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**Agenda item 141**  
**Proposed programme budget for 2021**

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives  
authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council**  
**(A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1 to Add.6)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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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 2021 in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, as contained in documents A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1 to Add.6.

2. The overall resource requirements of special political missions continue to be included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget. Following the adoption of resolution 72/266 A and the endorsement of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the earlier submission of proposals and the alignment of budget proposals for the special political missions with the rest of the regular budget, the overall requirements are now derived from the estimated resource needs of individual missions on an annual basis, which are set out in addenda 1 to 6 to section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2021.

3. The total proposed resources for 2021 amount to \$706.8 million (net of staff assessment) for 39 continuing special political missions, representing an overall decrease of \$5.0 million (net of staff assessment) compared with the approved budget for 2020 (\$711.8 million).

4. The decrease of \$5.0 million for 2021 reflects principally the net effect of: (a) a reduction of