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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 four peacekeeping missions under agenda items **155-MINUSTAH, 158-UNMIL, 160 (a)-UNDOF** and **160 (b)-UNIFIL**.

2. In respect of agenda item **160 (a)-UNDOF** the observer force in the Golan, the proposed budget of \$64.2 million for the 2020/21 financial period represents a decrease of 7.4 per cent (\$5.2 million) compared to the approved resources for 2019/20. The reduced requirements reflect the Force's return to the Bravo side, in full, and the progress towards the completion of supporting infrastructure. For the 2020/21 period, the Force will focus on the maintenance of its operations

and gradual resumption of mandated activities that ceased in 2014 and will continue to take measures to implement its action plan to improve the safety and security of peacekeepers, and implement the recommendations of the military capability review of UNDOF conducted in 2019. Other measures will be taken to improve overall operational support, in particular as it relates to waste management, and the verification of contingent-owned equipment.

3. In respect of agenda item **160 (b)-UNIFIL** in Lebanon, the proposed budget of \$483.6 million for the 2020/21 financial period represents an increase of 0.7 per cent (\$3.5 million) compared to the approved resources for 2019/20. The budget proposal reflects resource requirements in support of the necessary operational tasks for the implementation of the overall strategic objectives in accordance with Security Council resolution 2485 (2019), in which the Council reaffirmed the commitment to the implementation of the provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) and recalled its previous resolutions on Lebanon, including resolutions 2373 (2017) and 2433 (2018). In this regard, the Force will leverage efficiencies through the revised rations contract; continue to fill vacant posts expeditiously; and continue to replace assets that have passed their economic useful life, which will also ensure the minimum operational and support capabilities that are required to maintain safe and sustainable support services for UNIFIL personnel.

4. Turning now to agenda item **155-MINUSTAH** in Haiti, the Mission disposed of assets with a total acquisition value of \$150.9 million and residual value of \$34.6 million. All assets were disposed of during the transition to MINUJUSTH, prior to 15 October 2017. The process of liquidating the assets of MINUSTAH was guided by regulation 5.14 of the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules with respect to assets under Groups I-III. Group I included assets with a total acquisition value of \$102.9 million, which were transferred to the other peacekeeping missions or the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy for temporary storage. Group II included assets with a total acquisition value of \$17.5 million, which were sold. Group III included assets with a total acquisition value of \$23.6 million, which were written-off or lost. Besides, following an assessment conducted by a working group headed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, the Mission identified for gifting to the Government of Haiti and government agencies, assets with a total value of \$6.9 million, within the purview of rule 105.23 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

5. In respect of agenda item **158-UNMIL** in Liberia, the Mission disposed of assets with a total acquisition value of \$72.6 million and \$21.7 million residual value. The process of liquidating the assets of UNMIL was guided by regulation 5.14 of the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules with respect to assets under Groups I-III. Group I included assets with a total acquisition value of \$23.6 million, which were transferred to the other peacekeeping missions, the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi for temporary storage or United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions. Group II included assets with a total acquisition value of \$18.7 million, which were sold. Group III included assets with a total acquisition value of \$8.6 million, which were written-off or lost. Besides, following an assessment conducted by a working group headed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, the Mission identified for gifting to the Government of Liberia, intergovernmental and non-profit organizations, assets with a total acquisition value of \$21.7 million, within the purview of rule 105.23 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

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