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Remarks
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Mr. Chairperson,
At the outset, allow me to commend you for your able guidance and
leadership in conducting the work of the committee. I would also like to
thank the bureau members, and the dedicated Secretariat staff for their
service. Let me assure you of my delegation’s full support in the
discharge of your responsibilities. I would like to thank, Ms.Bettina Tucci
Bartsiotas,Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, and Mr.Carlos
Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the ACABQ for introducing the report Contained
in A/70/574*, A/70/701 and A/70/742/Add.16, respectively.
My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the
United Republic of Tanzania on behalf of African Group during the
session on the organization of work.
Mr. Chairperson,
Despite the political and security difficulties in Abyei, it is
encouraging to note that the United Nations Interim Security Force for
Abyei /UNISFA/ has managed to maintain a stable security environment,
peaceful and orderly migration and return, and reduce the occurrence of
major incidents of intercommunal violence. It did so through
multifaceted conflict prevention and mitigation strategy, by conducting
robust and deterrent day and night patrols as well as aerial monitoring,

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command and control structure and there are armed groups who could
launch attack at any given time. Although the situation in Abeyei has
been relatively stable, we should understand that it has not shown any
significant improvement and the dispute between the two parties has not
yet been resolved. Therefore, the risks involved in failing to take into
account all aspects of the issue and the potential danger of denying the
force, deterrent possibilities should be taken seriously. This is indeed a
serious matter that we have raised with the Secretariat and it is my
delegation’s earnest hope that it will be given the necessary attention
that it deserves. It is our hope that wisdom would prevail on this
question.

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to the conclusion of these discussions at the earliest possible time to
allow the Mission operate effectively.
Finally, let me conclude my brief remarks by once again assuring
you my delegation’s readiness to engage constructively throughout the
course of this session with a view to reaching a successful conclusion.

I thank you