

Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

8 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 United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

(ACABQ report A/73/755/Add.9); Related reports A/73/623; A/73/731)

Madam Chair,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the budget performance and proposed budget for the UNLB (A/73/755/Add.9).

The Committee notes that the proposed updated revised concept of operations for SDS does not provide a complete picture of the financial implications. It recommends that the Secretary-General be requested to present for consideration by the General Assembly a separate, comprehensive report on the revised concept of operations for SDS based on a thorough and detailed analysis on all aspects of the management of SDS, including financial implications, enhanced effectiveness and efficiency as well as on location issues.

With regard to the scalability model, the Committee considers that the parameters of the model should be refined to further clarify the relationship between the workload and full-time equivalent (FTE) requirements. The Committee recommends that Secretary-General be requested to fully justify proposed changes to staffing levels and contractual personnel on the basis of the parameters of the scalability model in the future.

The Advisory Committee is recommending against the Secretary-General's proposals for the reassignment of the P-4 Contracts Management Officer post and the subsequent reclassification of the post to the P-5 level as a Senior Logistics Officer, the additional temporary assistance P-3 position in the Occupational Safety and Health Cell, and the reclassification of the Property Management Officer post from national General Service to the P-3 level. In addition, in view of the pattern of expenditures, the Committee is recommending some adjustments under consultants and consulting services, official travel, facilities and infrastructure, ground transportation, communications and information technology, and other supplies, services and equipment.

Thank you, Madam Chair.