

Check against delivery

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's reports on the budget performances for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 and the proposed budgets for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 for MINUSCA, MONUSCO, MINUSTAH, UNMIL, MINUSMA, UNDOF, UNIFIL, UNMISS, UNAMID

First, allow me to share with you three observations and recommendation of the Advisory Committee that have an impact on the budget proposals of the missions under review today.

The first one concerns the cost apportionment relating to applications developed by the OICT and the supply chain management initiative. The Advisory Committee does not concur with the proposal of the Secretary-General to charge the missions for the entirety of those costs and recommends that the proposed resource requirements in the individual missions be reduced accordingly ([A/69/839](#)). This would result in a reduction for the 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 the 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.

As regards 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 consolidation of the travel requirements should be made and

Committee, therefore, recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to make further efforts to improve the financial planning for future start-up missions.

On the proposed budget for 2015/2016, the Advisory Committee's recommendations would entail a reduction of \$14,667,100.

Concerning resource requirements arising from Security Council resolution 2212 (2015) of 26 March 2015, the Advisory Committee was informed that the proposed budget for 2015/16 does not reflect the increased levels in the military and police personnel as authorized by the Council in the latest resolution. Upon enquiry, it was indicated to the Committee that the current budget proposal for 2015/16, nonetheless, provides a valid baseline for the United Nations to continue the establishment of MINUSCA, while it finalises plans to also deploy the increase in uniformed personnel.

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Moving to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). The Advisory Committee's recommendations would

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee would entail a reduction of \$3,335,300 to the proposed budget for MINUSTAH for 2015/16. Under civilian staffing, the Committee does not object to the ongoing consolidation process of the Mission and recommends abolishing a post which has been vacant for more than two years.

Under the proposed requirements for consultants, the Committee notes that there was an unspent balance as well as existing in-house expertise and therefore recommends a reduction in the requirements. The Committee also recommends a reduction of the requirements for fuel based on the actual average unit costs used.

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Turning to United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), the Advisory Committee has considered the proposed additional requirements for the current financial period to address the situation caused by the Ebola outbreak in Liberia. The Committee took into account the

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