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Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

31 May 2019

Updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2018

(ACABQ report A/73/888, related report A/73/604)

Madam Chair,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the Updated Financial Position of Closed Peacekeeping Missions as at 30 June 2018 (A/73/888).

The Advisory Committee notes the General Assembly's decision, 72/547 C, to defer consideration of all seven previous reports of the Secretary-General and the related reports of the Advisory Committee until this current session. In this context, the Committee reiterates its previous observations and recommendations.

The Committee recommends that if there is no decision taken in the current session, the General Assembly may request the Secretary-General to review his previous proposals regarding the settlement of outstanding liabilities in closed missions, including to troop and police contributing countries, with a view to providing an updated proposal in his next report.

On the matter of unpaid assessments, the Committee notes the repeated calls by the General Assembly for all Member States to pay their assessed contributions on time, in full and without conditions. The Committee reiterates again the importance of settling claims by troop- and police-contributing countries of closed peacekeeping missions in a timely manner.

The Committee notes that, as the highest level of borrowing over the past three calendar years has been \$40.0 million, the Committee recommends that the net cash balance proposed for retention to cover temporary borrowing needs of active missions be reduced to \$40.0 million and that the remaining available balances be returned to Member States.

Thank you, Madam Chair.