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Mr Chairman, distinguished delegates,

1. On behalf of the Joint Inspection Unit, I am honoured to introduce its annual report for 2013 and the programme of work for 2014 (A/68/34).

Activities in 2013

2. The year 2013 was an important year for the Joint Inspection Unit. With the arrival of five new Inspectors the Unit seized the opportunity to critically examine its functioning, undergo a self-evaluation and submit itself to a review by external peers.
3. In 2013 the Unit issued four reports, two notes and one management letter and also completed two feasibility studies. Looking at the biennium 2012-2013 as a whole, we issued a total of 25 outputs. I believe you will find these outputs informative and

included reform-oriented recommendations. An analysis of acceptance and implementation rates of the JIU system-wide recommendations from 2005 to 2012 by the eight largest participating organizations which represent more than 80 per cent of the United Nations system in terms of budgetary spending, reflected that the average rate of acceptance reached 75 per cent and the average rate of implementation of the accepted recommendations reached 66 per cent. During the same period, acceptance and implementation rates for single organization management reviews reached 81 per cent and 60 per cent respectively. Considering the complex, cross-cutting nature and whole organizational and system-level implications of the JIU recommendations, these rates can be considered as good levels. Additionally, we remind that utilization of JIU reports are shared responsibility of JIU, executive heads of participating organizations and Member States.

External Peer review

4. Last year JIU underwent an external independent peer review. The peer review panel was composed of senior level external oversight experts. The panel, *inter alia*, found that: the JIU has undertaken effective internal reforms which have further professionalized the Unit and improved the quality and use of its reports; the work of JIU is conducted in an independent way and quality assurance process is strong; there is a strong support for the JIU and stakeholders agreed that the JIU plays an important role in the United Nations oversight landscape.
5. The panel in its report presented a number of recommendations, some of which are directly addressed to Member States while some others are addressed to JIU. All these recommendations are included in our annual report for your review. The majority of recommendations addressed to JIU has been accepted and integrated into JIU Reform action plan. The panel noted that the current resource level of JIU is not commensurate with its mandate and made recommendation to Member States to increase its budget. The panel also concluded that in the last few years JIU has stepped up to the plate and attempted serious reforms, now it is up to Member States to play their part fully in the reform process. The Unit strongly endorses the call by the panel for strengthening JIU by additional financial allocations for consultancies, outreach, travel and building expertise in order to further improve the quality, relevance and utility of the JIU reports.

Programme of work for 2014

6. The programme of work for 2014 has been prepared with the objective of addressing critical system-wide risks and reform issues using a more structured approach. It includes 10 new projects reflecting a clear

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