements with respect to military and police personnel costs and civilian personnel, as well as increase in resource requirements for air transportation and communications support services. The revised Mission concept, which is aligned with the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement, and Security Council resolution 2227 (2015), identifies three core objectives for the 2015-2017 period, namely, promoting (a) a sustainable and credible peace process, including at the regional, national and local levels; (b) security and stabilization through integrated efforts in key areas critical to the peace process; and (c) the reaching of full operational capacity, including the capacity to protect and sustain the Mission and execute priority tasks in key areas.

3. With regards to item **162-UNMISS** in South Sudan, a budget of \$1,120.2 million is proposed for 2016/17, reflecting an increase of 3.2 per cent compared to 2015/16. The Security Council, by its resolution 2252 (2015), revised the mandate of the Mission to include additional tasks to support the parties in the implementation of the Peace Agreement, which was signed in August 2015. Consequently, the increase in the budget reflects the higher level of planned deployment of uniformed personnel and the proposed establishment of 33 posts and positions representing the related dedicated capacity. In addition to supporting the Peace Agreement, the Mission will continue to implement its main priorities including the protection of civilians, monitoring and investigating human rights and creating the conditions for the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

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