

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)

6 November 2013

Pattern of Conferences

ACABQ report: A/68/567;

Reports of the Secretary-General: A/68/122 and A/68/123

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/68/567) on the Pattern of conferences (A/68/122) and on the PaperSmart concept (A/68/123). Both reports of the Secretary-General were submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/237.

With respect to the utilization of conference-servicing resources and facilities, ten intergovernmental bodies had an average utilization factor for the past ten years below the benchmark of 80 per cent. The Committee reiterates its concern over the slow progress made despite a number of efforts, and looks forward to reporting of substantial

that overall document submission rates among duty stations have remained below the

targeted compliance rate. The Advisory Committee believes that concrete ways to reverse