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

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**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the International
Trade Centre (A/70/6 (Sect. 13)/Add. 1/Rev. 1)**

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Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the proposed programme budget for 2016-2017 for the International Trade Centre. The Committee recommends approval of the proposed budget under this section, and welcomes the new liaison arrangement proposed in Addis Ababa.

Regarding official travel, the Advisory Committee notes low rate of compliance of the requirement for advance booking and purchase of tickets, particularly in view of ITC's predominantly predictable travel requirements. The Committee expects that immediate steps will be taken to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Finally, the Advisory Committee welcomes the simplified budget procedure proposed by ITC for the presentation of its programme budget for the 2018-2019 biennium. Under this arrangement, the Center's budget proposal would be reviewed only once by the Committee, and not twice, as is done at present.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.