



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
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STATEMENT

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Madam Chair,

I should like to start by thanking the new Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit, Ms. Sukai Elie Prom-Jackson for presenting the Unit’s 2018 annual report and the 2019 program of work, as contained in document A/73/34.

I would also like to thank Ms. Federica Pietrucci, Senior Programme Management Officer of the Secretariat of the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for introducing the related note by the Secretary-General on agenda item 142 (A/73/727).

My delegation fully supports the work of Joint Inspection Unit and its unique role as an independent external oversight body mandated to conduct system-wide evaluations, inspections and investigations.

We welcome the fact that all authorized posts in the JIU’s secretariat are finally filled which allows the Unit to overcome the past functional limitations and to operate at its full capacity.

The Unit’s continued focus on improving the quality of its own outputs through further refining of existing working methods is also appreciated.

With a recommendation follow-up system in place and with the increased functionality of the web-based tracking system, the JIU is better positioned to enhance its impact on the organizational effectiveness of the 28 participating organizations within the United Nations system.

Madam Chair,

My delegation supports the General Assembly requests to all participating organizations to increase the use of JIU's reports and also acknowledges the efforts of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to ensure the effective consideration of and to improve the implementation rates of the Unit's recommendations.

We thank the Joint Inspection Unit for the work conducted on the 15 projects and 7 reports issued in 2018.

The projects' selected topics are balanced in terms of system-wide versus single organization reviews and respond to the requirements of the participating organizations in an environment of unfolding UN reforms.

Completion of the first ever system-wide review on policy research uptake, the ongoing reviews of oversight bodies and of the investigation functions of the UN system are some of the Unit's new assessments on options for improving the system-wide coherence and cooperation, organizational effectiveness, accountability and integrity.

My delegation looks forward to reviewing reports to be issued this year, which will be the last under the current JIU Revised Strategic Framework.

We recognize that the development of a successor strategic framework for the next 10 years will be a significant activity for the Unit in 2019.

The new strategic framework should build upon the lessons learned from previous framework and should reflect the new challenges faced by the United Nations system.

It is in this context that we welcome the JIU undertaking that the future strategy takes into account the system-wide commitment to support the 2030 Agenda and other global agreements, organizational reforms and other changes and challenges.

In closing, Madam Chair, we encourage the Joint Inspection Unit to remain fully responsive to the needs of Member States, to continue to work closely with the legislative bodies and the executive heads of the participating organizations with a view to becoming an even more effective oversight instrument of the United Nations system.

I thank you, Madam Chair.