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Proposed programme budget for 2021

Note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute (A/75/83)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

1. In section IV, paragraph 2, of its resolution 60/248, the General Assembly endorsed the proposal that the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) be submitted for review and approval of the Assembly on a biennial basis in the context of its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the related biennium.

2. In that context, and in accordance with resolution 72/266 A, in which the Assembly approved the proposed change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, I am pleased to present the note of the Secretary-General (see A/75/83), on the request for a subvention to UNIDIR resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute. In the note of the Secretary-General, the Assembly is requested to approve a proposed subvention in the amount of \$276,200 (before recosting) to the Institute for 2021. The related provision of \$276,200 has been included under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for 2021 (see A/75/6 (Sect. 4)).

3. Furthermore, in order to streamline and enhance the efficiency of the process for requesting a subvention to UNIDIR and the review and approval thereof, the General

Assembly is requested to approve a change in presenting such requests, beginning in 2022, whereby the request for a subvention will be incorporated in the proposed programme budget for Section 4, Disarmament, rather than presenting such a request separately, as is the current approach.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on this item, and my team and I stand ready to respond to your queries.