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**Introductory Statement**

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**Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of  
the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/71/75)**

Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of the Committee,

I have the honour to introduce for the Committee's consideration the Secretary-General's report on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/71/75). This report was presented to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-sixth session held at the United Nations Headquarters from 31 May to 24 June 2016.

The Committee may recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 61/245, decided that the responsibility for preparing the programme performance report be transferred from the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the Department of Management. The present report was prepared by the Department of Management in accordance with that resolution.

The report contains information on the implementation of 34,150 outputs – the traditional measure of performance – and provides an overall account of the results achieved by the Organization for a total of 808 expected accomplishments under the 36 sections of the programme budget. Section II of the report highlights the main results achieved by the Organization under its ten programme elements and presents the Secretariat’s performance at an aggregate level.

Section III of the report refers to output implementation. The overall output implementation rate in the Secretariat increased from 92 per cent in the 2012-2013 biennium to 94 per cent in 2014-2015. Under two budget sections, the rate of implementation for mandated outputs was lower than 90 per cent, namely, section 4, **Disarmament** (89 per cent) and section 34, **Safety and security** (68 per cent). Under **Disarmament**, a lower output implementation rate is attributed mainly to a lack of agreement on a substantive programme of work in the Conference on Disarmament and procedural difficulties on the part of Member States in convening the Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament. Under **Safety and security**, the low rate is attributed mainly to reduced compliance missions as a result of the efforts made by the relevant Department to assess compliance through in-country self-assessments and Headquarters desk reviews and to terminated substantive servicing of meetings due to lack of requests for meetings by the relevant intergovernmental bodies.

The fourth and last section of the report provides qualitative statements of performance under the different budget sections at the programme and

subprogramme levels. This section also includes information on some of the challenges and obstacles encountered in the implementation of each programme and lessons learned.

In its report, A/71/16, the Committee for Programme and Coordination recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015.

Mr. Chairman, I look forward to the forthcoming discussions on this item.