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FIFTH COMMITTEE

**Reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the
recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the
United Nations, the capital master plan and on the United Nations funds and
programmes for the year ended 31 December 2016 (A/72/355 and Add.1)**

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations and capital master plan (A/72/355) and on the United Nations funds and programmes (A/72/355/Add.1) for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The reports provide further information to the comments already submitted to the Board by the Secretary-General. They also include information on the status of implementation, the office responsible, estimated completion date and priority for each recommendation; as well as an update on the status of implementation of the recommendations relating to prior periods that the Board considered not fully implemented at the time it issued its reports.

The Secretary-General and the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes have concurred with funds

have made every effort to ensure compliance with the General Assembly's request regarding their implementation.

With regard to the report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports of the Board on United Nations Volume I and on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2016, the Administration accepted all of the Board's recommendations.

As concerns Volume I, the Committee should note that, of the 210 recommendations relating to the previous five financial periods, **107 (51 per cent)** were fully implemented; **66 (31 per cent)** were

Finally, I would like take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my colleagues from various Departments and Offices of the Secretariat as well as colleagues from the other United Nations entities, who will be with us during the informal consultations to respond to the questions the distinguished Delegates of the Committee might have.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman