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

**Budget performance report of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013
(UNMIT)**

(ACABQ report: A/68/782/Add.2; Secretary-General's report: A/68/607)

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's reports regarding two missions: UNMIT and UNSMIS.

First, let me share with you the Committee's recommendation related to the budget performance report of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste. During its consideration of the Secretary-General's report (A/68/607), the Committee was informed that during its liquidation period the majority of the Mission's assets were disposed through transfers to other offices and peacekeeping missions of United Nations, donations, and sale. Some assets were destroyed. The Committee recommends that in the interest of budgetary transparency and accuracy, more detailed information of non-expendable assets transferred to other offices, peacekeeping missions or reserve of the United Nations, should be reflected in the budget performance reports of the peacekeeping missions.

The Committee notes the credits due to Member States amounting to \$11,981,900. The Committee further notes the net shortfall in cash amounting to \$1,417,700 as at 30 June 2013, due to which the credits due to Member States cannot be made available. Taking into account that the final performance report for UNMIT is due for submission in the coming financial periods, the Committee recommends that the consideration of the amounts due to Member States be deferred until such time.

Budget performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (UNSMIS)

(ACABQ report: A/68/782/Add.1; Secretary-General's report: A/68/597)

Mr. Chairman,

Now, let me talk about the budget performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic.

In the Secretary-General's budget performance report on UNSMIS as well, the Advisory Committee notes the disposal of assets made during the liquidation period, and reiterates its recommendation that in the interest of budgetary transparency and accuracy, more detailed information be reflected in such reports of the peacekeeping missions. The Committee also notes the amount of \$10 million borrowed by UNSMIS from the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund and recommends a strict compliance with the Assembly's resolution 47/217 on this subject.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly accept the proposals of the Secretary-General, which are contained in paragraph 32 of his report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.