

**SPM – United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)**

Statement of the Chairman of the ACABQ

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Mr Chairman,

In view of the fact that an assessment of needs for mission planning is still under way and that the Secretary-General will submit to the Security Council in March 2012 proposals concerning the mandate of the Mission, the Advisory Committee considers that it would be premature to establish the proposed staffing and adopt a full budget for 2012. The Committee is therefore recommending that the Secretary-General be requested to submit a revised budget proposal following the Security Council's decision on the extension of the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 March 2012, which should include fully justified staffing proposals and an organizational structure adapted to the mandate of the Mission.

In order to allow sufficient time for the preparation and adoption of the revised budget, and taking into account the pattern of expenditures of the Mission, the Advisory Committee is also recommending that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$16 million to cover the operational requirements of UNSMIL for a six month period starting 1 January 2012. Any resources required beyond 15 March 2012 should be made available to the Mission subject to the extension of its mandate. The Advisory Committee expects the Secretary-General to provide details on the utilization of the resources provided for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2012 in his next budget submission. The Committee also emphasizes that its recommendation does not in any way prejudice the position it may take on the structure, staffing and other resource requirements for UNSMIL, also subject to a future decision of the Security Council.

