

Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

16 December 2015

**Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget
implications and revised estimates**

(ACABQ report A/70/7/Add.34; related report A/C.5/70/19 and Corr. 1)

**Revised estimates: effect of changes in
rates of exchange and inflation**

(related report: A/70/603)

**Revised estimates for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the
International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Residual
Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation**

*(related report: A/70/606)
(ACABQ report A/70/7/Add.35)*

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/70/7/Add.34).

At the time of the Committee's consideration of the advance version of the Secretary-General's report, a number of revised estimates and programme budget implications remained pending relating to resource requirements. As the final version of the report is now available, the Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will provide an update to the General Assembly of the list of charges to the contingency fund to reflect the remaining recommendations of the Committee. In addition, the Advisory Committee further reiterates its view that the contingency fund is an essential budgetary instrument for addressing additional resource requirements and emphasizes the need to adhere to the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, namely resolutions 41/213 and 42/211. The Committee stresses that, in the event of any constraints faced, the Secretary-General should bring these matters to the attention of the General Assembly in a timely manner.

Mr. Chairman,

I would now like to draw your attention to the Advisory Committee's report on the Revised estimates as a result of the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation for the biennium 2016-2017 as they pertain to the Secretariat; the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation.

The Advisory Committee has no objection to the revised estimates as reflected in the reports of the Secretary-General and trusts that updated recosting calculations will be provided to the General Assembly, using the most recent vacancy rates for all categories of staff and in line with the standard regular budget recosting methodology.

Thank you, Mr, Chairman