



Thank you Mr. Chairman,

~~Chairman of the Bureau of the Fifth Committee~~

other delegations who have spoken before, to convey to you my warm congratulations to you on your election as Chairman of the Fifth Committee. I also take this opportunity to congratulate the other members of the Bureau on their elections and to assure them of my delegations support as they discharge their responsibilities.

I thank the Mr. Jean-Jacques Graisse, Acting Head of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management for introducing the report of the Secretary General contained in document A/67/127. I also thank Mr. Collen V. Kelapile, Chairman

UNON in the programme budget for 2012-2013 was also aimed at redressing the imbalances, and stemming the high vacancy rates.

My delegation is therefore very concerned to learn that notwithstanding all these efforts, vacancy rates in the language services are at a high of 25 per cent for

interpreters and 30 per cent for translators. When we take into consideration the fact that overall vacancy rates for all regular budget posts stands at **3.1** per cent at the same duty station, then we recognize the gravity of the problem

The thousands of international personnel who live in Kenya do so because they have

access to good and numerous international and multi-national health facilities.

excellent, accessible and internationally competitive health facilities to say nothing of a

lifestyle that many consider second to none.

With regard to security, Mr. Chairman, this is a primary priority for the Government of

other delegations with a view to find practical working solutions to the high vacancy