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Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General on the

“Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2020”

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the note pursuant to paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 65/270, as contained in document A/75/725.

In accordance with the statute of the Unit, the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the Board and through the secretariat of CEB, performs functions that support the work of the Unit, mainly in the preparation of reports that concern more than one organization.

Throughout 2020, the secretariats of CEB and the Unit worked collaboratively and engaged in regular dialogue about current and future cooperation, including the timely preparation of the notes by the Secretary-General containing responses to reports addressing system-wide concerns. The secretariats also continued to engage in a dialogue to ensure smooth preparation of reports on issues of a system-wide nature.

In the course of the reporting year, in consultation with members of CEB and in accordance with procedures set out in chapter II, article 3, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the Secretary-General reviewed the qualifications of one inspector proposed for appointment in 2021 and of one inspector proposed for reappointment, also in 2021.

In closing, the Secretary-General remains committed to maintaining a close working relationship with the Unit and continuously encourages all organizations to respond to its requests in a timely manner and in a spirit of cooperation.

Thank you