

Agenda item 130. Programme budget: biennium 2012-2013

– Organizational Resilience Management System: Emergency Management Framework

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of the Committee,

I have the pleasure to introduce the Secretary-General's second report entitled Organizational Resilience Management System: Emergency Management Framework, or ORMS. This report is provided pursuant to the General Assembly in 66/247.

Mr. Chairman, the report details progress made toward the implementation of ORMS at the Headquarters in New York, and the introduction of the framework at the Offices Away from Headquarters and in field missions. The report also describes a strategy for the extension of the ORMS framework to the Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programmes of the United Nations System.

I am pleased to report solid progress in ORMS implementation across the Secretariat. For example, the ORMS programme cycle has been completed at the United Nations Headquarters in New York under the leadership of the Department of Safety and Security and the Department of Management. In addition, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support and the Department of Political Affairs, with support from the Department of Management, initiated an ORMS roll out on a pilot basis in field presences. ORMS implementation has also been initiated at the UN Office at Geneva and the UN Office at Nairobi, and it is expected that all Secretariat locations and field missions will initiate ORMS implementation in 2013.

As we noted in information provided to the ACABQ, the Secretariat has achieved significant progress in the development and implementation of ORMS. However, the initiative needs to be institutionalized to continue efficiently. The vision for the ORMS initiative is to embed a culture of integrated emergency management across the Secretariat and the United Nations System. If ORMS arrangements are approved by the General Assembly, this vision will be achieved by building on the significant work performed by partner departments and agencies.

To this end, the General Assembly is requested to approve the ORMS framework as presented in the report, to be implemented using existing resources. Approval would set a clear organizational strategic path, providing formal recognition and enabling implementation of ORMS across the UN Secretariat and the U.N. system as a whole.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.