



Misión Permanente de Chile
ante las Naciones Unidas

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) on agenda item 134, "Programme budget: biennium 2012-2013 - Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council".

I should first like to thank the Controller, Ms. María Eugenia Casar, for introducing the report of the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the ACABQ, Mr. Collen Kelapile, for introducing the Committee's report.

Mr. Chairman,

CELAC would like to reiterate the importance of the discussion on Special Political Missions. We do not intend to address the mandates of SPM's. However, it is very clear to us that, from an operational perspective, the current arrangements are far from optimal.

On the one hand, as we have previously stated, the countries of our region are particularly concerned about the distortion that the financing of Special Political Missions causes to the regular budget. We believe that it is a problem that, unless properly addressed, will tend to worsen with time.

Moreover, it has been made clear to us by the recent exchanges with the Secretariat that both the Departments of Field Support and of Peacekeeping Operations provide support and backstopping to the Peacekeeping Operations and to Special Political Missions in a manner that is practically indistinguishable.

This situation confirms our previously stated view that SPMs, in particular those with a field presence, are very closely related to peacekeeping operations. At the same time, the current legislative arrangements not only contradict this reality but point to a totally different direction.

The countries of CELAC will consider the budgets of the four SPMs presented to us on their own merits, exercising the due diligence expected from Member States in a positive and constructive manner. However, we want to underline the existing situation, and reiterate the need of addressing the underlying causes of the problem.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.



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