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

**Revised budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)  
for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017**

*(ACABQ report A/71/676; related report A/71/599)*

Madam Chairperson,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the revised budget for UNOCI for the 2016/17 period.

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$2,986,000 in the revised budget for UNOCI for the 2016/17 period. The proposed reductions are related to the resources requested under operational costs. The recommendations have taken into account factors such as the phased withdrawal of the Mission personnel, the closure of the Operation by the end of the financial period, and the appropriations and actual expenditures for the 2015/16 period.

The Advisory Committee welcomes the activities undertaken so far by the Mission in relation to the phased withdrawal, handover activities and the liquidation. The Committee urges the Secretary-General to complete the Mission withdrawal and the closure as requested by the Security Council in its resolution 2284 (2016).

A provision of \$4.95 million is requested in respect of the scale-up activities and programming of the United Nations country team. Considering that the proposed activities are scheduled to take place during the withdrawal and closure of UNOCI, the Advisory Committee trusts that more detailed information on the project governance and reporting will be provided to the General Assembly.

The Advisory Committee stresses that the Mission must ensure the timely and appropriate liquidation and closure process in compliance with all applicable regulations and rules. Furthermore, the Committee is of the view that lessons learnt from the closed peacekeeping operations with respect to environmental clearance activities should be applied by the Mission.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson