

**Statement of the Chairman  
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**

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Statement of the Chairman of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Functions

*(ACABQ report: A/68/585; related Secretary-General's report: A/68/372)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/68/585) on the strategic heritage plan (SHP) of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The Advisory Committee notes that, in response to General Assembly resolution

Regarding estimated project requirements, the Advisory Committee notes that the projects costs amount to CHF 837 million (\$891.37 million), representing an increase of CHF 219 million. compared with the cost estimate of CHF 618 million derived from the conceptual

engineering and architectural study completed in 2011. The Committee requested a cost breakdown in comparison with the estimates of the previous study, which is presented as the annex to the report of the Committee. The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to adjust and resubmit project cost estimates of the project at the sixty-ninth session.

With respect to associated costs, while the Advisory Committee considers it appropriate to include the associated costs as a part of the total project requirements based on lessons learned from the capital master plan, it nonetheless notes the significant increase of such cost estimates in the revised cost projection. The Committee recommends that the General ~~Assembly request the Secretary General to scrutinize the proposed requirements based on~~

~~actual needs. In addition, the Committee is of the view that the term 'associated costs' which~~

recommends that the General Assembly consider the establishment of an independent and