

Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

16 December 2019

Seconded active-duty military and police personnel

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Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on Seconded active-duty military and police personnel.

In terms of the Secretary-General's proposal, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to extend the exceptional measures regarding seconded active-duty military and police personnel to 31 December 2020. However, the Committee notes with concern that there has not been sufficient engagement with Member States in the three year period and the lack of information and clarity regarding the extent to which the national legislation of Member States conflicts with the provisions of the United Nations staff regulations and rules and the number of affected active duty uniformed personnel.

The Advisory Committee recommends that detailed factual information be provided in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on the Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations and maintains its recommendation that the Secretary General intensify his engagement with Member States in the interim with a view to identifying solutions for addressing the conflicts between national legislation and the staff regulations and rules of the United Nations regarding the secondment of active-duty military and police personnel.

Thank you, Mr Chairman