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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General on the Report of the
Joint Inspection Unit titled “Business continuity in the United Nations system”
(A/67/83/add.1)**

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of the Secretary-General and the Organizations of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the Note of the Secretary-General transmitting to the members of the General Assembly his comments and those of the member organizations of the CEB on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Business continuity in the UN system” and contained in document A/67/83/add.1.

Business continuity remains a critical component of operations planning for agencies of the United Nations system, a component dramatically highlighted during recent weather events in New York. Clearly, this report has taken on enhanced relevance.

Organizations of the UN system welcome the report. They recognize the necessity of effectively managing the impact of and responding to adverse events including through business continuity planning. In this regard, they generally support the recommendations included in the Unit’s report with a view to integrating relevant recommendations into existing or future business continuity strategies and policies. Agencies also appreciate the inclusion of lessons learned and best practices as captured in the report. Most organizations agree with all nine of the Unit’s recommendations and support their implementation while some organizations indicate that many of the recommendations have already been implemented or that they are actively pursuing business continuity policies and strategies. The Note before you provides more details on the responses of the organizations on all nine recommendations.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, while agencies might have some minor reservations regarding some of the recommendations contained in this report, I wish to reiterate that it was welcomed by the agencies, funds and programmes of the UN system and serves as a useful guide to the further development of this crucial capability.

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

Thank you