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Report by the Director General

The present document provides information on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations in accordance with decision IDB.24/Dec.11.

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I. Introduction

1. The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) became a subsidiary organ of the Industrial Development Board by its decision IDB.1/Dec.22. A system of follow-up to JIU recommendations was outlined in document IDB.24/18 and subsequently approved in decision IDB.24/Dec.11. In accordance with the provisions therein, JIU reports will be considered by each regular Board session.

II. Reports and notes submitted by the Joint Inspection Unit

2. A total of nine JIU reports¹ were received² by the Organization in 2018 since the previous Board document covering this subject (IDB.46/14). Seven reports as listed below are of relevance to UNIDO:³

[JIU/ML/2017/7](#): Review of donor reporting requirements across the United Nations system;

[JIU/REP/2017/8](#): The United Nations system – Private sector partnership arrangements in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

[JIU/REP/2017/9](#): Review of mechanisms and policies addressing conflict of interest in the UN system;

[JIU/REP/2018/1](#): Review of internship programmes in the United Nations system;

[JIU/REP/2018/2](#): Progress report on the recommendations contained in the review of South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system ([JIU/REP/2011/3](#));

[JIU/REP/2018/4](#): Review of whistle-blower policies and practices in United Nations system organizations;

[JIU/REP/2018/5](#): Review of opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness in administrative support services by enhancing inter-agency cooperation.

3. The present document is supplemented with a conference room paper (IDB.47/CRP.9) which includes hyperlinks to the respective JIU reports as well as hyperlinks to the relevant comments on said reports by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB). It is recalled that recommendations and statistics applicable to UNIDO are available through the web-based tracking system (WBTS).⁴ The WBTS also includes UNIDO's compliance and comments on recommendations. A summary of recommendations for consideration by the UNIDO Director General and UNIDO legislative bodies as well as UNIDO comments is included in IDB.47/CRP.9.

4. The reports contain a total of 38 recommendations relevant to UNIDO, of which 29 were accepted, while nine were not accepted.

III. Implementation of Joint Inspection Unit recommendations at UNIDO

5. As mentioned in previous reports, Member States can be granted “read-only” access to the consolidated data on the status of implementation of recommendations on the JIU's WBTS. Interested Member States can register with the JIU through the

¹ JIU reports and notes, as well as the JIU Annual Report to the General Assembly, in all official languages can be accessed via the JIU website www.unjiu.org.

² At the time this report was prepared.

³ See Annex I for further details.

⁴ Please refer to paragraph 5 for information regarding access to WBTS.

Focal Point for JIU matters in UNIDO, the Internal Oversight Division of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight.⁵

6. UNIDO updates the WBTS with pertinent information on recommendations issued in the last three years. This includes information on the recommendation status of acceptance, the status of implementation and the impact achieved.

7. The status of acceptance and implementation for UNIDO for the period 2016–2018 is presented in the table below. It is shown in percentage of recommendations issued.

Table⁶

	<i>Acceptance</i>					<i>Implementation</i>			
	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Accepted/ approved</i>	<i>Rejected</i>	<i>Under consideration</i>	<i>No information provided</i>	<i>Not started</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No information provided</i>
UNIDO	1.82	73.64	10	12.73	1.82	6.17	22.22	44.44	27.16

8. It should be noted that with an acceptance of 73 per cent and above, UNIDO remained one of the organizations showing a consistently strong performance in this regard.

IV. Work programme 2019

9. As in previous years, the Unit invited participating organizations to submit their proposals. Further to these and to internal consultations, the programme of work for 2019 includes eight new projects. Six of the new projects are of system-wide or multiple-organization coverage and two relate to management and administrative reviews of a participating organization.

10. The below six new projects would be of interest to UNIDO:

- (a) Review of policies and contemporary practices in outsourcing of services in the United Nations system organizations;
- (b) Review of staff exchange programmes and similar inter-agency mobility measures in United Nations system organizations;
- (c) Multilingualism in the United Nations system;
- (d) Policies, programmes and platforms to support learning in the United Nations system;
- (e) United Nations common premises: current practices and future requirements; and
- (f) Review of the status of implementation of enterprise risk management in the United Nations system organizations.

11. UNIDO continues to note with appreciation the close cooperation between the JIU and the Secretariat of the CEB.

V. Action required of the Board

12. In compliance with the provisions of the Statute of JIU Article 11(4), resolution 48/221 of 23 December 1993 of the United Nations General Assembly, and paragraph 9 of the system of UNIDO follow-up to JIU recommendations, the Board may wish to take note of the information contained in the present document and

⁵ Via email: IOS@unido.org.

⁶ As per information contained in WBTS.

provide guidance on this document and on any of the recommendations addressed to UNIDO in the corresponding JIU reports, as summarized in IDB.47/CRP.9.
