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**Civilian Capacity in the Aftermath of Conflict**  
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Mr. Chairman,

1. I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser for Civilian Capacities, Ms. Sarah Cliffe for introducing the Secretary-General's report (A/67/312) entitled "civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict.". My thanks also go to The Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu for introducing its report.

Mr. Chairman,

2. It is well understood that the end of conflict does not automatically mean peace and development. Rather, stable peace and sustainable development in post-conflict countries can only be achieved when the people themselves can play a leading role in rebuilding their society. Without adequate civilian capacities, sustainable peace and long-term development will remain a fleeting illusion. With this in mind, the Republic of Korea has joined many other Member States as a co-sponsor of General Assembly resolution 66/255, adopted by consensus this past March.

3. In accordance with the GA resolution, Secretary-General's report contains critical information related to the initiative. In my delegation's view, the Civ Cap initiative offers an effective opportunity to address the changing needs in the post-conflict countries by mobilising available civilian capacities and existing tools within the UN system in a responsive and timely way. We strongly believe that this project can make the UN's support to these countries more coherent and coordinated.
4. Since it is still in a stage of development, we look forward to receiving specific proposals on administrative matters, budgetary implications, the end-state vision, organizational linkages, and project governance of the initiative from the Secretariat in the future, as the ACABQ requested.
5. On the other hand, as this initiative is cross-cutting in nature and still in a conceptual phase, my delegation believes that discussion on the policy aspects of the initiative should take place as soon as possible in the relevant forums, including the Plenary of the General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,

6. While recognizing the importance of the initiative in improving UN support to capacity-building in countries emerging from conflict situations, my delegation hopes that we will be able to have a productive discussion on the subject with detailed information and relevant policy orientations. Thank you.