



Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the Assistant Secretary-General, Controller B. Tucci

~~Director for introducing the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget~~

performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and the proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 under agenda item 158. I would also like to thank the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, for presenting this body's related report.

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ongoing European agenda in the region." It goes on to say that "[m]uch work remains to be done in Kosovo to promote greater tolerance and reconciliation among its

displaced, to uphold their property rights and safeguard religious traditions without impediment or stigma."

Mr. Chairman,

To achieve its goals and objectives, UNMIK requires proper staffing and financial resources. The tendency to reduce the staffing and the number of international personnel in substantive and support component, the key element for a successful implementation of the UNMIK mandate, is of particular concern for the Republic of Serbia. UNMIK cannot carry out its mandate if its personnel are reduced and

components of peacekeeping missions” and is called on the Secretary-General to provide explanations as to why the proposed reductions are, in the case of UNMIK, all considered

helps improve efficiency and functioning of the Mission.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.