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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General on the Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on “Information and communications technology (ICT) governance in United Nations system organizations”**

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the note of the Secretary-General conveying his comments and those of CEB members on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit titled “Information and communications technology governance in United Nations system organizations” found in document A/67/119/Add.1.

CEB members welcome and largely support the conclusion reached in this report. They note that it provides useful benchmarking information and advocates a “best practice” approach to the critical governance function necessary for the effective delivery of ICT services.

As you can see from the Note by the Secretary-General, agencies had very few comments, either on the substance of the report or its recommendations. This comes as a result of the extremely close working relationship, during the report preparation process, between the CEB and the JIU, including with the JIU inspectors participating in two sessions of the inter-agency ICT Network.

Mr Chairman,

The acceptance of the report and its conclusions highlight the importance that agencies place on the ICT governance role within their institutions. ICT provides the foundation upon which agencies operation, and they support the JIU observation that effective ICT governance provides a mechanism whereby organizations can harness the power of, maximize their investment in and mitigate the risks associated with ICT.

In closing, on behalf of the agencies of the UN system, I would like to thank the JIU for this report, which covered a topic of interest to CEB members. I reiterate that organizations of the system found much value in the report and welcomed its comprehensive nature.

Of course, we stand ready to answer any questions you or the committee may have.

Thank you