

UNGA 71: Sixth Committee Administration of Justice

Statement on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand (CANZ)

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Chairperson,

I have the honour to speak today on behalf of Australia and Canada as well as my own country, New Zealand.

We thank the Secretary-General, the Internal Justice Council, the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Interim Independent Assessment Panel for their respective reports.

CANZ recognises that implementation of an effective and fair internal justice mechanism is important for staff, management and Member States¶confidence in the United Nations as a credible employer. CANZ has been a strong supporter of the system since its inception and we welcome the continuing progress that has been made. We appreciate the opportunities in the coming weeks to consider further work that the United Nations could undertake to improve the administration of justice. We thank the Interim Independent Assessment Panel in particular for its assessment of the system of administration of justice. We also thank the Secretary-General for his findings and recommendations on WBDQ\$\mathbf{T}RUN

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CANZ considers that the system needs strengthening. This Committee should identify the areas in which the system needs to be amended in order to accommodate non-staff personnel. While we appreciate the observations of the Secretary-General in response to recommendation 23 of the Panel, we believe these concerns can be appropriately addressed in adopting a