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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

**Second Performance Report**

I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the second performance for the biennium 2012-2013. The report provides an estimate of the anticipated final level of expenditures. The estimate is based on actual expenditures for the first 21 months of the biennium and projected requirements for the last three months. The estimates contained in the report also take into account changes in budget assumptions made for inflation and rates of exchange and cost-of-living adjustments.

Estimates reflect a net increase of **\$173.2 million**. This amount includes increased requirements under the expenditure section in connection with post related deferred recosting as well as unforeseen and extraordinary expenses incurred in accordance with resolution 66/249 and authorized commitment authorities for the subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the remediation work in the aftermath of storm Sandy. The increased requirements are partially offset by decreased requirements under non-post resources under the expenditure sections and increased income.

In section X, paragraph 8, of its resolution 67/246, the General Assembly *authorized* the Secretary-General, starting 1 January 2013, to utilize forward purchasing to protect the United Nations against exchange rate fluctuations. Accordingly, information on the experience with forward purchasing and the related practices is contained in part B of section II of the present report.

### **Special Political Missions**

The next report before you is A/68/327 and its 6 addenda containing the 2014 budget proposals for 34 special political missions.

The Budget proposals for two other missions, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia and the Joint Mission of the OPCW and the UN for the elimination of the chemical weapons programme of the Syrian Arab Republic, will be presented separately.

Two of the 34 missions, namely, the Office for SRSG for the Sahel, and the Office of the SRSG for the Great Lakes region are new missions created during the latter part of 2012 and in 2013, and were therefore not part of the proposed envelope provision for SPMs for the biennium 2014-2015. The same applies to the Office of Joint Special Representative for Syria for which, at the time of proposing the envelope, the initial assumption made was that this mission would not continue as an SPM into the 2014-2015 biennium.

However, 2 other SPMs are being discontinued, namely, UNPOS in 2013 and UNIPSIL in 2014.

The budget proposals for special political missions for 2014 are grouped into three thematic clusters, and are presented in the same manner as in the past years.

In line with the request of the Advisory Committee, efforts have been made to provide additional information on (i) resources for air operation; (ii) vacancy rates comparison, (iii) ratios on vehicles and IT equipment; (iv) factors for variances in civilian personnel requirements, as well as (v) mission-by-mission resources for experts, consultants and travel.

The total requirements of the 34 missions for 2014 amount to \$540.8 million (net of staff assessment). This amount includes \$520.3 million for the 31 continuing missions, which were reflected in the proposed SPM envelope and \$20.5 million for the three missions that were not included in the proposed envelope.

It is proposed that these requirements be charged against the \$1.081 billion provision for special political missions, included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

### **Situation of human rights in Myanmar**

Last but not least is the statement of the Secretary-General containing the programme budget implications A/C.5/68/16 concerning the situation in Myanmar.

Under the terms of paragraph 16 of draft resolution A/C.3/68/L.55/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to, among others, continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar.

Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, resources amounting to around \$1.4 million, net of staff assessment, would be required for 2014 for the continuation of the good offices efforts of the Secretary-General.

These requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on the 2014 budgets for special political missions contained in document A/68/327/Add.1.

I shall be pleased to respond to any questions or further information requests of the Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.