

Statement of the Chairman
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

(ACABQ report A/74/788, related report A/74/705)

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the report of the Advisory Committee on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse.

The Committee notes that the progress report under consideration does not entail additional budgetary implications.

The Committee acknowledges the ongoing efforts to strengthen the United Nations system-wide response to sexual exploitation and abuse. In this connection, the Committee is of the view that introducing the report of the Secretary-General on this matter in the main part of the session of the General Assembly could further underscore the importance of the system-wide approach.

As regards human and financial resources, the Committee recommends that the Secretary-General intensify his efforts to provide a full accounting of the system-wide resources dedicated to addressing sexual exploitation and abuse, identify optimum administrative arrangements, and ensure adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for the continued, coherent and coordinated oversight and implementation of the Strategy to combat sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations personnel.

Given the progress made since the implementation of the Strategy, the Committee also considers that future progress reports of the Secretary-General should incorporate a more analytical approach.

In closing, allow me to express the concern of the Committee regarding the increased number of allegations, reaffirm that one substantiated case of sexual exploitation and abuse is one case too many, and renew our shared commitment to the zero-tolerance policy.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.