



**STATEMENT BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED
NATIONS AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA ITEM 141. PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET 2021– SPECIAL
POLITICAL MISSIONS (SPMS)
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Mr. Chairman,

Since this is the first time my delegation is taking the floor at a formal meeting of the Fifth Committee during the current session, I would like to congratulate you on your election and my fellow members in the bureau of the Committee. You have the full support of my delegation to ensure a successful conclusion of the work of the Committee.

Let me thank the Acting Director of Field Operations Finance Division and the Chair of ACABQ for the presentation of their respective reports.

Over the past years, the international peace and security landscape has deteriorated rapidly. This translated into a growing need for strengthening the UN's capacity in preventive diplomacy and peaceful resolution of conflicts. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has further complicated some conflict dynamics and added another layer on top of multiple stress factors. Therefore, it is crucial for the UN to be provided with sufficient resources in addressing today's increasingly complex and unpredictable security challenges, exacerbated by the global pandemic. With that conviction, my delegation will engage constructively in the negotiations for the budget of the Special Political Missions, which play a critical role in advancing the organization's peacebuilding efforts.

During our informal sessions, among others, we will pay close attention to the negotiations regarding the resources for the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria, UN Assistance Mission in Somalia and UN Support Mission in Libya.

Sufficient resources to the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria should be provided in the following period, as the Constitutional Committee meetings are envisaged to continue to be held in Geneva under the auspices of the UN during the course of the next year. Constitutional Committee's work is an integral part of the Special Envoy's mission to implement the Security Council Resolution 2254.

After more than two decades of civil war and conflict, Somalia has made significant progress. The establishment of the Federal Government of Somalia in 2012, the first national elections in 2016

and the provisional constitution have provided an opportunity for stability, peace, security and sustainable development. We commend the enhanced and improved election model which is a sign of progress and appreciate the ongoing efforts of Somalia's stakeholders in preparation of the critical elections ahead. We deem UNSOM's electoral assistance critical for peaceful and orderly elections in Somalia. We will continue to advocate provision of adequate resources to UNSOM in order to allow fulfillment of its mandate.

On Libya, we have consistently supported and contributed to the international efforts, in order to revitalize a Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process under the UN auspices. UNSMIL efforts are commendable in this regard and should continue to support the Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process in finding a viable solution to the crisis in Libya.

Mr. Chair,

As for the proposed programme budget of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus, this section needs to acknowledge the latest developments on the island. The depiction of future efforts as continuation of previous processes is highly misleading. Following the Presidential elections in October, there has been a change in the Turkish Cypriot leadership. The Turkish Cypriot people gave a certain mandate to Turkish Cypriot President and this will certainly have an impact on the future parameters of the negotiated settlement process in Cyprus.

My delegation will raise its specific comments on the proposed programme budget for the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus during the future deliberations of this Committee.

Thank you.