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

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Second performance reports for the biennium 2014-2015 and proposed budgets for the biennium 2016-2017 of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

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Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the second performance reports for the biennium 2014-2015, and the proposed budgets for the biennium 2016-2017, of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

With respect to the second performance reports, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the final appropriations for the biennium 2014-2015 as proposed by the Secretary-General for both Tribunals and the Mechanism.

Regarding the proposed budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Committee recommends certain reductions to the proposed staffing for the liquidation team, in consideration of their functions and existing capacity.

Turning to the proposed budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the Committee recommends reductions under non-post requirements based on its analysis of the requested items of expenditure. The Committee also reiterates that continued efforts should be made to ensure the timely completion of the Tribunal's mandate.

Finally, on the proposed budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, the Committee recommends against a temporary P-3 post in New York and makes other recommendations on non-post requirements.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.