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Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

► See separate instructions.

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Internal Revenue Service Part I Reporting Issuer 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) Issuer's name Ares Management Corporation 80-0952035 3 Name of contact for additional information 4 Telephone No. of contact 5 Email address of contact Ares Investor Relations 800-340-6597 IRARES@aresmgmt.com 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Floor 12 Los Angeles, CA 90067 8 Date of action 9 Classification and description See attachment Distributions to common unit shareholders 10 CUSIP number 11 Serial number(s) 12 Ticker symbol 13 Account number(s) 03990B 101 N/A **ARES** N/A Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions. Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ See attachment Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ See attachment Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ See attachment

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ARES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION ("ARES")

Attachment to IRS Form 8937

Date of Organization Action: March 29, 2019, June 28, 2019, September 30, 2019, December 31, 2019
Return of Capital Distributions

CUSIP Number 03990B 101; Symbol ARES

DISCLOSURE REGARDING TAX ADVICE: The information contained herein does not constitute tax advice and does not purport to be complete or describe the consequences that may apply to all common shareholders. Shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisor regarding the adjustment to basis.

Part II Box 14

Ares Management Corporation paid the following cash distributions to common shareholders of record as of the Record Dates below:

Record Date	Payment Date	Distribution / Share	
March 15, 2019	March 29, 2019	\$0.32	
June 14, 2019	June 28, 2019	\$0.32	
September 16, 2019	September 30, 2019	\$0.32	
December 17, 2019	December 31, 2019	\$0.32	

Part II Box 15

The above distributions are treated as a taxable dividend to the extent of the Company's current and accumulated earnings and profits as of the period ending December 31, 2019. Distributions in excess of the Company's current and accumulated earnings and profits are treated as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the shareholder's tax basis. Any distribution in excess of the common shareholder's tax basis will be treated as capital gain for U.S. tax purposes. We currently estimate that the following amounts will reduce a common shareholder's basis.

Distribution Date	Per Share Reduction in Basis
March 29, 2019	\$0.07
June 28, 2019	\$0.07
September 30, 2019	\$0.07
December 31, 2019	\$0.09

Part II Box 16

Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 301(c) and 316(c), the taxability of Ares Management Corporation's distributions is calculated based on the earnings and profits of Ares Management Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Ares Holdings, Inc. The calculation of earnings and profits differs from income calculated in accordance with GAAP and non-GAAP metrics used in segment

reporting (fee related earnings & realized income) since it is based on taxable income which includes certain non-cash tax deductions, among other differences. The estimated 2019 current and accumulated earnings and profits support Ares Management Corporation's disclosures above.

The reduction in basis does not reflect changes in Ares Management Corporation's GAAP income or segment results and does not have any impact on the Company's dividend policy (which is based on after-tax fee related earnings) or its ability to pay dividends to stockholders.

Part II Box 17

IRC Section 301(c) and IRC Section 316(a)

Part II Box 18

N/A

Part II Box 19

The return of capital calculated in Item 15 above is an estimate based on the most current and accurate available information at the time this Form was published. Ares Management Corporation will report an updated Form 8937 upon the filing of the 2019 federal income tax return, if it determines that the amount of distributions treated as a return of capital with respect to each common share changes. The above information does not constitute tax advice. It is recommended that shareholders consult with their own legal, financial or tax advisors regarding the income tax consequences of reporting amounts that may be revised at a later date.