

Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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First Secretary
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Thank you, Mr Chairman.

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Acceding country Croatia*, the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Serbia*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, align themselves with this statement.

Mr Chairman,

I would like to thank Mr Kingston Rhodes, Chair of the International Civil Service Commission, for introducing the Commission's report for 2012, contained in documents A/67/30 and Corrigendum 1, Ms Maria Casar, Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, for introducing the Statement on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2012, as contained in document A/C.5/67/3. Furthermore, we would like to thank Mr Collen Kelapile, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for his introductory remarks on the related report of the Committee, contained in document A/67/573, and the staff representatives Mr Mauro Pace, President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations and Ms Paulina Analena, President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System for their statements.

Mr Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to stress that the Member States of the European Union support the significant role of the International Civil Service Commission. Its work is invaluable to the United Nations, and plays an important role in enhancing the effective functioning of the organisations of the common system, especially now given the current worldwide financial and economic crisis.

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