

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

8 May 2015

**Financing arrangements for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated
Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015
(MINUSMA)**

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Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the request for additional resources for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

The Committee notes that the additional requirements are in connection with the new force laydown and the expansion of MINUSMA's presence in northern Mali beyond key population centres, in response to Security Council resolution 2164 (2014). I would like to highlight that the Committee was informed that the security situation in the area of operations continues to be highly volatile. The Advisory Committee expresses deep concern that MINUSMA continues to suffer a high number of fatalities and injuries, and expects that the Secretary-General will make every effort to increase the safety and security of its military and civilian personnel.

Based on the cash position as of 17 of March 2015 and given the level of the proposed additional requirements, the Committee is of the view that there is no need, at this stage, for an additional appropriation or assessment. The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed \$80,336,300 for the maintenance of the Mission for the period 2014/15, in addition to the amount of \$830,701,700 already appropriated under the terms of Assembly resolution 68/259 B.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.