

Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

4 June 2019

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council
Thematic Cluster III**

United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement

(ACABQ report: A/73/498/Add.9; Related report: A/73/352/Add.9)

Madam Chair,

I am pleased to introduce the report of the Advisory Committee (A/73/498/Add.9) on the estimates for the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement for the period from 21 December 2018 to 31 December 2019.

Noting the slow rate of deployment of the Mission and the ongoing challenges affecting the recruitment of personnel, the Committee urges the Secretary-General to undertake every effort to expedite deployments. In view of the slower-than-anticipated pace of the Mission's start-up, as reflected in the actual level of expenditures, the Committee recommends a reduction of 2 per cent or approximately \$1 million under operational costs. The Committee intends to reassess staffing requirements and operational costs in the context of subsequent budget submissions.

Regarding earlier commitment authorities subsumed in the present budget submission, the Committee is concerned that the proposal to carry forward to 2019 from the amount apportioned against the 2018 Secretary-General's \$8 million authority to enter into unforeseen

and extraordinary expenses does not align with the terms of resolution 72/264 and recommends that the Secretary-General observe the limits and provisions set by the General Assembly.

Thank you, Madam Chair.