Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)

Financing arrangements for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 10 April to 31 December 2014, and, for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

29 May 2014

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Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on MINUSCA contained in document A/68/782 Add. 18.

The Committee recommends approval of the proposed commitment authority in the amount of \$312,976,400 for 10 April to 31 December 2014, inclusive of the amount of \$59,552,000 previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the period from 10 April to 30 June 2014. The Committee also recommends approval of the proposed requirements to the support account for peacekeeping in the amount of \$4,993,700 from the \$6, 114,400 requested for the 12 month period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

As regards the Secretary-General's proposal for 28 temporary positions to be funded under the support account for peacekeeping, the Advisory Committee recommends against the approval of the positions of Geographic Information System Officer (P-3), Procurement Officer (P-3), Investigator (P-3) and Team Assistant (GS OL) since capacity for these functions already exists. Further, the Committee recommends that the positions and related costs of the Electoral Officer (P-4) and the Administrative Assistant (GS OL) for the Electoral Assistance Division be financed from within the proposed commitment authority for MINUSCA.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.