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**Statement of the Chairman**

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

**17 December 2019**

**Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the  
period from 1 January to 31 March 2020**

*(ACABQ report A/74/592; related report: A/74/562)*

Mr Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/74/590) on the financing of UNAMID for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2020.

The Secretary-General requests the authority to enter into commitments in the amount of \$130.2 million for the maintenance of UNAMID for the first three months of 2020.

The Advisory Committee recalls that this request follows a previous request for a commitment authority for the current period from 1 July to 31 December 2019. The Advisory Committee considers that the Secretary-General should have proposed a budget for a twelve-month period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 rather than requesting successive commitment authorities based on the same assumptions.

With regard to the staffing requirement, the Advisory Committee reiterates the need for capacity-building activities to support national staff during the downsizing of the Operation.

In terms of the programmatic activities, the Committee considers that additional clarification is needed regarding the delineation and monitoring of the different programmatic activities undertaken in Darfur together with more realistic projections, and trusts that updated information will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.

In addition, the Committee stresses the importance of compliance with the United Nations environmental and waste management policy and procedures, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/286. Furthermore, the Committee is of the view that lessons learned from the closed peacekeeping operations with respect to environmental clearance activities should be applied by the Operation and trusts that updated information will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.