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Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2011

Statement of the Vice-Chairman of the ACABQ

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Mr. Chairman,

The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note that should the recommendations of the Commission be adopted, there would be no additional resource requirements under the programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013; the budget for peacekeeping operations; or the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.

The Advisory Committee notes that danger pay was implemented on 1 April 2012. In light of the indication in the Secretary-General's statement that the number of locations identified for danger pay is significantly higher than anticipated the Committee sought clarification on two points.

First, with respect to the estimated financial impact in terms of requirements for danger pay as compared to previous requirements for hazard pay. Since the information requested could not be provided in time to be included in the Advisory Committee's report, it has requested that a number of elements be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of this matter.

Second, the Advisory Committee has requested that a full explanation should be provided to the General Assembly on the underlying causes for divergence between the anticipated and actual number of danger pay duty stations, as well as information on the application of the criteria approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 65/235.

The Advisory Committee continues to emphasize the need for accurate and reliable data to support informed-decision making on proposals and implementation of measures with significant financial and administrative implications.

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I thank you Mr Chairman.