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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce to you the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its 59th session, held from 3 to 28 June 2019, as contained in document A/74/16.

The report details the work undertaken by the Committee with regard to reviewing the Secretary-General's programme of work, with particular attention to programme changes arising out of decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and conferences or which are proposed by the Secretary-General. In this respect, the Committee examined the proposed programme plans for 2020 and performance information for 2018 as well as evaluation reports issued by the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

In discharging its function to assist the Economic and Social Council in the performance of its coordination functions within the United Nations system, the Committee also reviewed the annual overview report of the United Nations System

Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the annual report on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Distinguished delegates,

In accordance with resolution 72/266 A on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations, the Committee for the first time considered documents presented according to the new format of the proposed programme budget.

In particular, the Committee considered **part I: plan outline and part II: programme plans for programmes and subprogrammes for 2020 and programme performance information for 2018**, in accordance with its mandate. It also had before it information on the review of the proposed programme plan for 2020 by sectoral, functional and regional bodies.

In view of the differences among Member States on some aspects of part II, the Committee recommended that **the General Assembly review all of the programme plans (1– 28) of the proposed programme budget for 2020 at its seventy-fourth session, under the agenda item entitled “Programme planning”**.

Turning to the **question of evaluations**, the Committee made specific recommendations on the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of

- the Offices of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Sexual Violence in Conflict and on Violence against Children;
- the Department of Public Information;
- the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management;
- the Office for Disarmament Affairs;
- the Office of Human Resources Management;
- the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
- the Office of Legal Affairs;
- the United Nations Environment Programme; and
- United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Committee also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives but did not make any recommendations thereon.

Distinguished delegates,

Under **coordination questions**, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the annual overview report of the **United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2018** and made additional specific recommendations.

The Committee also considered the report of the Secretary-General on the **United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development** but did not make any recommendations thereon.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.
