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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General (A/70/716) on the  
Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2015 and programme of work for 2016 (A/70/34)**

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/70/716, on the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for 2015 contained in document A/70/34.

This note responds to General Assembly resolution 65/270 which requests 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 within the UN system.

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

Further, 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

comprehensively and accurately reflect the views of all UN system organizations during the production of these Notes. 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 substantive and agreed-upon outcome. During both the preparation of the unit's programme of work and throughout the entire report preparation process, the CEB collaborates very closely with the JIU.

In response to the request from this body, and as we can see from the results achieved in 2015 as well as the 2016 programme of work, the Unit continues to focus its energy on 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, 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.

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 you or members of the Committee may have.