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Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2021, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-sixth session the items entitled “Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations” and “Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services” and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. During the main part of the seventy-sixth session, the Fifth Committee met formally and remotely owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, during which it considered the items. The Committee formally considered the items in person at its 2nd and 9th meetings, on 5 October and 23 December 2021. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s formal consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021 ([A/76/270](#));

(b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 ([A/76/281 \(Part I\)](#) and [A/76/281 \(Part I\)/Add.1](#)).

¹ [A/C.5/76/SR.2](#) and [A/C.5/76/SR.9](#).



II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.15](#)

4. At its 9th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services” ([A/C.5/76/L.15](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Lesotho .

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.15](#) without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly,

I

Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Recalling its resolutions [48/218 B](#) of 29 July 1994, [54/244](#) of 23 December 1999, [59/272](#) of 23 December 2004, [60/259](#) of 8 May 2006, [63/265](#) of 24 December 2008, [64/232](#) of 22 December 2009, [64/263](#) of 29 March 2010, [65/250](#) of 24 December 2010, [66/236](#) of 24 December 2011, [67/258](#) of 12 April 2013, [68/21](#) of 4 December 2013, [69/252](#) and [69/253](#) of 29 December 2014, [70/111](#) of 14 December 2015, [71/7](#) of 27 October 2016, [72/18](#) of 1 December 2017, [73/275](#) of 22 December 2018, [74/256](#) and [74/257](#) of 27 December 2019 and [75/247](#) of 31 December 2020,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021,¹

1. *Reaffirms* its primary role in the consideration of and action taken on reports submitted to it;
2. *Also reaffirms* its oversight role and the role of the Fifth Committee in administrative and budgetary matters;
3. *Further reaffirms* the independence and the separate and distinct roles of the internal and external oversight mechanisms;
4. *Recognizes* the important roles and operational independence of the oversight bodies, including the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, in contributing to improvements in the effectiveness, transparency and accountability of the Organization;
5. *Recalls* that the Office shall exercise operational independence relating to the performance of its internal oversight functions, under the authority of the Secretary-General, in accordance with the relevant resolutions;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the annual reports of the Office continue to include a brief description of any impairment of its independence;
7. *Encourages* United Nations internal and external oversight bodies to further enhance the level of cooperation with one another, such as through joint work-planning sessions, without prejudice to the independence of each;
8. *Takes note* of the report of the Office on its activities for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all relevant resolutions pertaining to the work of the Office are brought to the attention of the relevant managers;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all relevant resolutions, including those of a cross-cutting nature, are brought to the attention of relevant

¹ [A/76/281 \(Part I\)](#) and [A/76/281 \(Part I\)/Add.1](#).

managers and that the Office also takes those resolutions into account in the conduct of its activities;

II

Activities of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Recalling its resolutions [61/275](#) of 29 June 2007, [64/263](#), section II of its resolution [65/250](#), section II of its resolution [66/236](#), section II of its resolution [67/258](#), section II of its resolution [68/21](#), section II of its resolution [69/252](#), section II of its resolution [70/111](#), section II of its resolution [71/7](#), section II of its resolution [72/18](#), section II of its resolution [73/275](#), section II of its resolution [74/256](#) and section II of its resolution [75/247](#),

Having considered the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021,²

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;
2. *Reaffirms* the terms of reference of the Committee, as contained in the annex to its resolution [61/275](#).

² [A/76/270](#).