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Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Secretary- report on budget performance for the period 2013/14 and the budget for 2015/16 for agenda items **151-MINUSCA, 154-MONUSCO, 157-MINUSTAH, 159-UNMIL, 160-MINUSMA, 161(a)-UNDOF, 161(b)-UNIFIL, 162-UNMISS, and 166-UNAMID**. In addition I will speak to you on the notes on the financing arrangements for agenda items **154-MONUSCO** and **159-UNMIL**.

Agenda item **151-MINUSCA** is a newly established Mission in the Central African Republic, which has already been in operation since April 2014 and has a complete uniformed personnel component. On 6 May 2014 the ACABQ approved a commitment authority of up to \$59.5 million for the period 10 April to 30 June 2014 for the establishment of the mission. The Mission spent \$59.2 million and this amount is now requested for appropriation.

So as to finance the continuation of **MINUSCA**, a budget of \$843.6 million is proposed for 2015/16, an increase of 34.2% over 2014/15. It reflects full deployment of uniformed personnel in accordance with Security Council resolution 2149 (2014) and a net increase of 166 civilians. The Mission will restructure its civilian staff, reassigning and/-3(li)69(will)6()TJETBT72.19 694.78 Tm[.)-302.6will

funding set forth in the note on the financing arrangements for the Mission (A/69/857), be withdrawn from consideration.

Turning to the proposed 2015/16 budget for **UNMIL**, the requested amount of \$355.2 million represents a reduction of 16.9 % compared with the 2014/15 budget. The decrease is mainly attributable to the reduction in military and civilian personnel, as well as a reduction in facilities and infrastructure, ground and air transportation.

Mr Chairman

With respect to agenda item **160-MINUSMA** in Mali, I once again thank the Committee for making the time in its busy agenda to allow me to introduce the financing arrangements for this Mission for 2014/15 separately last Friday, 8th May.

For 2015/16 **MINUSMA** will require \$936 million, a 12.7% increase over 2014/15. This reflects the increases in military and police personnel, and a net increase of 108 civilian posts. It also reflects the increase for the construction of camps for the new force laydown structure; air transportation services and contractual arrangements for improvised explosive device awareness training for all military contingents.

and police personnel are offset by a reduction of 9.5% in operational costs, mainly due to lower air transportation and related costs, lower hiring costs and the reduction in the fleet by two rotary-wing aircraft.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on all these items. Thank you.