

**Statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on  
Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the Fifth Committee  
1 November 2011**

**ACABQ reports relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013:**

**(a) the strengthening of the Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi** (*ACABQ report A/66/7 Add.7; SG's report A/66/393*);

**(b) the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2012-2013** (*ACABQ report A/66/7 Add.8; SG's report A/66/170*);

**(c) the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2011** (*ACABQ report A/66/7 Add.9; SG's report A/66/510*);

Mr. Chairman,

I have the pleasure to introduce three reports of the Advisory Committee (A/66/7 Add. 7, Add. 8 and Add. 9) on the reports of the Secretary-General concerning revised estimates and subvention relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

Regarding the Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/66/393), the Secretary-General proposes to strengthen the capacity of that Office, in light of Assembly resolution 64/243, through the establishment of three posts (1 P-4 and 2 General Service) and a reclassification of the post of Chief of Office from a P-5 to D-1 level.

The Advisory Committee regrets that the support resources related to the Office of Director General of UNON, created in December 2009, could not be presented in a timely manner as part of the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. The General Assembly and the Advisory Committee have repeatedly expressed concern regarding a piece-meal approach in budgeting.

With respect to the post requirements proposed by the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee does not recommend the establishment of the P-4 post for a Protocol Officer and the Local Level post for a Legal Assistant. The Committee,

however, recommends approval of the Local Level post for an Administrative Assistant, and the reclassification of the post of Chief of Office.

On the note of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2012-2013 (A/66/170), the Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the request for the subvention, and notes that the request is consistent with the provision under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, representing a United Nations subvention to UNIDIR of \$577,800 for 2012-2013 (A/66/7 (Sect. 4)).

Concerning the report of the Secretary-General relating to revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2011, the Advisory Committee notes that no additional appropriations are sought over and above the level of funding of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, and that adoption by the General Assembly of the resolutions recommended by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2011 would not entail any additional requirements for the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Advisory Committee has no objection to the course of action proposed by the Secretary-General and set out in paragraphs 31 to 32 of the report.