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inability to identify, establish and maintain the optimal structure and controls for trust funds, resulting in a loss or misuse of assets. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation that given the reality of the need to rely on extrabudgetary funding, the Organization needs to fully assess and manage all aspects of the risks associated with extrabudgetary funding.

Furthermore, the Committee spent a significant part of its deliberations this year discussing matters associated with emerging risks. The Committee recognizes the potential scale and impact of the threat to cybersecurity and digitalization and plans to delve more deeply into this risk over the coming year.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

Allow me now to turn to the third aspect of the mandate of the Committee:

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Regarding the central intake mechanism, the Committee does not agree with OIOS assessment that the central intake mechanism is not a priority and finds the arguments used for delaying its full implementation unconvincing. The Committee regrets that successive recommendations of the ACABQ, the IAAC, the JIU and the BOA, decisions of the Management Committee and two GA resolutions have not been enough to spur OIOS to develop a much-needed central intake mechanism. Instead of a comprehensive intake mechanism (which was to be a part of the Go-Case System recently developed), OIOS decided that it will only have a central intake for fraud and sexual exploitation and abuse. It further informed the Committee that the all this will be done through the existing hotline.

The Committee is not convinced that a hotline (which has been in operation for several years now) can serve as an effective central intake mechanism—a mechanism which as noted above, was to be part of the Go-Case System. The Committee therefore reiterates its previous recommendation that OIOS implement a central intake mechanis20912 0 612 7ri(eoio6802 4780

international standards. The Committee also commends the Secretariat for articulating the lessons learned that could be a basis for successful implementation of other similar projects.

With regards to **enterprise resource planning (Umoja)**, the Committee believes that given the wealth of valuable data that Umoja is expected to provide, it is crucial that there is a proper audit module. Therefore, the Committee recommends that management work to put in place an audit module that takes into account the needs of OIOS. The Committee believes that having a proper audit module would strengthen the internal oversight regime of the Organization.

With respect to **internal control system**, the Committee commends the progress made in improving the internal control system and stresses the significance of educating and providing guidance through various means to managers and all affected staff on the importance of strong internal controls. The Committee plans to have a more thorough review of the Organization's statement of internal control to ensure that the important elements, such as scope, purpose, risk and effectiveness are in place.

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