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**Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the
recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations
peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2020
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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2020, which is being submitted in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 48/216 B.

The report provides additional information, where necessary, in response to the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report (A/75/5 (Vol. II), chap. II), where the Secretariat considered that additional information was

required over and above the comments of the Administration already included in the report of the Board. This additional information is provided in Section II of the Secretary-General's report.

The report takes into account the request of the General Assembly, contained in paragraph 5 of its resolution 74/249 B, which required the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner.

It also takes into account the request of the General Assembly, contained in paragraph 6 of its resolution 74/249 B, which required the Secretary-General to continue to indicate an expected time frame for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board. It also includes the priorities for their implementation, information on the status of implementation and the office responsible. This information is provided for both the new recommendations contained in the current report of the Board, and for outstanding recommendations from previous financial periods.

In its report for the period ended 30 June 2020 (A/75/5 (Vol. II), chap. II), the Board issued a total of 30 recommendations, out of which 5 were not accepted by the Administration and closure was requested for 2. The other 23 recommendations are under implementation, out of which 16 have been targeted for implementation by the end of 2021, 4 for implementation by the end of 2022 and 3 for implementation by the end of 2023.

In Annex II to its report, the Board provided information on the status of implementation of its 116 extant recommendations issued during the seven prior financial periods up to 30 June 2019. Out of the 116 extant recommendations, 42 (36 per cent) were assessed as "Implemented", 52 (45 per cent) as "Under implementation", 7 (6 per cent) as "Not implemented" and 15 (13 per cent) as "Overtaken by events".

In the first table in Annex II to its report, the Board also provided its summary assessment of the overall status of implementation of all 368 recommendations it issued for the seven prior financial periods from the 2012/13 financial period up to the 2018/19 financial period, reflecting an overall implementation rate of 74 per cent

and a further 10 per cent recommendations that were closed after they were assessed by the Board as being overtaken by events.

Out of the 52 recommendations that were assessed by the Board as being “under implementation” and the 7 that were assessed as “not implemented”, the Administration has requested for the closure of 13 and the other 46 are under implementation. Detailed information on these recommendations is included in Section III of the report of the Secretary-General.

I would like to express, on behalf of the Secretary-General, his sincere appreciation to the Board of Auditors for the professionalism and constructive spirit in which it discharges its oversight function. The Administration is committed to the timely and thorough implementation of the Board’s recommendations as this will contribute to the improved management of resources and increased efficiency of the Organization.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my colleagues from various entities of the Secretariat, who will be available during the informal consultation sessions to respond to the questions from the distinguished Delegates of the Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.