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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 2016-2017 (A/73/77)**

Madame Chair, distinguished members of the Committee,

I have the honour to introduce for the Committee's consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2016-2017, as contained in the document A/73/77. This report was presented to the Committee for Programme and Coordination in its fifty-eighth session held at the United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 29 June 2018.

This report provides an overall account of the results achieved by the Organization for a total of 862 expected accomplishments under 36 sections of the programme budget, including the implementation of 33,954 outputs.

The report is composed of four sections, including an introduction that is presented as Section I. Section II highlights the main results achieved by the Organization, aggregated under ten programme elements. Section III refers to output implementation and resource utilization. The rate of implementation for mandated outputs was 93 per cent during 2016-2017, one per cent lower than in the biennium 2014-2015. Five budget sections reported lower than 90 per cent implementation rate for mandated outputs; Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs and conference management and Section 15 Human Settlements reported 89 per cent; Section 4,

Disarmament reported 88 per cent; Section 3, Political affairs reported 85 per cent; and Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services reported 62 per cent.

The fourth and last section of the report provides qualitative statements of performance under the different budget sections, at the programme and subprogramme levels, and includes information on some of the challenges and obstacles faced by the United Nations Secretariat while implementing the programme of work.

In addition, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 70/255 and 71/283, the report includes, in its annex, comprehensive information on the status of the implementation of relevant resolutions of the Assembly on administrative and budgetary matters.

Madame Chair, I look forward to the forthcoming discussions on this item.

Thank you.