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Madam Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance for 2015/16, and the budget for 2017/18 for three peacekeeping missions listed in today's journal under agenda items **156-MINUSTAH**, **157-UNMIK** and **163-UNAMID**.
2. In respect of agenda item **156-MINUSTAH** in Haiti, the Secretary-General has proposed a budget for the full 2017/18 period of \$336.6 million. Since the publication of the report and its hearing by the ACABQ, the Security Council took the decision to close MINUSTAH by 15 October 2017 and to create the follow-on peacekeeping mission, MINUJUSTH (as contained in Security Council resolution 2350 (2017) of 13 April 2017). Consequently, I wrote to the Chair of the ACABQ on the 27th April 2017 to inform the Committee of the Council's decision, the financial implications and the Secretariat's intentions.
3. Given the ongoing review of modalities for the closure of MINUSTAH and the transition to the follow-on mission, the Secretariat decided it was prudent to advise the ACABQ of indicative

resources of \$153.2 million for the interim six-month period to 31 December 2017. This estimate was based on available information at that time. A comprehensive assessment will be undertaken with the intention of presenting the budget for MINUJUSTH for the period from 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018 for your consideration during the main part of the seventy-second session.

4. The Secretariat will begin immediately to reduce MINUSTAH tasks in a phased manner ensuring that critical functions are maintained and MINUSTAH will prioritize efforts to ensure a successful and responsible transition to MINUJUSTH.

5. With regards to item **157-UNMIK** in Kosovo, a budget of \$38.0 million is proposed for 2017/18, reflecting an increase of 4.2 per cent compared to the 2016/17 approved budget. UNMIK will continue to strengthen and consolidate peace, security, the rule of law and stability in Kosovo and the region including through strengthening its role in the promotion and protection of human rights in Kosovo through active engagement with Kosovo institutions.

6. In respect of agenda item **163-UNAMID**, the hybrid Operation in Darfur, the proposed 2017/18 budget of \$1,032.1 million represents a 0.7 per cent decrease compared to the approved resources for 2016/17. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 2296 (2016), UNAMID will continue to transfer a number of tasks to the United Nations country team that are either no longer mandated or for which the United Nations country team was identified as having a comparative advantage.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on these items.