

Statement of the Vice Chair

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 December 2019

**Report on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the
Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

(ACABQ report A/74/7/Add.21; related report: A/74/352)

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/74/7/Add.21) on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone.

The Committee recalls that the subvention from the regular budget is a bridging financing mechanism approved on the basis of set conditions for the purpose of supplementing insufficient voluntary contributions.

The Committee emphasizes again the ongoing need for intensified fundraising efforts by the Secretary-General, including by broadening the donor base of the Residual Special Court and continues to welcome the provision of in-kind contributions to the Residual Special Court.

With regards to the resource requirement for 2020, the Committee recalls that the General Assembly stressed the need for the Residual Special Court to adopt a realistic approach to budgeting reflecting actual needs.

The Committee notes that the Residual Special Court managed to implement its mandate in 2019 drawing on the approved commitment authority and considers that it should be able to operate in 2020 on the basis of a subvention of the same amount as the one for 2019.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.