

**Statement of the Chairman**

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

**11 October 2016**

**Administration of justice at the United Nations and activities of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services**

*(ACABQ report A/71/436; related reports: A/17/163, A/71/164 and A/71/157)*

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/71/436) on the administration of justice at the United Nations and activities of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services.

The Advisory Committee has considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the findings and recommendations of the Interim Independent Assessment Panel on the system of administration of justice and revised estimates relating to the biennium 2016-2017 (A/71/163), the administration of justice at the United Nations (A/71/164) and the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services (A/71/157).

With regard to the revised estimates, the Advisory Committee does not consider that any case has been made for the immediate and exceptional consideration of additional funding for the system of administration of justice outside the cycle of the normal budget process and therefore recommends against the proposed additional resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017.

Turning to the report on the administration of justice, the Advisory Committee is of the view that the Secretary-General could provide comments on the recommendations on systemic issues contained in the Ombudsman's report for the same session, and recommends that such information be included in the next annual report on the administration of justice.

The Advisory Committee stresses the continued importance of the informal part of the system of the administration of justice in taking early action to prevent or limit cases of litigation.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.