



My Chairman

My delegation would like to thank Ms. Maria Eugena Casar, Assistant Secretary-General, for introducing the Secretary-General's report A/68/519 regarding the Revised Budget for the United Nations Interim Commission on the Congo.

**Mr.Chairman,**

With regard to the deployment of forces,as of October 2013,117 troops of the 1,126 authorized contingents are on the ground.The remaining troops will be deployed as per the schedule.This being the case,my delegation notes with concern the ACABQ's recommendation for a reduction of\$ 10,202,200. This cut is proposed from construction projects and from vacancy rates. As the recommended cut compromises mandate delivery of the Mission, my delegation finds the arbitrary cut harmful and does not

take into account the complex and challenging environment faced by the Mission

Given that the sites are located in a remote,inhospitable and undeveloped region with no services, any reduction from the budget will definitely affect negatively the safety and security of the staff. Since UNISFA is being affected by the absence of critical infrastructure, we reiterate our call for the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to address the problem as a matter of priority to enable the Mission to better deliver on its mandate.

**Mr.Chairman,**

In conclusion, my delegation would like to assure you of its readiness to engage constructively in the deliberation of this important agenda item.