



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 Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia^{1*}, Montenegro*, Serbia* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

At the outset, we would like to thank the Under Secretary General for Internal Oversight Services, Ms Carman L Lapointe, for her presentation of the report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014. Let me also thank the Chair of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, Mr Joseph Cristopher Mihm, for presenting the report on the activities of the Committee for the period from 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014.

Mr. Chairman

As both report presenters have noted, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Office of Internal Oversight Services. We would like to thank the OIOS for its work over these two decades, and to emphasize once again the strong and longstanding support of the Member States of the European Union for the efforts carried out by the Office. We firmly believe that the work of the OIOS makes the United Nations a stronger, more efficient and more effective organization.

We welcome the clear and detailed reporting of the OIOS and appreciate the continuous efforts of the Office to look for ways of improving the quality of its own performance. In this respect, we welcome the efforts that have already been made by the OIOS to work together with other United Nations oversight entities, and encourage the Office to look for ways of expanding and intensifying these activities in order to avoid potential duplication and overlap in their work.

During the upcoming informal consultations, we will also address issues such as strategic planning, risk management and vacancy rates.

* *The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.*

Mr. Chairman

We would also like to thank the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for their report. We appreciate the efforts made by the Committee and its members, and recognize the importance of their work.

The Member States of the European Union welcome the views of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the positive results of the pilot project on the public disclosure of OIOS internal audit reports, and align with its recommendation to continue the publication of the reports to ensure the transparency and accountability of the work of OIOS.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.