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On agenda item 146, 147 and 148: Final performance report on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and first performance reports of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2016-2017

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Thank you, Mme. Chairwoman,

At the outset, I wish to thank Ms Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, ASG Controller, for introducing the Final performance report on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and first performance reports of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2016-2017, and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), for introducing the report of ACABQ on this matter.

Mme. Chairwoman,

Given the limited time, my delegation will seek to request necessary information on these agenda items in our informal consultation, my delegation will make a short remark.

My delegation regrets the magnitude of difference or deviation of the estimated final level of expenditure of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and is deeply concerned with the observation by ACABQ on the inaccurate forecast of the requirement, weak management and a lack of internal control and accountability. It also regrets that significant amount of overpayments has been left for a long time. As my delegation has been committed to the rule of law and supported the activities of the Tribunals, it also believes that administrative and financial management during liquidation phase should be properly maintained, with any corrective measures, as necessary.

My delegation will seek more information on this matter and constructively participate in the informal consultations on this important issue.

I thank you Mme. Chairwoman.