

Introductory Remarks to the Fifth Committee

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Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

This is the first occasion for me to address you as Under-Secretary-General for Field Support. I look forward to working with the membership in pursuit of the objectives that unite us in our shared endeavor.

I am also honoured to be here today with esteemed officials from the Office of Internal Oversight Services, Under-Secretary-General Carman Lapointe, and the Department of Management, including the Controller, Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, whom I thank for her introduction of the reports under Agenda Item 148, and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, Ms. Carole Wainaina. DFS' partnership with these departments, and of course, with the Department of

Mr. Chairman,

When the GFSS was launched in 2010, it was designed to unify the mission support community behind a set of shared objectives and increase our capacity to manage a burgeoning portfolio. New missions in Darfur, Chad and Somalia had caused a surge in field operations and created new challenges in mandate implementation, resourcing, and deployment. Since the launch of the GFSS in 2010, a constant stream of new demands on UN peacekeeping has continued to highlight the

improvements. Full implementation of our supply chain management strategy will be a multi-year effort.

Standard Funding Model

This methodology for budgeting start-up missions was used both for UNMISS and MINUSMA. Let me clarify that the model is a merely an approach to developing budgets. In no way does it limit or abrogate the authority of oversight bodies in budget review and approval. Accordingly, and in line with the observations of the Board of Auditors, we are asking the General Assembly for authorization to use of the standard funding model for future mission start-ups.

Shared services

As I previously mentioned, shared services deliver significant efficiencies and economies of scale. The Secretary-General proposes to expand shared services to cover all field missions supported by DFS. The expansion would further reduce support costs quickly and improve service consistency, quality and control. We seek your endorsement of this approach.

ensure that the pioneering work of DFS and the development of a future global service delivery model are fully aligned and well-coordinated.

changes have occurred in recent years, not only in rates of reimbursement, but also in new mechanisms to link reimbursement to operational risk, rapid deployment of personnel and equipment. These changes are making a positive difference and provide needed tools for DFS and DPKO.

Conduct and discipline remains one of our highest priorities, especially in relation to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)