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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 notes on the financing arrangements for agenda items 152-UNOCI and 159-UNMIL for the period 2014/15.

In regards to agenda item 152-UNOCI, the resource requirements for the maintenance of the Operation for the 2014/15 period are estimated at \$490.7 million, representing a decrease of \$2.9 million (0.6 per cent) from the amount of \$493.6 million appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/285 for the maintenance of the Operation for the same period. Given that requirements were previously assessed only up to 31 December 2014, an additional assessment of \$243.9 million is requested within the approved appropriation in order to fund the maintenance of the Operation from 1 January to 30 June 2015. The reduced requirements reflect the reduction of Government-provided personnel from 44 to 0 as at 30 September 2014 pursuant to Security Council resolution 2162 (2014), as well as lower incumbency of civilian personnel.

In regards to agenda item 159-UNMIL, the Security Council is due to take a decision before the end of the year on the extension of the UNMIL mandate and whether or not the drawdown of troops and police will occur. Considering these factors, and the fluid situation owing to the Ebola virus outbreak, the final requirements for the financial year are difficult to estimate at this time. The current projections indicate that the Mission will utilize the entire amount of \$427.3 million appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/291 for the maintenance of the Mission for the 2014/15 period. Given that requirements were previously assessed only up to 31 December 2014, the General Assembly is requested to assess an additional amount within the approved appropriation in order to fund the Mission's requirements from 1 January to 30 June 2015. As such,

the assessment for the period 1 January to 30 June 2015 is requested in the amount of \$213.6 million for the maintenance of the Mission within the approved appropriation of \$427.3 million. Whereas the Mission will continue to minimize costs, while also addressing the mandate and the safety of staff, additional resources will be requested, if required, once the final requirements have been developed with sufficient detail.

I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.