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Statement of the Vice-Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

14 December 2018

**Revised budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
(UNAMID) for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

(ACABQ report A/73/656, related report A/73/488)

Madam Chair,

On the revised budget for 2018/19 proposed for UNAMID, the Advisory Committee's recommendations would entail a reduction of \$2 million under operational costs to the proposal of the Secretary-General.

The Advisory Committee trusts that the drawdown of civilian personnel will proceed as swiftly as possible and as planned, in accordance with Security Council resolutions 2429 (2018) and 2363 (2017). The Committee expects that the Operation will undertake capacity-building activities to support national staff during its drawdown.

Madam Chair,

Considering the ongoing drawdown and future liquidation activities, the Advisory Committee expects that the Operation will avail itself of the experience gained by the closed peacekeeping missions, with a view to ensuring the timely and appropriate processes in compliance with all applicable regulations and rules.

In particular, the Advisory Committee continues to emphasize that efforts aimed at reducing the overall environmental footprint of UNAMID should be strengthened, as

requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 69/307 and 70/286. With the closure of more team sites, the Committee stresses that all sites to be closed will be handed over in compliance with the relevant guidance, the Liquidation Manual, including its environmental annex, and environmental laws and practices.

Thank you, Madam Chair.