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Financing of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH)

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for 2017/18 for agenda item **165-MINUJUSTH**, as listed in today's journal.
2. The mandate of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 2350 (2017), for an initial period of six months from 16 October 2017 until 15 April 2018, as a follow-on to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).
3. Estimated resource requirements for the maintenance of the Mission for the period amount to \$93.2 million. The estimated resource requirements of \$34.3 million for police personnel provide for the deployment at the authorized strength level, given the transfer of formed police units from MINUSTAH to MINUJUSTH and the ability to recruit from United Nations police officers that were engaged with MINUSTAH. The resource requirements of \$26.8 million for civilian personnel provide for the deployment of 160 international staff, 185 national staff, 6 United Nations Volunteers and 38 Government-provided personnel. The estimates assume that concerted recruitment efforts during the 2.5-month period from 16 October 2017 will result in full incumbency on 1 January 2018. The resource requirements of \$32.1 million for operational costs take into consideration the facilities and infrastructure that have been transferred to

MINUJUSTH to meet its comparatively scaled down operational requirements. Existing commercial contracts available to MINUSTAH for goods and services have been scaled down as needed and transferred to MINUJUSTH.

4. On 6 September 2017, the Controller sought the concurrence of the Advisory Committee to enter into commitments to meet the estimated preliminary resource requirements for start-up activities of MINUJUSTH for the period from 16 October to 31 December 2017. The Committee authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments of up to \$25 million until 31 December 2017. The present budget proposal subsumes this commitment authority, and presents the resource requirements for the full 8.5-month period from 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018. The contributions of the appropriation by the General Assembly will reimburse advances that have been made from the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.7.

5. In addition to the requested resources, the Secretary-General proposes that the General Assembly approve the use for MINUJUSTH of the special account established for MINUSTAH.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.