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Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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Standards of accommodation for air travel

(ACABQ report A/67/636; Secretary-General's report A/67/356)

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/67/636) on the standards of accommodation for air travel.

In its report, the Committee addresses the increasing number and cost of exceptions to the standards of accommodation for air travel. In this regard, it recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to conduct an analysis of trends regarding the exceptions to the standards of accommodation for air travel and their impact on the additional cost of travel. The Committee also recommends that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to take action to limit the increased use of these exceptions, and to ensure that the rules and procedures concerning the evaluation of requests for exceptions to the standards of accommodation for air travel are adhered to. In addition, the Committee recalls its recommendations regarding the advance purchase of tickets contained in its previous report A/66/739.

I thank you, Mr Chairman.