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**Reports of the Secretary-General on Joint Inspection Unit (Agenda item 144)**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system (A/76/694).

The report has been prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 74/253, in which the Assembly urges the Secretary-General to implement the ten recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit in all United Nations facilities, conferences and meetings. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the report of the Unit to the main part of its seventy-fifth session. Preparation of the present report and reporting on the progress made was delayed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an effort to address the recommendations, and to provide a progress report on implementation of those recommendations, this report is a result of collective efforts of a number of entities across various duty stations of the United Nations Secretariat: Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, Department of Operational Support, and the Office of Information and Communications Technology.

In the report, the Secretary-General presents progress made at United Nations Headquarters, at the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna, as well as in United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

The Secretary-General has implemented a number of the recommendations and will continue to take action on the others, as outlined in his report.

The Secretary-General is therefore requesting the General Assembly to take note of the present report.

Thank you for your attention. I stand ready to answer any questions the Committee may have on the reports.