



**Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union**

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Acceding country Croatia<sup>\*</sup>, the candidate countries Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro<sup>\*</sup> and Serbia<sup>\*</sup>, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.

At the outset, the Member States of the European Union would like to thank the Under-Secretary General for Management, Mr. Takasu for presenting the Secretary-General's second progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat, contained in document A/67/714. We further thank the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Mr. Ruiz Massieu, for introducing that Committee's report, contained in document A/67/776.

Mr. Chairman, allow me to make a couple of observations on this issue.

The Member States of the European Union note the progress made to implement an effective system of accountability. We also note that many different aspects of accountability are now being mainstreamed throughout the Organisation. At the same time, we would like to stress that more work needs to be done to promote a culture of accountability, to demonstrate commitment at the most senior levels, and to embed this within the core values of the Organization. Regarding the quality of the progress report, we concur with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that future reports could be improved through the inclusion of more practical examples, performance indicators and statistical details on specific accountability measures and their impact.

We will look forward to learning more about the progress of this work, on the issue of enterprise risk management, and the proposed conceptual framework for results-based management in the coming days.

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<sup>\*</sup> Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

Mr. Chairman, the Member States of the European Union stand ready to engage constructively in discussions on these and other issues. You can count on our support on the challenges ahead of us.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.