



**Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union**

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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Acceding country Croatia<sup>\*</sup>, the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia<sup>\*</sup>, Montenegro<sup>\*</sup>, Iceland<sup>+</sup> and Serbia<sup>\*</sup>, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

Mr Chairman,

I would like to thank Ms Sarah Cliffe, Special Adviser for Civilian Capacities, for introducing the report of the Secretary General on Civilian Capacity in the aftermath of Conflict and the Vice-Chair of the ACABQ, Mr Carlos Ruiz Massieu, for introducing the report of the ACABQ.

Mr Chairman,

The EU Member States strongly support the basic principles of the civilian capacity initiative and value the consultative approach taken by the Secretariat to develop and promote it as demonstrated by the various regional conferences that have taken place. We welcome the initiative as a cross-cutting effort aimed at improving the United Nations' support to capacity building in countries emerging from conflict. We understand that the initiative has its origins in a 2009 report on peacebuilding and we would like to encourage the Secretary General to continue to broaden and deepen the pool of civilian experts to support the immediate capacity development needs of countries emerging from conflict.

We also understand that SG Report A/67/312 - S/2012/645 contains further initiatives for consideration by member states in the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, including, in particular, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping operations and the Fifth Committee.

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<sup>\*</sup> Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

<sup>+</sup> Iceland continues to be a member of EFTA and the European Economic Area.

The Secretary-General's report is directed to multiple audiences and will be considered in different intergovernmental fora. The initiative encompasses several different work-streams that have administrative and budgetary implications. While the Fifth Committee is the first of these bodies to take up the Secretary General's report, we recognise that we cannot prejudge the outcome of the upcoming deliberations in these other fora. We look forward to discussing any administrative and budgetary implications which may result from their decision-making during the 67<sup>th</sup> session.

I thank you, Mr Chairman.