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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation

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Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives

1. At its 6th meeting, on 14 May, the Committee considered the report of OIOS on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives ([A/80/65](#)).

Discussion

2. Several delegations expressed their appreciation for the report and emphasized the importance of evaluation. A delegation highlighted the importance of ensuring that evaluations measured outcomes rather than outputs. The delegation asked how the United Nations could be steered in that direction and to what extent that shift was being implemented across entities.

3. With regard to the Secretariat modality of good offices and mediation, one delegation referred to language in paragraph 33 of the report, in which it was stated that mediation had helped to bring about a cessation of hostilities in Gaza in 2022. It requested further elaboration on how effectiveness in those efforts was measured.

4. A delegation highlighted that decision makers and taxpayers expected United Nations-supported organizations to self-regulate, improve and apply lessons learned. It underscored evaluation as a vital management tool. The same delegation welcomed the growing number of entities with evaluation policies and plans and asked how digital transformation and data analytics could be leveraged to strengthen evaluation.



5. A delegation expressed concern that the report contained unwarranted generalizations. It noted interest in the practical findings of the evaluation, in particular regarding shortcomings in capacity-building efforts for developing economies, knowledge transfer, support for national development strategies and the establishment of reliable partnerships with civil society and the private sector at the local level.

6. The same delegation noted the use of non-agreed terminology in the report. It emphasized that Our Common Agenda and the United Nations 2.0 had not been approved by Member States and that the Pact for the Future was not a consensus document, and suggested referring only to its consensual provisions.
