



position occupancy limits under the refined proposal is likely to increase the number of geographic moves leading to significant financial implications. The Committee indicates that the

Secretary-General's report did not, in its view, contain realistic data projections concerning future mobility trends and the associated cost implications. The Committee believes, therefore, that a more prudent approach is warranted. Consequently, the Committee recommends adoption of the alternative proposal, subject to some recommended adaptations.

The Advisory Committee sees merit in the one aspect common to both the refined and alternative proposals – namely, the proposed establishment of Job Network Boards. The Committee recognizes that their introduction would change the nature of staffing decisions in a very fundamental manner. The Committee stresses that the authority of each Board needs to be

Mr. Chairman.

The second report for introduction today is the Advisory Committee's report on the Secretary-General's proposal concerning arrangements for placement of staff affected by

malicious acts, natural disasters and other critical incidents which is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/260 (*ACABQ report A/68/580*)

The Committee notes that the Secretary-General's report is limited in scope to international staff that have been injured or otherwise adversely affected by critical incidents, and are not able to return to their previous function or duty stations, but can continue to successfully contribute to the work of the United Nations. The proposal seeks to broaden the

alternative solutions for addressing the difficulties identified. The Committee also recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to submit a report regarding developments on this issue, and, if necessary, a new proposal for its consideration at the main

Committee.

Thank you