

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

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Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2018-2019

ACABQ report: A/71/634, Secretary-General's report: A/71/218 and Corr. 1

Madam Chairperson,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2018-2019.

The Advisory Committee questions that the aggregate amount of the preliminary estimate for the biennium 2018-2019 includes initiatives or activities not yet considered by the General Assembly.

The Committee stresses, again, that the budget outline document should clearly distinguish between two parts:

- Part One should only cover estimates for established activities; and
- Part Two should only cover estimates for activities or initiatives that have yet to be considered or are under consideration by the General Assembly.

On the proposal to consolidate the statements on the programme budget implications of all draft resolutions recommended by the Main Committees for adoption by the General Assembly and then to submit one report for review by the Advisory Committee and the Assembly by 1 December, the Committee is not convinced that this new approach would yield any significant concrete benefits. The Advisory Committee therefore recommends against the proposal.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson