

83 national posts and 24 United Nations Volunteer positions. Operational costs are reduced by \$19.8 million, mainly as a result of the decrease of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme and the reduction in the composition of the air fleet.

The proposed 2015/16 budget for **153-UNFICYP** amounts to \$54.4 million and represents an overall decrease of 6.3% compared with the 2014/15 budget. The variance is attributable mainly to a change in the post adjustment multiplier and the nationalization of four Field Service posts.

Mr Chairman

In respect of agenda item **167-UNSOA**, the ACABQ approved a commitment authority of \$8 million on 1 May 2014 for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014. The Mission spent \$1.1 million from the commitment authority and this amount is now requested for appropriation and assessment.

The proposed 2015/16 budget for **UNSOA** amounts to \$525.4 million and represents an overall increase of 7.2% compared with the 2014/15 budget. The increased requirements are mainly attributable to an increase in the number of locations that UNSOA provides support to AMISOM, increased requirements for contingent-owned equipment, major equipment and the proposed deployment of two additional aircraft to be shared with UNSOM and MINUSCA.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on all these items.

Thank you.