

**Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period
from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018
(A/73/324 (Part I) and Add.1)**

**Statement to the Fifth Committee by the
Assistant-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services
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Madam Chair, distinguished Members of the Fifth Committee,

I am pleased to introduce the report and addendum (A/73/324 (Part I) and Addendum 1) on non-peacekeeping activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the year ended 30 June 2018.

During the reporting period OIOS issued 365 oversight reports, including 11 reports to the General Assembly. These reports included 1,123 recommendations, of which 25 were classified as critical. Descriptions of selected oversight results are contained in the report before you. Full copies of all internal audit and evaluation reports may be found on the OIOS website.

On staffing matters, efforts to address vacancy rates throughout OIOS continued, and the OIOS vacancy rate as at the end of August 2018 was 11.6 per cent overall. I would also like to bring to your attention the impediment section of the report which makes reference to a funding challenge related to extrabudgetary resources, we look forward to discussing this issue with you in more detail during informal deliberations.

The Internal Audit Division issued 79 non-peacekeeping audit reports during the period and ensured that its risk-based planning process was fully aligned with the Organization's enterprise risk management strategy. The Division also enhanced its planning process to better capture potential higher risk areas as a result of reform initiatives and continued to ensure that the Division's workplan focused on effectiveness and efficiency issues, areas with potential for fraud, and information and communications technology. The workplan also covered topical issues such as the Sustainable Development Goals and organizational culture.

The Division has also led an initiative with members of the United Nations Representatives of Internal Audit Services (UN-RIAS) on ensuring coordinated audits of humanitarian and development activities at the country level to cover a wider scope of governance and operational matters and thus provide more coordinated assurance to the General Assembly, the Secretary General and ultimately donors on the effectiveness of United Nations programmes.

Madam Chair,

The Investigations Division issued 57 non-peacekeeping investigation and closure reports, representing a 54 per cent increase over the previous year. In 31 of these reports, allegations were substantiated. During the reporting period, the Division took responsibility for investigating all

complaints of sexual harassment, following a request by the Secretary-General and has since then implemented a streamlined procedure for receiving, processing and addressing such complaints. This includes the creation of a specialized team to focus on the investigation of sexual harassment complaints. In the reporting period, the Office received 31 reports of sexual harassment, up from two the previous year.

The Inspection and Evaluation Division issued six non-peacekeeping evaluations. In 2018, the Division continued to focus on the strengthening core evaluation skills through a three-part training series on quantitative methods. It also facilitated discussion groups and presented at the 2018 United Nations Evaluation Group evaluation practice exchange. The Division also provided its evaluation data, analyses and advice to senior management on reform initiatives.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all OIOS staff for their work during the reporting period. I thank you for your support and welcome your questions.