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## **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [48/218 B](#), [54/244](#), [59/272](#), [64/263](#) and [69/253](#)**

### **Report of the Fifth Committee**

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [48/218 B](#), [54/244](#), [59/272](#), [64/263](#) and [69/253](#)” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd and 21st meetings, on 11 October and 27 December 2019. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup>

#### **II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.13](#)**

3. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [48/218 B](#), [54/244](#), [59/272](#), [64/263](#) and [69/253](#)” ([A/C.5/74/L.13](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ghana.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.13](#) without a vote (see para. 5).

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<sup>1</sup> [A/C.5/74/SR.3](#) and [A/C.5/74/SR.21](#).



### III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

#### **Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263 and 69/253**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, 54/244 of 23 December 1999, 59/272 of 23 December 2004, 64/263 of 29 March 2010 and 69/253 of 29 December 2014,

*Recalling also* its resolution 61/275 of 29 June 2007,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263 and 69/253;
2. *Also reaffirms* its primary role in the consideration of and action on reports submitted to it;
3. *Further reaffirms* its oversight role and the role of the Fifth Committee in administrative and budgetary matters;
4. *Reaffirms* the independence and the separate and distinct roles of internal and external oversight mechanisms;
5. *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;
6. *Recalls* that the Office shall exercise operational independence under the authority of the Secretary-General relating to the performance of its internal oversight functions, in accordance with the relevant resolutions;
7. *Stresses* that the independence and objectivity of the Office are vital in ensuring that its internal oversight functions are carried out in a credible, factual and unbiased manner, and reaffirms the authority of the Office to initiate, carry out and report on any action to fulfil its oversight functions;
8. *Reaffirms* that the purpose of the Office is to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities in respect of the resources and staff of the Organization;
9. *Emphasizes* that the implementation of recommendations and the reporting procedures of the Office should continue as established by the General Assembly;
10. *Notes* the role of the Management Committee in monitoring closely the implementation of the recommendations of oversight bodies, and stresses the importance of follow-up with programme managers to ensure the full implementation of those recommendations in a prompt and timely manner, especially those critical recommendations whose implementation is overdue;
11. *Welcomes* the continued efforts of the Office to promote the Organization's zero-tolerance approach to fraud, corruption, sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse, and the actions taken in this regard, including the creation of a specialized team to investigate sexual harassment complaints and the implementation of a procedure for addressing such complaints, and also welcomes the efforts made to strengthen the investigative capacity of the Office in the light of

the need to improve the average time needed to complete the growing number of investigations into all kinds of misconduct, including cases of sexual harassment;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to ensure that the credibility of the Organization and its staff is protected;

13. *Decides* to evaluate and review at its seventy-ninth session the functions and reporting procedures of the Office and any other matter that it deems appropriate, and to that end to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [48/218 B](#), [54/244](#), [59/272](#), [64/263](#), [69/253](#) and 74/\_\_\_”.

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