



Intervention of the Mexican Delegation during the Main Session of the Fifth Committee at the 75th UN General Assembly

Item 141. Proposed programme budget for 2021: Special Political Missions – Chapeau, Cluster I, II, III, UNAMA and UNAMI

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, let me thank the Acting Director of the Field Operations Finance Division, Ms. Vivian van de Perre, and Mr. Abdalla Bachar Bong, Chair of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), for introducing their respective reports on item 141: Proposed programme budget for 2021: Special Political Missions – Chapeau, Cluster I, II, III, UNAMA and UNAMI.

Mr. Chair,

Mexico recognizes the relevance of Special Political Missions in the construction of peace and, consequently, the importance of providing them with adequate financing to allow them to fulfill their complex and multidimensional mandates in a timely and consistent manner.

These Missions, which emerged as ad hoc mechanisms in situations of particular instability and crisis, have become an essential factor in the transition processes towards sustainable peace on the ground through prevention, mediation, the strengthening of the rule of law, the promotion of human rights and sustainable development.

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Mexico also recognizes the significant volume of resources allocated to Special Political Missions in the Regular Budget of the Organization, something that has given rise to extensive debates within the Fifth Committee on the pertinence of whether or not to maintain their financing under the non-peacekeeping budget.

In this sense, Mexico believes that Special Political Missions should be considered holistically and in a broader institutional setting as an integral part of the continuum of peace, lending to the appreciation of organizational efforts to improve the coherence of the system and strengthen the links between the three pillars of the United Nations.

Only in this sense will we be able to appreciate the multidimensional work and mandates of Special Political Missions, many of which address not only the management of aspects related to conflict resolution, but also the preventative capacity and attention required to address the structural causes of conflicts.

Moreover, Mexico believes that predictable and sustained funding for the Missions should be guaranteed, recognizing the importance of full accountability as well as the transparent and responsible use of resources.

We look forward to learning more about the results of the reform of the peace and security pillar and anticipate a fruitful discussion on the budgetary components of Special Political Missions.

Mr. Chair,

Allow me to conclude this statement by affirming Mexico's commitment to participate constructively in the negotiations on this important agenda item.

Thank you very much.