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Thank you, Mr. President.

We would like to thank the Secretary-General, the Internal Justice Council, and the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services for their reports. I wanted to follow up on the three areas we highlighted in our statement last year: (1) accountability; (2) efficiency; and (3) transparency.

With respect to accountability, we were pleased to see the progress made through the Secretary-General's revised bulletin on protection against retaliation for reporting misconduct and for cooperating with duly authorized audits or investigations. We note the IJC's report that there still exists a substantial fear of retaliation among staff. In this

We also appreciate the efforts that have been made to improve transparency, including through outreach missions by the Office of Staff Legal Assistance and the

justice system. We support the IJC's recommendations that we should consider what additional practical steps could be taken to enhance knowledge and understanding of the