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

**3 May 2017**

**Budget performance for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)**  
*(ACABQ report A/71/836/Add.12, related reports A/71/679 and A/71/787)*

**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)**  
*(ACABQ report: A/71/836/Add.4; related Secretary-General's reports: A/71/759; A/71/615)*

**Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)**  
*(ACABQ report A/71/836/Add.7; related reports of the Secretary-General: A/71/642 and A/71/775)*

Madam Chairperson,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's reports on MINUSTAH, UNMIK and UNAMID.

Regarding the financial implications of the Security Council resolution 2350 (2017) on MINUSTAH and the follow-on peacekeeping mission in Haiti, the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH), the Advisory Committee received a letter from the Controller dated 25 April 2017. The Committee's comments are contained in paragraph 17 of its report.

Concerning the financing of MINUSTAH for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2017, the Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$105,000,000, with assessment, for the maintenance of MINUSTAH. The Committee's recommendation was taken in view of the decision of the Security Council and taking into account the comprehensive assessment currently being undertaken by the Secretariat. The Committee expects that updated information on the resource requirements for MINUSTAH will be provided to the Assembly now.

The Committee's comments on the financing of the new mission, MINUJUSTH, are contained in paragraph 19 of its report.

Madam Chairperson,

Continuing with UNMIK's request for resources related to the proposed budget, the Advisory Committee reiterates its concern that the cash position of the Mission does not cover the three-month operating cash reserve. The Committee recommends a number of reductions with respect to consultancy requirements and travel of staff and notes the status of vacant posts and positions in UNMIK. The Committee also notes the efforts made by UNMIK to adjust the number of vehicles to the projected requirements for each personnel category within the limits of the standard ratios. In terms of redeploying funds for use in programmatic and other activities within budgetary periods, the Committee indicates the need for greater clarity and that underexpenditures in the budget do not automatically justify the use of available funds for unbudgeted purposes.

Madam Chairperson,

Lastly, with regard to UNAMID, the Advisory Committee recommends an overall reduction in the proposed budget of the Mission, in the amount of approximately 15 million dollars. These reductions pertain to the abolishment of seven posts proposed for reassignment, as well as to higher vacancy rates than proposed. Further reductions are recommended by the Committee across a number of categories: a 40 per cent reduction under consultants; a 20 per cent reduction under official travel; a 10 per cent reduction under facilities and infrastructure; and a 20 per cent reduction under information technology. The Committee also recommends a reduction of 2.5 million dollars under communications, and that the resources for freight services remain unchanged as compared to 2016/17.

The Committee is concerned that UNAMID's environmental efforts, in particular with respect to the generation of solar energy, remain mostly in their planning stages and expects that efforts will be strengthened in order to reduce the overall environmental footprint, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 69/307 and 70/286.

In closing, Madam Chairperson, I would like to highlight that a joint African Union-United Nations report on the most recent strategic review will be submitted to the African Union Peace and Security Council, and to the United Nations Security Council by early May 2017. The Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will review the requirements of UNAMID in light of any decisions that may be taken by the Council, and present a revised budget for the requirements of the Mission, as appropriate.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.