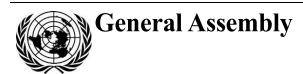
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# Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

## 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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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).

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## 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,

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#### **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, <sup>1</sup>

- 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 workplanning 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

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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,<sup>2</sup>

- 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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A/76/270.