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Monsieur le Président,

Etant donné que c'est la première fois que je prends la parole devant cette commission, permettez-moi, d'abord, d'exprimer mes félicitations à vous ainsi qu'aux membres du bureau et du secrétariat pour votre direction avisée de la commission jusqu'à ce jour. Distinguished members of the secretariat, Head the OIOS, colleagues,

Israel welcomes the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, presented in document A/66/674, and the proposal on the dissemination and distribution of audit reports.

The Internal oversight Service is an essential and highly important part of any organisation, especially one as large and complex as the United Nations. It is, in many cases, the most difficult and least rewarding job in any organisation. Therefore, my delegation wishes to reiterate its support and appreciation for the work of the OIOS.

We appreciate the intention to make the internal audit reports available to the public on the OIOS website. The fact that this information will be available online will serve to further improve public opinion towards the organisation, as well as serve as a deterrent.

Controlled exposure of the findings of internal auditing is an important means to strengthen the position of the OIOS and ensure timely and appropriate reference to its judgments. Good governance is defined by the existence of criticism- and for that criticism to be effective, the findings must be subject to public inspection and scrutiny. Thank you