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**Agenda Item 130:**  
**Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the**  
**Board of Auditors; and**

**Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of recommendations of  
the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for  
the financial period ended 30 June 2014**  
(A/69/781)

**Fifth Committee**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

In its report A/69/5 (Vol. II) on United Nations peacekeeping operations, the Board of Auditors made a set of recommendations on the Financial Statements of the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period ended 30 June 2014. These were the first set of financial statements the Secretariat prepared under the new accounting standards, IPSAS, and as this Committee is aware, represented a major challenge for the Organization. It took concerted efforts of numerous stakeholders in the field and at Headquarters to complete this task successfully, including the constructive manner in which the Board of Auditors undertook its oversight responsibilities.

The Administration concurred with most of the Board's recommendations and many of its comments were reflected in the report of the Board. The present report of the Secretary General, A/69/781, which I have the honour to introduce, provides additional comments from the Administration, and information on the status of implementation, the department responsible, the estimated completion date and the priority for each recommendation.

The report before you responds to General Assembly resolutions 48/216B, whereby the Secretary-General was requested to report on measures taken or to be taken to implement those recommendations, 52/212 B, (paragraphs 2 to 5) related to improving the implementation of its recommendations (A/52/753, annex); 68/19 B (paragraph 9) in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to indicate an expected time frame for the implementation of the recommendations and the priorities for their implementation, including the office holders to be held accountable and measures taken in that regard; as well as the report of the Advisory Committee Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/386 paragraph 11) requesting details on the recommendations that had not been accepted, including a summarized explanation of the reasons for non-acceptance.

The report addresses all these issues. Medium and high priority recommendations in the areas of global field support strategy, ICT, asset management, procurement and air transportation, *inter-alia*, are shown in a concise manner, with the current status and expected completion date and responsible department clearly stated. In the cases where recommendations were not accepted there is an explanation as to the reason, background or impediment.

The report also contains updated information on recommendations from the 2012/13 financial statements. The Administration is pleased to note that the Board has reported that there was an increase of 8 per cent in the rate of implementation of its recommendations, from 43 per cent in the 2011/12 financial period to 51 per cent in the 2012/13 financial period.

We trust you will find this report clear, easy to read and comprehensive. The Administration places great importance in addressing the recommendations from the Board of Auditors and the related General Assembly resolutions. We stand ready to answer any questions during the informal consultations.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and distinguished Delegates.