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Proposed 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/72/371/Add.4 and Add.6)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

2. In its resolution 2244 (2017), the Security Council requested the Secretary-

General to conduct a strategic review of UNAMA, examining mandated tasks, priorities, and related resources, assessing the Mission's efficiency and effectiveness, in order to optimize the division of labour and configuration to ensure better cooperation

with other United Nations organizations, and further requested the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the results of the review by July 2017. The resulting special report of the Secretary-General on the strategic review of UNAMA was issued on 10 August 2017. The Mission's proposed budget for 2018 was informed by the recommendations of the Secretary-General in his special report contained in document A/72/312-S/2017/696. In line with these recommendations, UNAMA will shift its focus

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

4. Turning now to the proposed budget for 2018 for the Panel of Experts on Mali, the Committee would recall that on 5 September 2017, the Security Council, by its resolution 2374 (2017), established a sanctions regime in relation to the situation in Mali and established a Sanctions Committee and a Panel of Experts. In paragraph 11 of the same resolution, the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to create, for

an initial period of 13 months, in consultation with the Committee, a panel of up to five