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VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND COORDINATOR
ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ISSUES**

Mr Chairperson,

I'd like to briefly report on the activities conducted in my cluster—Administrative and Financial issues—during the intersessional period.

First of all, I am pleased to inform you that H.E. Eduardo Rodríguez Veltzé, Permanent Representative of Bolivia and Mr Domingos Maria Alvim, Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal, successfully facilitated the Programme and Budget preparation process this year. The draft decision on the Programme and Budget for 2015, which was discussed and agreed upon during the facilitation, is now before the Council for further consideration and recommendation to the Conference of the States Parties. The Co-Facilitator will brief the Council under the sub-agenda item 8(e), in a more detailed manner. I express my appreciation for that valuable contribution and support of the Technical Secretariat.

The Thirty-Seventh Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF) was held in early September and its report together with the Director-General's comments have been submitted to the Council for its consideration under sub-agenda item 8(a). The ABAF continued its discussion on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and its funding mechanisms and the relevant Notes and draft decisions will be discussed under the respective sub-agenda items.

Regarding the Financial Statements of the OPCW and the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31 December 2013, a representative of the Federal Court of Audit of Germany will present the report of the External Auditor to the Council. Ms Sakiko Hayakawa of Japan, the facilitator, will report on the financial statements, External Auditor's report and the status of implementations of the recommendations of the External Auditor's report.

Regarding the nomination of the External Auditor of the OPCW, I'll share my observation and recommendation to the Council when the agenda item is taken up for discussion.

Thank you for your attention.

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