

**Statement of the Chairman**

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**

**19 November 2021**

**Report on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the  
Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

*(ACABQ report: A/76/7/Add.9; related Secretary-General's report: A/76/329)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the report of the Advisory Committee on the use of the commitment authority and a request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone.

With regard to the fundraising efforts, the Advisory Committee notes that they yielded limited results in 2021 in terms of voluntary contributions and emphasizes again the need for intensified efforts by the Secretary-General including by broadening the donor base of the Residual Special Court and by developing more innovative fundraising approaches.

The Advisory Committee reemphasizes that the subvention from the regular budget is a bridging financing mechanism approved with a view to supplementing insufficient voluntary contributions.

Turning to the requirement for posts in 2022, the Committee notes that the information provided only partially explains the proposed increase and therefore considers that the proposed requirement for posts is not fully justified.

In terms of travel requirement, the Committee is of the view that based on the lessons learned from the coronavirus pandemic, the Court should be able to carry out a significant portion of its activities virtually and that the travel requirement for 2022 is not fully justified.

Moreover, in view of the persistent funding challenges, the Committee trusts that the Residual Special Court will redouble its efforts in terms of cost efficiency.

Mr. Chairman,

In this situation, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General be authorized to enter into commitments, as a bridging financing mechanism to supplement the resources of the Residual Special Court, in an amount not exceeding \$2,773,300 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022.

**Déclaration du Président**  
**du Comité consultatif pour les questions administratives et budgétaires**

**le 19 novembre 2021**

**Rapport sur l'utilisation de l'autorisation d'engagement de dépenses et demande  
de subvention pour le Tribunal spécial résiduel pour la Sierra Leone**

*(Rapport du Comité consultatif : A/76/7/Add.9 ;*

