



**United Nations General Assembly Seventy-sixth Session  
Fifth Committee**

**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General  
on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled: “United Nations common premises:  
current practices and future prospects” (A/75/730)**

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 “United Nations common premises: current practices and future prospects” as contained in A/75/730/Add.1.

Organizations of the United Nations system welcomed the report and the underlying analysis of current practices and potential future prospects at the national and regional levels.

Organizations favoured the long-term objective of a centralized management of common premises across the United Nations system, while taking into consideration their specific technical and operational mandates and country-led priorities.

Entities, pointing to the evolving nature of each entity’s programmatic needs, underscored the importance of assessing the cost and operational implications for programme delivery; this was particularly relevant for non-members of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group and for those entities with offices provided by Governments at no cost.

Entities recognised that the recommendations contained in the review encompassed topics beyond common premises, including statements on the reform of the United Nations development system. As a system-wide issue, action on common premises transcended the mandate of any single organization, given that executive heads or legislative organs are not the drivers of common premises and to this end organisations noted that the role of host Governments could have been articulated more prominently in the formulation of the proposed recommendations.

On behalf of the organizations of the UN system, I would like to thank the JIU for this valuable review.

Thank you.



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**Introduction of the Note of the Secretary-General  
on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled: “Review of Blockchain applications in  
the United Nations system: towards a state of readiness” (A/76/325)**

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 entitled “Review of Blockchain applications in the United Nations system: towards a state of readiness” as contained in A/76/325/Add.1.

Organizations of the United Nations system welcomed the report and appreciated the Unit’s initiative to foster innovation and digital transformation through the adoption of new technologies and related processes.

Entities underscored the importance of the principle that all the adopted technologies should be considered holistically within the framework of an entity’s digital architecture so to avoid the creation of technological “islands”, while considering strategic and context-related requirements.

Entities supported the need for a balance between driving innovation and risk management in evaluating the implementation of a new technology, pointing to the importance of an enabling

environment that allows for agile experimentation of new innovative solutions that are being tested and piloted at a small scale with acceptable rate of failure.

Entities recognized the cross-cutting nature of implementing blockchain projects (including operational, technological and legal perspectives). Some entities, particularly those working in the humanitarian field, expressed concerns about privacy and incompatibilities between the use of blockchain technologies, cybersecurity risk management and data protection frameworks, while others did not experience privacy challenges or security incompatibilities when developing and implementing blockchain-based solutions.

On behalf of the organizations of the UN system, I would like to thank the JIU for this forward-looking review.

Thank you.