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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General
on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled: “Review of
staff exchange and similar inter-agency mobility measures in
United Nations system organizations.” (JIU/REP/2019/8)**

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the note of the Secretary-General conveying his comments and those of CEB members on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit “Review of staff exchange and similar inter-agency mobility measures in United Nations system organizations” (JIU/REP/2019/8), as contained in A/75/85/Add.1.

Organizations welcomed the report and reckoned it offered a useful overview of the opportunities and challenges in the use of inter-agency mobility in the United Nations common system, in addition to providing a list of practical solutions to overcome existing obstacles.

Organizations generally supported increasing inter-agency mobility and agreed that mobility should connect to their overall strategic purposes, including their respective human resources policy frameworks. The report was deemed of particular relevance for the United Nations Secretariat and its Development Coordination Office, in relation to its revamping of the United Nations resident coordinator system and the United Nations country teams.

While recognizing that a business case for inter-agency mobility has already been made, entities supported the Inspector’s view that a review of existing policies and arrangements would be fruitful to assess the effectiveness of the current process and identify strategies for improving the approach and process with regard to inter-agency mobility, as suggested in recommendation 6.

Organizations noted the report presented certain challenges, including in terms of suggested deadlines for the implementation of some of the proposed recommendations, indicating that these would require broad consultations within the High-Level Committee on Management and its Human Resources Network.

On behalf of the organizations of the UN system, I would like to thank the JIU for this report, which covered a topic of great relevance to the entire UN system and the way it supports Member States in the delivery of their mandates.

Thank you.