

Draft Statement on Mandate Review

My delegation reiterates its support for including expiry or review clauses in all new mandates. This is a straightforward procedural measure that Member States can implement immediately and the review mechanism can take into account the nature and diversity of mandates.

Second, we agree with the Report's identification of gaps in accountability for mandate impact. Collective reviews are necessary. However, more fundamentally, structured and ongoing interaction on mandate performance is needed throughout the mandate life cycle.

Such dialogue and interaction should be best integrated into existing budget and planning cycles. According to the Regulations on Program Planning, Budget, Monitoring and Evaluation (PPBME), the Secretariat has authority to recommend termination of outdated mandates and outputs. This should become systematic practice, not the exception.

Equally important, Member States must be prepared to act on these recommendations, and explicitly encourage the Secretariat to provide such feedback regularly and substantively.

Third, regarding accountability mechanisms, my delegation emphasizes that they must be system-wide and harmonized across the entire UN system. The challenges of duplication, fragmentation, and unclear division of labor extend across funds, programs, and specialized agencies.

Review mechanisms confined to the Secretariat only will not address system-wide coherence. We need to make the best use of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports in this regard.

Member States must also enable such system-wide measures. This may require our difficult conversations about governance structures, oversight mechanisms, and the authority of coordination platforms. But we cannot demand coherence while maintaining our own institutional silos that make coherence impossible to achieve.

The mandate review challenge is ultimately about stewardship. Member States create mandates, but we also bear responsibility for ensuring they remain relevant, well-resourced, and impactful. This requires continuous engagement, not episodic assessment. My delegation stands ready to support concrete steps in this direction.

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