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**Statement of the Chairman**  
**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**  
**2 March 2015**

**Conclusions of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality**  
*(ACABQ report: A/69/786; related Secretary-General's report: A/69/530)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the conclusions of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality (A/69/786).

The Advisory Committee recognizes the importance of the programme criticality framework and its contribution to staff safety and security. However, the Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General's report does not contain the final conclusions of the High-level Working Group for the General Assembly's consideration and approval, as requested in A/RES/67/254 A. The Committee therefore recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to submit as soon as possible a report containing the final conclusions.

Regarding the funding of programme criticality, the Advisory Committee considers that the contribution of \$10,000 from the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support should not have been charged to the support account for peacekeeping operations, and will review this matter further in the context of the 2015/16 proposed budget for the support account.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.