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**UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL
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The report groups this ongoing work into a number of categories:

The empowering managers category covers the delegation of authority system and its associated accountability framework.

The enabling managers category addresses the tools and systems established to support managers through data, risk management and evaluation, as well as the new capacities in place to support the start-up of entities and partnerships with other organizations.

In some cases, some of this work was already under way prior to the reforms, but the new

These measures have also allowed the Secretariat to take over the support to the resident coordinator system, which was transferred from the United Nations Development Programme to the Secretariat as part of the development system reform.

We were able to address the most urgent requirements for personal protective equipment and ventilators through existing stock in Brindisi, while the new supply chain arrangements allowed the Organization to obtain additional ventilators at rates well below reported market rates.

A critical enabler of business continuity throughout the pandemic has been the resilient systems and infrastructure in place under the unified Office of Information and Communications Technology.

The investments by the Organization in recent years to unify platforms and shift towards cloud applications and systems allowed the Secretariat to shift seamlessly to remote work arrangements.

It has also facilitated the work of intergovernmental bodies such as the Fifth Committee.

Since the start of the pandemic, OICT has also worked to facilitate access to Secretariat platforms for staff in the agencies, funds and programmes to facilitate collaboration and participation in virtual meetings.

Mr. Chair,

Today, three years after the Secretary-General first presented his reform proposals to the General Assembly, the vision for reform remains valid and the structures established to support the shift in management paradigm have proven their value.

No specific actions are requested at this time on the part of the General Assembly, as implementation of the reform is proceeding well and steady progress is being made in the realization of the expected benefits.

The Secretary-General is grateful for the ongoing support of Member States in this vitally important undertaking.

I thank you.