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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General on the  
Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2014 and programme of work for 2015 (A/69/34)**

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, found in document A/69/747, on the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for 2014 contained in document A/69/34.

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.

The CEB, and its secretariat, continue its efforts to support the JIU in several ways, beginning with its most important function, which is to compile responses to JIU reports of system-wide scope. For each of these reports, the CEB secretariat, on behalf of the Secretary-General in his capacity as chair of the CEB, solicits comments from across the system on both the methodology used to produce the report, and the recommendations contained therein. These responses are compiled into a note of the Secretary-General, reflecting an overall consensus of the UN system regarding these reports, although each individual organization may choose to address specific

recommendations within the framework of their governing bodies. These notes of the Secretary-General ensure that member states, during consideration of reports of the JIU, have at their disposal a balanced view.

In recent years, due in part to the strengthening of the working relationship between the JIU and the CEB, organizations appear increasingly satisfied with the outcomes presented in these reports.

As you know, over the past several years, in response to the request from this body, the Unit has increased its study of issues that have a system-wide impact. As a result the already close collaboration between our two inter-agency bodies has intensified. The CEB Secretariat, I would like to stress, performs these actions within existing, and very limited, resources. 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 consult with the JIU inspectors during the preparation of reports of system-wide concern.

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 CEB will continue to maintain its close working relationship with the Joint Inspection Unit, particularly in light of the unit's increased focus on system-wide issues along with the monitoring and follow-up of implementation of system-wide recommendations.

Thank you and I welcome any questions or comments.