

*** CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY ***



Agenda item 135
Proposed programme budget for 2020

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives
authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council
(A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.4 and Add.6)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2020 in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council under thematic cluster III and UNAMI, as contained in documents A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.4 and Add.6.

2. The resources proposed for 2020 for the nine special political missions presented under thematic cluster III amount to \$291.2 million, which represents an overall decrease of \$5.6 million (or 1.9 per cent) compared with the approved budget for 2019. The overall decrease is mainly under three special political missions in this cluster, namely UNSMIL (\$3.9 million), owing to the proposed relocation of staff to Tripoli; UNVMC (\$3.9 million), owing to the projected closure of four remote field locations; and UNIOGBIS (\$0.9 million), owing to the reconfiguration of the Office. These reductions are partly offset by increased requirements for UNSOM (\$3.2 million), as a result of the deployment of additional United Nations Guard Unit personnel and the proposed establishment of positions for the planned electoral support.

3. Mr. Chairman, I wish to bring to the attention of the Committee, that the resource requirements for UNMHA and BINUH will be presented separately (at a later date).

