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Report of the Secretary-General

**Review of the management and administration of the Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/70/338 Add.1)**

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Under Secretary-General, Mr. Yukio Takasu, I have the honour to introduce to the General Assembly, the Report of the Secretary-General “Review of the management and administration of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Note by the Secretary-General)” that contains his

comments on the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations' Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of the management and administration of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" (A/70/338).

In its resolution 22/2, the Human Rights Council requested the Joint Inspection Unit to undertake a comprehensive follow-up review of the management and administration of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in particular with regard to its impact on the recruitment policies and the composition of the staff, and to submit a report thereon and containing concrete proposals for the implementation of the resolution to the Council. The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/144, took note of the report of the Council on its seventh organizational meeting and twenty-second and twenty-third sessions (A/68/53), which contains resolution 22/2.

The report of the Secretary-General provides further information to the comments that were already submitted to the United Nations Joint Inspection (UNJIU) during the course of their work from the Administration's perspective. Some of those comments have been included in the UNJIU's final report.

Some of the recommendations included in this UNJIU report have been accepted and will be implemented by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Human Rights (OHCHR). Others will require further consideration, bearing in mind that for all purposes OHCHR is a Department of the United Nations Secretariat that belongs to the Secretariat's governance structure; that is bound by the Regulations, Rules, policies and procedures of the Secretariat; and that responds to the Secretariat's intergovernmental organs.

Please allow me, Mr. Chairman, distinguished Delegates, to express on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General of Management and the High Commissioner for Human Rights their sincere appreciation to the United Nations' Joint Inspection Unit (UNJIU) for the professionalism and constructive spirit in which it discharges its oversight responsibilities. The Administration especially appreciates the report's observations regarding certain long-term challenges facing OHCHR, such as financial sustainability in a context of increasing mandates from legislative bodies and expanding demands connected to Human Rights up Front, mainstreaming human rights across the United Nations system and the emphasis on human rights in the post-2015 development agenda, and remains confident that it will contribute to the improved management of resources and increased efficiency of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Finally, I would like take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the colleagues from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for their cooperation during the preparation of this report of the Secretary-General.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.