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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General on the  
Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2012 and programme of work for 2013 (A/67/34)**

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of the Secretary-General and the United Nations system Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the note of the Secretary-General, document A/67/724, on the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for 2012 contained in document A/67/34.

This note responds to the request of the Assembly, in resolution 65/270, to the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to expedite the implementation of that resolution and provide support to the Joint Inspection Unit.

Mr Chairman, distinguished delegates, the CEB remains dedicated to assisting the JIU as it performs its critical function in support of the UN system. During the preparation of the unit's programme of work and throughout the entire report preparation process, the CEB collaborates very closely with the JIU.

Every year, as the JIU prepares its programme of work, the CEB provides support both in the process of soliciting suggestions from agencies as well as drawing on its experience in inter-agency activities to provide relevant and useful topics that the Unit may consider.

Of course, a major role played by the CEB, and its secretariat, is in the compilation of the notes of the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the CEB on JIU reports of a system-wide nature. For these reports, the CEB Secretariat continues its efforts to more quickly produce these Notes. Our close working partnership with the secretariat of the Unit has allowed us to take steps to ensure that we receive these reports shortly after publication. And by urging organizations to provide a more timely response to our requests for comments, we are working to achieve a more effective process in preparing these documents. Additionally, it is increasingly common for the CEB Secretariat to work closely with the Unit's Inspectors during the preparation of draft reports, a process that helps contribute towards a more comprehensive and agreed-upon outcome.

In response to the request from this body, and as we can see from the results achieved in 2012 as well as the 2013 programme of work, the Unit has increased its study of issues that have a system-wide impact. Figure 1 of the Unit's annual report, found on page 2 of document A/67/34, visually demonstrates this trend. As a result the already close collaboration between our two inter-agency bodies has intensified. Moreover, in 2012 the JIU delivered 17 reports and notes, with seven reports and four notes of a system-wide nature. The CEB Secretariat prepared comments for 13 reports, all within the timelines provided for by the Unit's Statute.

The CEB Secretariat, I would like to stress, performs these actions within existing, and very limited, capacities. As the Unit continues implementation of its decade-long strategic framework, and continues to increase its system-wide focus, the strain on CEB resources will continue.

Further actions in support of the Unit include a call by the Secretary-General, as Chair of the CEB, to all member organizations to ensure a good information flow with the Unit as well as a timely response to requests for information and follow-up in its recommendations. Finally, I note that the subsidiary mechanisms of the CEB continue to invite, where appropriate, the JIU inspectors to participate in its sessions.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

I would like to conclude by reiterating that the United Nations system places high value on the work of the Unit. We believe that the continued dialogue between the Secretariats of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the Joint Inspection Unit have improved mutual cooperation and collaboration to further our collective efforts towards a stronger United Nations system working as one.

Looking ahead, the Secretary-General will continue to pursue a closer working relationship with the Joint Inspection Unit, particularly in light of its increased measures to strengthen its system-wide focus and the monitoring and follow-up of implementation of system-wide recommendations.

Thank you and I welcome any questions or comments.