

**UNISFA**

**Statement by the Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the Fifth Committee**

*(ACABQ report A/66/576; Secretary-General's report; A/66/526)*

Mr. Chairman,

I have the pleasure to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/66/576) on the proposed budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/66/526). The Advisory Committee notes that the proposed budgetary requirements for UNISFA of \$180,691,900 gross pertain mostly to the deployment of mission personnel and the construction of facilities.

Taking into account the delays encountered in the establishment of the Mission, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the resources proposed by the Secretary-General, adjusted in accordance with the revised projections of deployment of mission personnel. In addition, the Committee recommends a reduction of \$3.2 million under facilities and infrastructure, in view of the obstacles confronting the mission in commencing planned construction projects.

The Advisory Committee was informed that as at 31 October 2011, the Mission had deployed 28 international staff but had been unable to recruit any national staff. The Committee encourages the mission to place a high priority on the recruitment of civilian personnel, especially against national posts in the Abyei Area.

The Advisory Committee notes that the Regional Service Centre will provide services to UNISFA, however, UNISFA will not finance posts for the Regional Service Centre in the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. The Advisory Committee trusts that in future the Secretary-General will incorporate the provision of back-office administrative functions provided by the Regional Service Centre in a comprehensive manner into the budgets of client Missions. The Committee further considers that the Secretary-General should include a separate section on the Regional Service Centre in Mission budgets, providing the nature and scope of services provided and highlighting any efficiency gains anticipated to be derived by each client mission.

Thank you.