



United States Mission to the United Nations

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The United States would like to thank the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Gopinathan for introducing the annual report of the Unit for 2015 and the program of work for 2016 and for Mr. Kenneth Herman for introducing the note of the Secretary General on this item. We also thank the outgoing Chair Mr. Callejas for his work. Oversight bodies such as the JIU play a key role in ensuring the effectiveness of the UN system.

My delegation appreciates the JIU's efforts to continue improving its working methods especially in light of its 50th anniversary and to conduct relevant system-wide reviews. We encourage the organization to continue its efforts to refine indicators, which in turn better informs member states to make responsible decisions in the best interest of the UN system. We note that the JIU will undertake another review of travel policies, which represents the Organization's second largest expenditure. The United States places importance on air travel policies and continues to believe in the need for more comprehensive data and more efficiency. We look forward to the JIU's analysis and recommendations in this regard. We also look forward to review of the JIU on anti-fraud policies within the United Nations and related agencies.

Mr. Chairman, my delegation recognizes that these are constrained times in the area of resources, as noted in the report, and we encourage the JIU to continue its resource mobilization efforts and to optimize the use of available resources in order to achieve its objectives.

We look forward to working with all delegations during this session to improve the JIU and its work.