

Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

15 December 2015

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council
Thematic cluster II: sanctions, monitoring teams, groups and panels**

**Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons –
United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism**

(ACABQ report A/70/7/Add.17; related report: A/70/348/Add.7 and Corr. 1)

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons – United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism (A/70/7/Add.17).

The Advisory Committee was informed that the Mechanism will work independently and report to the Security Council, through the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 2235 (2015).

The Committee recommends approval of the proposed resource requirements for the Mechanism, apart from the requirements for one General Service position, at the G-6 level, in the New York office¹.

Thank you, Mr, Chairman

¹The resource requirements for the Mechanism are not included in the estimates for the 35 continuing missions contained in the main report of the Secretary-General (A/70/348).