

**Statement of the Chairman**

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

**15 December 2017**

**Budget for the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti for the period from  
16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018**

*(ACABQ report A/72/642; related report A/72/560)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/72/642) on the budget for the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti for the period from 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$91,811,200 for the period 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018, a reduction of \$1,370,900 in the Secretary-General's proposal.

In considering the Secretary-General's proposal, the Advisory Committee notes the proposed use of mobile teams in carrying out MINUJUSTH's mandate, which represents a new operational approach to address political, rule of law and human rights issues in the nine regions of Haiti outside Port-au-Prince. The Committee looks forward to receiving an assessment on the effectiveness of these teams in the Mission's first performance report.

The Committee recommends against an adjustment to the staffing requirements for payroll servicing, given the reduced workload arising from the payroll of a smaller mission, and some reductions to the staffing requirements for the Capacity Building Section. The Committee also recommends an adjustment to the vacancy rates for certain staff categories for the period 1 January to 30 June 2018 in view of actual recruitment patterns.

Regarding operational requirements, the Advisory Committee also recommends reductions in the resources for training consultants and proposed expenditure for outside mission travel.

Finally, the Secretary-General proposes to use the special account for MINUSTAH for the financing of MINUJUSTH. The Advisory Committee was informed that MINUJUSTH resources and expenditures will be managed as though it were a transition of MINUSTAH. The Committee trusts that formal financial reports through Umoja will enable separate and distinct reporting on expenditures and resource usage for both missions, including for the use of the special account during the overlapping period of the two missions.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.