

Statement of the Chairman
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
7 December 2016

Review of the United Nations Office to the African Union
(ACABQ report: A/71/646; related Secretary-General's report: A/71/551)

Madam Chairperson,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the review of the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU).

The Secretary-General proposes to restructure UNOAU which entails the establishment of two D-1 posts and one National Professional Officer; the abolishment of five posts; the redeployment of four posts; and the reassignment of 15 posts. The Secretary-General indicates that the proposals do not have any financial implications for the approved programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, while the proposals would amount to a reduction in post resources for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the 2016/17 period.

Having considered the functions of the proposed posts, the Advisory Committee is of the view that the functions of the Chief of Staff could be performed by the Deputy Head of Office, and recommends against the proposed D-1 Chief of Staff. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the other proposed post changes.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.