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### Joint Inspection Unit

## Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2024

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The present note was prepared pursuant to paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution [65/270](#), in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), to expedite the implementation of that resolution, including through the expected provision of support to the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) by the secretariats of the participating organizations in the preparation of its reports, notes and confidential letters, and through the consideration of and action on the recommendations of the JIU in the light of pertinent resolutions of the Assembly, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis on the results achieved.
2. Under the statute of JIU, the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB and through the secretariat of CEB, performs functions that support the work of JIU, primarily in the preparation of reports that concern more than one organization.
3. In accordance with the JIU mandate, once a report on an issue of a system-wide nature has been finalized by JIU, the CEB secretariat circulates it to United Nations system organizations that are members of the Board. The secretariat requests the organizations to make comments on the final version of the report, including on the methodology used by JIU during its preparation, and the content and value of the recommendations made therein. Although each organization addresses the recommendations within the legislative framework of its governing bodies, the comments, which are collated and issued as United Nations documents under cover of a note by the Secretary-General, reflect the overall consensus of the United Nations system. During this process, as a matter of normal practice, the secretariat requests organizations to respond within the deadline provided to produce the comments of the Secretary-General and those of CEB members within the mandated time frame. In this regard, throughout 2024, the CEB and the JIU secretariats continued to participate in constructive dialogue and exchanged updates regarding the timely preparation of the notes of the Secretary-General containing these comments.
4. The CEB and the JIU secretariats continue to engage in a dialogue that ensures a smooth report preparation process as JIU maintains its focus on issues of a system-wide nature. In 2024, for example, the CEB secretariat, oftentimes in consultation



with CEB-related technical and issue-driven networks, provided comments on a number of draft reports being prepared by JIU and responded to informal requests for information from inspectors, as well as JIU secretariat staff on issues pertaining to the ongoing and future reports.

5. In addition to the notes by the Secretary-General on JIU reports on issues of system-wide concern, the CEB secretariat continues to work closely with JIU on the preparation of its annual programme of work. It provides substantive input regarding specific proposals and facilitates the process as requested by the JIU secretariat.

6. Continuous dialogue between the secretariats took place during the reporting year, both in virtual and in-person formats. Such exchanges with JIU representatives and the inspectors provided for constructive discussions about current and future collaboration.

7. Lastly, the Secretary-General, in consultation with members of the CEB and in accordance with procedures set out in chapter II, article 3, of the JIU statute, reviewed the qualifications of four inspectors: two candidates proposed for appointment and two proposed for reappointment by 2025.

8. The Secretary-General remains committed to maintaining a close working relationship with JIU and encourages all organizations to respond in a timely manner and in a spirit of cooperation to its requests.

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