

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

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Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

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Madam Chairperson,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

Regarding the request for resources related to the proposed budget, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$2,352,500. With regard to posts, the Advisory Committee recommends against the approval of the Secretary-General's proposal for the conversion of the 26 positions to posts in the Geospatial Information Systems Section and in the Remote mission Support Section. The Committee was of the view that insufficient justification has been provided and notes the continued absence of a comprehensive scalability model for UNLB. Under operational costs, the Committee is recommending a reduction of 20 per cent to the proposed resources for official travel and information technology as well as a reduction to fuel requirements.

Regarding the development of a scalability model, the Committee is concerned about the absence of details on the progress of the development of a scalability model for the UNLB and the support account for peacekeeping operations requested by the General Assembly. The Committee expects that all related reviews and analysis will be finalized prior to the 72nd session of the General Assembly.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson