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**Agenda Item 134: Proposed programme budget: biennium 2012-2013**

**Internal oversight: proposed programme budget for the biennium  
2012-2013**

**Statement to the Fifth Committee on IAAC report A/66/85**

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates

I have the honour to introduce the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee (IAAC), (A/66/85) on the proposed programme budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the biennium 2012-2013.

The report was prepared in accordance with paragraphs 2 (c) and (d) of the Committee's terms of reference (General Assembly resolution 61/275, annex). Under this resolution, the IAAC has a responsibility to examine the workplan of OIOS, taking into account the workplans of the other oversight bodies, with the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services and to advise the Assembly thereon, to review the budget proposal of the Office, taking into account its workplan, and to make recommendations to the Assembly through the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

Since its inception, the IAAC has made a number of recommendations relating to the various OIOS Divisions' work-planning and budgeting process. The IAAC has noted progress in the implementation of the recommendations that have led to some improvement in the budgeting process of OIOS.

While noting the improvement in using a risk-based workplan, and the coordination between OIOS and Management in implementing the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), the IAAC continues to call on OIOS to employ a residual risk in order to better assess the overall level of resources allocated to OIOS.

The IAAC also recognizes the level of productivity of OIOS and continues to reiterate its recommendation that it shows the value of the services delivered to the Organization by reporting on the achievement of results.

With respect to the Inspection and Evaluation Division, the IAAC noted the concerns of OIOS as far as entities funded predominantly from extra-budgetary sources are concerned. The IAAC is therefore recommending that the issue of funding arrangement for OIOS, which was requested pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/275 be revisited.

With respect to the investigation function, the IAAC welcomes the fact that the Investigation Division has agreed to incorporate a more proactive and risk-based approach to its workplan. The IAAC also continues to support the restructuring proposed by OIOS.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the members of the IAAC, I thank you for the opportunity to present the IAAC report on the proposed programme budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the biennium 2012-2013 and I look forward to answering any follow up questions you may have during the informal deliberations.

Thank you.