

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

Financing of United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia (UNSOA)

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

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Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on UNMIK and UNSOA contained in document A/68/782, addenda 5 and 9 respectively.

Starting with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the Advisory Committee recommends an increase of \$203,500 to the proposed budget for the 2014/15. In this connection, the Committee is not convinced of the rationale provided for the proposed abolishment of the Conduct and Discipline post at the P-4 level in UNMIK, particularly since this action would be coupled with a proposal to establish a separate P-4 level post in the UN Logistics Base, a non-Mission location, for undertaking global conduct and discipline functions. The Committee therefore recommends against the proposed abolishment of this post in the Mission. The Committee also believes that UNMIK should undertake additional efforts to fill all its vacant posts expeditiously.

Turning to the proposed budget for the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia (UNSOA), the recommendations of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$2,242,100. Under civilian staffing, the Committee recommends the application of a phased deployment, commencing six months into the 2014/15 budget, for the new National Professional Officers, National General Service staff, United Nations Volunteers and temporary positions, except for the posts/positions to be transferred from UNSOM.

Under operational costs, the Committee is of the view that the provision of \$1,929,600 in UNSOA's budget for security services within the Mogadishu International Airport represents double budgeting for the same services included in the budget of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM). Since the Committee recommends approval of these resources under the UNSOM budget, the Committee recommends against approval of the amount of \$1,929,600 for security services in the UNSOA budget.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.