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2. The new Agendas will require ambitious, comprehensive, and transformative actions. While the responsibilities for implementation of the Agendas will be with the Member States, the two Agendas will be transformative for the UN system as well. To the extent that they replace previous goals set by the Member States in the same areas, the Secretariat has already started aligning work plans and refocusing existing resources to support their implementation. Yet, given their higher level of ambition and transformative nature, the Secretary-General proposes to

5. The Secretary-General recognizes that the Organization must operate efficiently and with fiscal prudence, and the current proposals are the result of a process that applied this imperative. If the General Assembly agrees with the proposed strengthened roles and activities, additional resources of \$33.5M would be required for 2016-17 and \$42.5M for 2018-19. The difference lies primarily in the application of a different vacancy rate: 50% for new temporary professional posts in the first biennium, and 9% for the continuation of these posts. All posts, 62 in total, are proposed as as the Agendas have a limited time period up to 2030. The requirements for forthcoming biennia, including 2018-19 would be again reviewed and validated in the context of the biennial programme budget formulation process.

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

The Secretariat stands ready to support Member States in these Agendas of critical importance for humanity and for the planet, and we look forward to the discussion on the Secretary