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FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of five peacekeeping missions under agenda items **150-MINUSCA**, **153-MONUSCO**, **159-MINUSMA**, **161-UNMISS** and **163-UNAMID**, as well as on the financing of agenda item **164-UNSOS**.

2. In respect of agenda item **150-MINUSCA** in the Central African Republic, the proposed budget of \$948.0 million for the 2020/21 financial period represents an increase of 4.2 per cent (\$38.0 million) compared to the approved budget for 2019/20. The proposed budget reflects increased requirements to enable the implementation of the Mission's new mandate, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2499 (2019), to support the Central African Republic authorities in the preparation and delivery of peaceful elections, as well as increased requirements to support the enhanced mandate for the implementation of the Peace Agreement, protection of civilian and Mission personnel, including the deployment of an aviation unit to maintain a proactive deployment and a mobile, flexible and robust posture. The proposed budget also reflects increased requirements attributable to the improved deployment of civilian and uniformed personnel, the application of a revised salary scale, the continued improvement of information and communication technology to ensure adequate internet and cellular coverage in support of the implementation of the Mission's mandate.

3. In respect of agenda item **153-MONUSCO** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the proposed budget of \$1,087.8 million for the 2020/21 financial period represents an increase of 7.5 per cent (\$75.5 million) compared to the approved budget for 2019/20. The budget proposal reflects: (a) an increase in the number of United Nations police officers deployed and the deployment of three formed police units in line with Security Council resolution 2502 (2019); (b) an increase in requirements for civilian staff due mainly to lower proposed vacancy rates for all categories of personnel; and (c) an increase in operational requirements under facilities and infrastructure and under communications and information technology in support of the additional military and police personnel. MONUSCO will have two strategic priorities during the 2020/21 period: (a) the consolidation of political stability, the strengthening of democratic governance and support to key institutional reforms; and (b) reducing human rights abuses and violations and increasing the protection of civilian in areas affected by conflict. Furthermore, the Mission will work to create the conditions conducive to the responsible and sustainable exit of MONUSCO in the short to medium term.

4. In respect of agenda item **159-MINUSMA** in Mali, the proposed budget of \$1,196.9 million for the 2020/21 financial period represents an increase of 5.1 per cent (\$58.5 million) compared to the approved budget for 2019/20. The Security Council, by its resolution 2480 (2019), entrusted a second strategic priority to MINUSMA, namely, to facilitate the implementation of a

comprehensive politically-led Malian strategy to protect civilians, reduce intercommunal violence, and re-establish State authority, State presence and basic social services in central Mali along with its first strategic priority to support the implementation of the 2015 Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali ("Peace Agreement") by the Government, the Platform and Coordination des Mouvements de l'Azawad armed groups, as well as by other relevant Malian stakeholders. The increased requirements are attributable primarily to the whole-of-Mission's adaptation, notably the structural reconfiguration of its Force and corresponding operational requirements within the approved troop ceiling in response to the assessment of the situation in Northern and Central Mali and of the Mission's configuration in connection with the implementation of its primary and secondary strategic priorities outlined in Security Council Resolution 2480 (2019). This adaptation will provide the Mission with a proactive posture for its civilian, police and military components, characterized by robust mobility, flexibility, and agility that can respond to, and better shape, the dynamic and complex political processes in the North and the protection of civilians in the Centre. The reconfiguration of the Force, in particular through the establishment of a Mobile Task Force, will further facilitate the mobility of civilian and police personnel who are also expected to operate in a more proactive manner.

5. In respect of agenda item **161-UNMISS** in South Sudan. the proposed budget of \$1,190.1 million for the 2020/21 financial period represents an increase of 0.6 per cent (\$6.7 million) compared to the approved budget for 2019/20. The increased requirements are attributable mainly to the application of a higher post adjustment multiplier to international staff salaries, revised salary scales for national staff and higher costs for air operations and communications and information technology. The increased requirements are offset in part by lower costs for rations as a result of new contractual arrangements. The Revitalized Agreement was signed by parties to the conflict in September 2018, which offered a sense of hope for progress towards an inclusive and sustainable peace in South Sudan. The pace of implementation of the Revitalized Agreement is likely to intensify with the formation of the revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity, and consequently the provision of support to its implementation is expected to increase. UNMISS will build on the outcomes achieved to-date and will continue to work alongside national counterparts and regional and international partners to keep the momentum going during the 2020/21 period.

6. In respect of agenda item **163-UNAMID**, the hybrid Operation in Darfur, the Secretary-General proposes financing arrangements for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2020 to provide the Operation with adequate resources to continue to fulfil its mandate during the period. In this regard, resource requirements of \$241.9 million for the maintenance of the Operation are proposed for the six-month period to 31 December 2020. In its resolution 2517 (2020) of 30 March 2020, the Security Council decided that UNAMID should maintain its current troop and police ceilings until 31 May 2020, and further decided that during this period UNAMID should maintain all team sites for mandate implementation. In the same resolution, the Council expressed its intention to decide by 31 May 2020, courses of action regarding the responsible drawdown and exit of UNAMID, and further expressed its intention to adopt a new resolution at the same time, establishing a follow-on presence to UNAMID.

7. Turning now to agenda item **164-UNSOS** in Somalia, the proposed budget of \$558.5 million for the 2020/21 financial period represents a decrease of 1.1 per cent (\$6.0 million) compared to approved budget for 2019/20. This reflects reduced requirements under military and police personnel, attributable mainly to reduced requirements for the provision of rations and to reduced deployment of self-sustainment equipment. These reduced requirements are offset in part by increased requirements under civilian personnel, attributable mainly to higher costs for international staff due to the application of the latest effective salary scales and actual average step levels for international staff, as well as to the application of a vacancy rate of 9 per cent for the continuation of 18 international staff posts that were approved for the 2019/20 period with a vacancy rate of 50 per cent in respect of new posts. There are also increased requirements under operational costs, attributable mainly to increased requirements under facilities and infrastructure for generator fuel, air operations for the deployment of an additional military helicopter and medical services owing to higher projected per unit costs for hospital inpatient admissions. UNSOS will increase its logistical support to the operations of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) in 2020 and 2021 in light of the elections in Somalia in 2020 and 2021. In relation to mission support, UNSOS will continue to focus on critical security-related infrastructure projects in light of continuing attacks upon the United Nations compound in Mogadishu.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on these items.