

Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

13 May 2019

Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda

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Madam Chair,

I am now pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the budget performance for the 2017/18 period and proposed budget for the 2019/20 period of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda (RSCE).

In his report, the Secretary-General proposes a revised scalability model that reflects the functions performed by RSCE for its client missions, the projected volume of transactions, and the average processing time per transaction. The Advisory Committee notes the revised scalability model developed by RSCE and trusts that it will continue to be refined and consistently applied in subsequent budget proposals.

The Committee makes other observations, including on efficiency gains, environmental measures, and the East Africa corridor project, and trusts that information on these matters will be included in the next report of the Secretary-General.

Under operational costs, the Committee recommends reductions from consultants and consulting services, official travel, and communications and information technology. The Committee's recommendations on actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in Section V of its report.

Thank you, Madam Chair.