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**Statement of the Chairman
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**

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**Revised budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the
period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014**

and

**Revised budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the
period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014**

ACABQ reports: A/68/620 and A/68/617

Reports of the Secretary-General: A/68/519 and A/68/505

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's reports on the proposed revised budgets of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) (A/68/620) and United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) (A/68/617) for the 2013-14 period.

With respect to the proposed revised budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei, the Committee recommends a reduction of \$10,202,200 to the proposed revised budget for the 2013-14 period. The recommended reductions arise under vacancy rates for new international staff posts and military observers and contingents, and under construction.

The Committee recommends a vacancy rate of 30 per cent for new international staff posts, as with continuing international staff posts. It also recommends that the proposed revised budget be adjusted to reflect expenditure for military observers and contingents for the first half of the 2013-14 period based on actual average vacancy rates. Finally, on construction, the Committee recommends a reduction of \$5,901,300 due to performance in the current period and the magnitude of the increase requested for the current period.

Mr. Chairman,

I now turn to the proposed revised budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). While the Advisory Committee has no objection to the resources proposed by the Secretary-General for the deployment of additional military contingent personnel and the enhancement of the security and safety of the Force, it

considers that some of the proposed requirements could have been partially offset by the under-expenditure under the appropriation for national staff, due to the actual higher-than-budgeted vacancy rate. The Committee therefore recommends that the Secretary-General be requested to adjust the budgetary resources for national staff on the basis of a vacancy rate of 9 per cent in the period 2013-14.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.