

*** CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY ***



Agenda item 136
Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives
authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council
(A/71/365/Add.1 and Add.5)**

3. The proposed resources for 2018 special political missions presented under thematic cluster I amount to \$50 million, which represents an overall decrease of \$1.1 million compared to the approved resources for 2017.

2017/241 would give rise to additional budgetary requirements, amounting to \$247.2 thousand under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, and would enable enhanced technical and substantive support to the sixteenth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to be held in 2019. As these resources are additional to those already proposed for the biennium 2018-2019, they would require an additional appropriation and, such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you