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**First performance reports on the budgets of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2012-2013**

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

*(ACABQ report A/67/646)*

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the first performance reports on the budgets of the two Tribunals and the International Residual Mechanism for the biennium 2012-2013, which is contained in document A/67/646.

On the issue of recosting, the Advisory Committee was informed that it was the Secretariat's understanding that any decisions made regarding the deferral of consideration of post-related recosting for the regular budget for the current biennium were also to apply to ICTR, ITY and the IRM. Hence, the recommendations of the Fifth Committee set out in the annexes to General Assembly resolutions 66/238, 239 and 240 A included reductions to the estimated appropriations for the Tribunals and the IRM for the biennium 2012-2013 deriving from the decision to defer consideration of post-related recosting for inflation and exchange rate projections to the first performance report on the budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

However, since the Tribunals and the IRM are not funded from the regular budget, and in the absence of an explicit mandate from the General Assembly, the Committee questions the assumption made by the Secretariat that the decision to defer consideration of post-related recosting for inflation and exchange rates for the regular budget should apply to the budgets of the Tribunals and the IRM. The General Assembly may wish to clarify its position on this matter.

In its report, the Advisory Committee makes comments and recommendations on procurement practices at the three entities, the phasing out of positions funded under general temporary assistance at the two Tribunals and recruitment at the IRM.

The Advisory Committee's overall recommendation is contained in paragraphs 19 and 20 of its report. The Committee notes that, on the basis of established budgetary methodology, procedures and practices, the revised estimates for ICTR, ITY and the IRM, in gross terms, would amount to \$188.3 million, \$290.1 million and \$54.8 million, respectively. The Committee also notes that the revised estimates based only on the post-related actual expenditure experience for 2012 amount to \$182.2 million, \$283.1 million and \$53.7 million, respectively.

As indicated in paragraph 17 of its report, the Advisory Committee considers that there is scope for accelerating the completion strategies of the Tribunals. Accordingly, and with

the expectation that the Tribunals and the IRM will pursue further efficiencies, including through the reprioritization of their activities, during the remainder of the biennium, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly maintain the level of the initial appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013 for all three entities.