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Introductory Statement

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Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/67/77)

Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of the Committee,

I have the honour to introduce for the Committee's consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011, as contained in the document A/67/77. This report was presented to the Committee for Programme and Coordination in its fifty second session held at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 29 June 2012.

The Committee may recall that the Assembly decided in its resolution 61/245 that the responsibility for preparing the programme performance report be transferred from the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Department of Management. In accordance with this resolution the current report was prepared by the Department of Management.

This report is the seventeenth biennial programme performance report since it was first prepared in 1980 for the 1978-1979 biennium. It contains information on the implementation of outputs – the traditional measure of performance – and provides an overall account of the results achieved by the Organization during the biennium 2010-2011, as reported by the departments.

The programme performance report includes a detailed recounting of the results achieved by each individual budget section for a total of 856 expected accomplishments implemented under the 36 sections of the programme budget. It also covers more than 32,300 outputs that were implemented by the Organization during the 2010-2011 biennium.

Section II of the report highlights the main results achieved by the Organization under its ten programme elements in order to give Member States the opportunity to assess the Secretariat's performance at an aggregate level. Section III of the report refers to output implementation. The overall output implementation rate in the Secretariat reached 90 per cent during the biennium 2010-2011. This is higher than the 89 per cent implementation rate achieved in the biennium 2008-2009. Only three budget sections implemented lower than 80 per cent of their mandated outputs, namely, disarmament (70 per cent), safety and security (75 per cent) and UN-Women (77 per cent).

The fourth and last section of the report highlights the performance of the different budget sections, at programme and subprogramme levels, and also includes information on some of the challenges and obstacles met by the departments of the Secretariat in meeting their goals.

The Committee for Programme and Coordination issued several recommendations which are contained in their report A/67/16 and which are to be considered by Member States during the current sixty seventh session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman, I look forward to the forthcoming discussions on this item.