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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General  
on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled: “Business continuity management in  
United Nations system organizations” (A/77/256)**

Mr. Chair, Distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the note of the Secretary-General conveying his comments and those of CEB members on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Business continuity management in United Nations system organizations” as contained in A/77/256/Add.1.

Organizations of the United Nations system welcomed the report, its findings and assessment of the use and integration of business continuity management policies, plans, processes, and practices across the system organizations. They also appreciated the collection of good practices included in the review and how these can guide ongoing and future initiatives.

As shown throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, entities continued to place renewed emphasis on the critical importance of preparedness for disruptive events and concurred with the findings of the review that this is best implemented by strengthening the maintenance, testing, and reviewing of business continuity plans. Only then can entities identify whether the measures and actions planned continue to be relevant and effective to maintain their organizational resilience.

The proposed recommendations will be considered in compliance with entities' existing business continuity management framework policies, processes and structural arrangements as well as through their continued engagement in the United Nations Organizational Resilience Management System (ORMS).

On behalf of the organizations of the UN system, I would like to thank the JIU for this important review.

Thank you.