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United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the 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 Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan for 2021.**

2. The estimated total resource requirements for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021 amount to **\$34.3 million**, which would provide for the deployment of up to 21 United Nations police officers as well as 141 international and 117 national staff positions and 11 United Nations Volunteers.

3. The proposed resource requirements were developed subsequent to the visits of the planning team for UNITAMS to the Sudan in July and August 2020, bearing in mind the opportunity to temporarily leverage existing support capacities of UNAMID. The planning assumptions were built upon the resources authorized by the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to support the establishment of the Mission for the period up to 31 December 2020 under the authorities granted to them by the General Assembly relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

4. Necessary provisions were made for official travel, the establishment of the Mission's Headquarters in Khartoum as well as regional and liaison offices, the deployment of 2 rotary-wing and 1 fixed-wing aircraft, ground transportation, as well as for medical services and acquisition of communications and IT equipment. The Mission brought its acquisition requirements for the 2021 period to a minimum, by planning for the transfer of certain UNAMID surplus assets.

5. In line with the approved mandate to assume overall authority and provide strategic direction for all activities of UNITAMS and the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in the Sudan, the Mission is planning to open three regional offices in El Fasher, Kadugli and Kassala, with satellite offices for each regional presence. These liaison presences will be closely integrated with the United Nations Country Team .

6. During the 2021 period the Mission is planning to conduct demining and programmatic activities in the total amount of 1.9 million and 1.0 million, respectively.

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