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missions concerned under information technology, consultancy services and official travel. Related upward adjustments are reflected in the Committee's report on the support account ([A/69/860](#)).

The second recommendation is related to the vacancy rates applied for posts at the Regional Service Centre at Entebbe, in line with the report of the Advisory Committee on the global field support strategy ([A/69/874](#)). For those missions that contribute posts to the Centre at Entebbe, the Committee recommends that the vacancy rate of 17 per cent be applied to national General Service posts and the vacancy rate of 50 per cent be applied to National Professional Officer posts.

On official travel, the Advisory Committee has identified a number of issues relating to the trips planned for 2015/16, such as multiple trips to the same or close-by destinations and the need for more frequent use of video- and teleconferencing. The Committee is of the view that both consolidation of the travel requirements and minimization of the number of travellers should be made and that alternative means of communication should be used. The Committee, therefore, recommends reductions to the proposed resources for official travel for the missions.

United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)

Mr. Chairman,

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$1,544,200 to the proposed budget for UNISFA.

Under civilian staffing, the Advisory Committee recommends the abolishment of two P-3 Reporting Officer posts which have been vacant for longer than two years.

United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)

Mr. Chairman,

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$5,484,600 in the proposed budget for UNOCI for the period 2015/2016. The details of the recommendations are contained in paragraphs 22, 26, 28 and 30 of the report.

On the need for post for a Staff Counsellor, the Advisory Committee recommends a position under general temporary assistance for the functions required, taking into account the temporary nature of the need in the context of the drawdown of the Mission.

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)

Mr. Chairman,

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$156,600 to the proposed budget for UNFICYP.