

Statement of the Chairman
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels

Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

(ACABQ report A/70/7/Add.44, related report A/70/348/Add.9)

Mr Chairman,

With regard to the proposed requirements for the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, the Advisory Committee is recommending against approval of one of the ten positions proposed. It is of the view that the functions of the Administrative Assistant position proposed in support of the Monitoring Team can be provided from within existing capacity.

The Committee has also made a number of observations and recommendations regarding the resources related to the design and development of the enhanced data model. The Committee stresses the need to ensure that any new systems/applications are fully aligned with the ICT strategy of the United Nations and that they are approved in compliance with all relevant internal procedures and standards. The Committee further expresses its expectation that the model and related system will be designed and developed in a manner that ensures that the same system can be reused for all sanctions committees without duplication of effort, in the most cost-effective manner possible. The Committee also questions the continued requirement for four positions for the maintenance and operations of the system after the completion of the development and roll-out phases. The Advisory Committee therefore recommends that the Secretary-General be requested to keep the project under review, and to present in his next the budget submission, information on the different phases of the project, differentiating between the post and non-post resources required during each phase of the project. Proposals for resource requirements should be adjusted as appropriate.

With regard to the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) on the Iran nuclear issue, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's proposals.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.