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**Reports of the Secretary-General on Joint Inspection Unit (Agenda item 144)**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system (A/76/694).

The report has been prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 74/253, in which the Assembly urges the Secretary-General to implement the ten recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit in all United Nations facilities, conferences and meetings. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the report of the Unit to the main part of its seventy-fifth session. Preparation of the present report and reporting on the progress made was delayed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an effort to address the recommendations, and to provide a progress report on implementation of those recommendations, this report is a result of collective efforts of a number of entities across various duty stations of the United 612 792 reW\*n

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

The Secretary-General has implemented a number of the recommendations and will continue to take action on the others, as outlined in his report.

The Secretary-General is therefore requesting the General Assembly to take note of the present report.

Thank you for your attention. I stand ready to answer any questions the Committee may have on the reports.