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

Final performance report of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

(ACABQ report: A/67/780/Add.3; Secretary-General's report: A/67/578)

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's reports regarding three missions: UNOMIG, UNMIS and UNSMIS.

First, let me share with you the Committee's recommendation related to the final performance report of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia. During its consideration of the Secretary-General's report (A/67/578), the Committee was informed that, due to changes in the cash position of the Mission, the amount of credit available for return to Member States increased to \$1.5 million by the end of 2012, compared with \$1.4 million as indicated in the final performance report.

Taking into account the updated cash position of the Mission, the Committee recommends approval by the General Assembly to credit the cash balance of \$1,548,000 to Member States.

The Advisory Committee notes from the Secretary-General's report that assessed contributions receivable from Member States totalled some \$4.4 million as at 30 June 2012. In this regard, the Committee recalls that in its resolution 66/272 on financing of UNOMIG, the General Assembly noted with concern that only 157 Member States had paid their assessed contributions in full, and urged all other Member States to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions.

Budget performance of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS)

(ACABQ report: A/67/780/Add.13; Secretary-General's report: A/67/586)

Mr. Chairman,

Now let me turn to the budget performance of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

Annex I to the Advisory Committee's report shows an updated financial position of the Mission (as at 31 December 2012): the net cash available had increased to some \$52 million, before taking into account additional potential liabilities estimated at \$7.5 million. The Committee was informed that it is currently possible to return the full credits in the amount of \$38,463,600 due to Member States for the 2010/11 financial period. However, given the uncertainty of the total additional potential liabilities, the amount of credits to be returned to Member States for the period 2011/12 is yet to be finalized. The Committee has recommended that the most updated information in this regard be provided to the General Assembly at this time.

The Advisory Committee was also informed of the updated status of contributions with respect to the Mission. As at 1 February 2013, the assessed contributions receivable from Member States totalled some \$11.4 million. In this regard, the Committee recalls the repeated calls by the General Assembly for all Member States to pay their assessed contributions on time, in full and without conditions.

Budget performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic (UNSMIS)

(ACABQ report: A/67/780/Add.2; Secretary-General's report: A/67/707)

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, let me talk about the budget performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 14 April to 30 June 2012.

Following the decisions of the Security Council and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/269 of 24 June 2010, the Advisory Committee's concurrence was sought and granted for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the urgent establishment of the Mission, its expeditious deployment, and requirements related to the renewal of the mandate of the Mission until 19 August 2012. The total commitments granted to the Secretary-General amounted up to \$31,072,000 and the details are provided in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Committee's report.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly accept the proposals of the Secretary-General, which are contained in paragraph 26 of his budget performance report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.