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United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (A/73/352/Add.8)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the preliminary resource requirements of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council under thematic cluster III for the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement.

2. On 16 January 2019, the Security Council, by its resolution 2452 (2019), decided to establish a special political mission, the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement for an initial period of six months.

3. Pending the submission of a detailed revised programme budget during the second part of its resumed seventy-third session, the General Assembly is requested to approve the preliminary proposals of the Secretary-General and to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement in an amount not exceeding \$17,640,800 (net of staff assessment) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2019.

4. The proposal would provide for the phased deployment of 75 United Nations monitors, 69 international and 36 national staff positions and 20 government-provided personnel; the deployment of one rotary-wing and one fixed-wing aircraft. In addition, the proposed resources would provide for a forward surgical team in Hudaydah, acquisition of communications and IT equipment and official travel. With respect to the facilities and infrastructure, it is assumed that the rented marine vessel will be used as a short-term arrangement to provide for office and living accommodation.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.