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Draft report

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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation

(Item 3 (b))

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

1. At its 18th meeting, on 14 June 2019, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) ([E/AC.51/2019/8](#)).
2. The Assistant Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report, and together with representatives of UNHCR, responded to queries raised during its consideration by the Committee.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed appreciation for the report and support for the issues raised and the recommendations made therein.
4. A delegation highlighted the important work performed by UNHCR, which operated in increasingly complex environments and also faced funding challenges. Delegations welcomed the fact that UNHCR had accepted all the recommendations made, with one noting that the recommendations would improve refugees' access to health care and integration into national health systems, in addition to the monitoring of health programmes.
5. Referring to the summary and to figure VII, entitled "Staff perceptions of the performance of the Office in public health outcomes, 2014–2018 (157 staff)", one



delegation requested that the words “reproductive health services” be deleted, while several others, expressing support for the work of UNHCR on reproductive health, requested that the words be retained.

6. A delegation underlined the importance of primary health-care responsibilities being part of national health systems.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly endorse the recommendations contained in paragraphs 65 to 70 of the report of OIOS on the evaluation of UNHCR.**
