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Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on financing of African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) for the period from **1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021** under agenda item **169** as listed in today's journal.
2. The most recent extension of the mandate of UNAMID was authorized by the Council in its resolution **2525 (2020)**, by which the Council extended the mandate until 31 December 2020. In its resolution 2525 (2020), the Security Council requested a special report from the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations with recommendations on the appropriate course of action regarding the drawdown of UNAMID, taking into account the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Special Report has been issued to the Security Council on 13 November 2020, based on which the Council will decide on the drawdown of UNAMID.
3. As per resolution 2525 (2020), UNAMID is requested to continue transition planning and management in accordance with established policies, directives, and best practices. UNAMID will continue to maintain its current authorized personnel strength besides a decrease of 9 posts in the Procurement Section, compared with the approved staffing levels for the 2019/20 period. The Operation will further review its footprint in the Darfur region should the Security Council convey

this decision with respect to UNAMID's anticipated drawdown and eventual closure through its resolution, expected in December 2020.

4. The resource requirements for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 are estimated at **\$474.0** million, representing a decrease of **7.9 per cent (\$40.5 million)** compared to the approved resources for 2019/20, which mainly reflects the reduction in procurement and other activities as UNAMID operations have declined in response to previous Security Council resolutions. In its resolution 74/261 C, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments of up to **\$240.2 million until 31 December 2020**. The present budget proposal takes into consideration the amounts authorized by the General Assembly, which have already been fully assessed upon Member States.

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