

UNOCI

Statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the Fifth Committee

(ACABQ report A/66/612; Secretary-General's report; A/66/529)

Mr. Chairman,

I have the pleasure to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/66/612) on the proposed supplementary estimates for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/66/529). The Secretary-General requests the amount of \$165,735,000 (gross) to provide for the additional 2,400 military and 1,350 police personnel authorized in Security Council resolution 2000 (2011) and to implement additional mandated activities, including the certification of the upcoming legislative elections. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in the report would entail reductions of \$381,500 to the proposed supplementary estimates

The Advisory Committee considers that the report of the Secretary-General lacks sufficient explanation and does not adequately justify the additional requirements in certain areas, specifically regarding posts and positions, in relation with the activities mandated for UNOCI under the Security Council resolution 2000(2011).

The Secretary-General proposes increases in the civilian personnel of an additional 60 international staff, 28 national staff and 177 United Nations Volunteers. The Advisory Committee has no objection to the proposed increases in staffing, except for the following:

In the Joint Mission Analysis Centre, the Secretary-General proposes the establishment of one P-3 post for Information Analyst; however, the Advisory Committee considers that the requirement has not been fully justified, particularly in view of the existing capacity.

The Secretary-General proposes 10 new posts and positions for the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Section. The Committee considers that the proposed establishment of a new Security Sector Reform Section in UNOCI should reduce the volume of work in the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Section, even in the context of the demands of an increased number of beneficiaries. The Advisory Committee therefore does not find sufficient justification for two of the proposed P-3 posts for the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Section. Furthermore, the Committee trusts that UNOCI will ensure that the facilities for the demobilization sites will be adequate to meet the requirements of the beneficiaries of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme.

While the Advisory Committee recognizes that UNOCI has additional responsibilities under its mandate related to the support of the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, it does not consider that all the posts requested for the Transitional Justice Unit in the Human Rights Section have been fully justified, and recommends against approval of one P-3 post for the Unit.

The Committee notes that the supplementary staffing proposals under both component 3, for the Electoral Assistance Office, and component 5, support, are proposed as temporary positions only through 30 June 2012.

The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's proposals for operational costs, which include an additional \$1 million to execute 40 additional quick-impact projects. The Committee expects that UNOCI will make every effort to implement all planned quick-impact projects within the remaining timeframe of the budget for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.