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Agenda Item 160

**Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission
in Mali (MINUSMA) (A/70/443)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General for agenda item 160-MINUSMA regarding the cash position of the Mission at 9 October 2015.
2. You will recall that in June 2015, the General Assembly, by its resolution 69/289, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to \$80.3 million, in addition to the \$830.7 million previously approved for the maintenance of the Mission for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.
3. The commitment authority was intended to enable the Mission to support a counter IED (improvised explosive devices) Action Plan, improve Force protection capabilities and enhance the national Counter-IED capacities of the Malian Defense and Security Forces.

4. The performance report of MINUSMA for the 2014/15 period is being finalized and indicates total expenditure for the maintenance of the Mission of \$906.2 million, which reflects the net utilization of \$75.5 million of commitment authority and an unencumbered balance of \$4.8 million for the year. More specifically on the commitment authority, we can report that actual expenditure for the planned activities met the full level of resources originally requested by the Secretary-General.

5. The special account for MINUSMA indicates that sufficient cash reserves will be at hand in December 2015 to cover operating costs for the Mission, as well as the scheduled payments to Governments in respect of troop and formed police units and reimbursements for contingent-owned major equipment and self-sustainment.

6. Looking further forward, to the next the seven months until the end of June 2016, when the General Assembly considers the budget performance for 2014/15 and decides on the final financing for the period; projections indicate that sufficient cash reserves should be in hand to meet disbursement needs, provided Member States contributions from assessments to be raised in January 2016, for the 6 months of January to June 2016, are received on a timely basis.

7. The General Assembly is requested to take note of the report of the Secretary-General.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.
Thank you.