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Thank you, Chair.

We would like to thank the Secretary-General, the Internal Justice Council, and the Office of the United Nations Ombudsperson and Mediation Services for their reports.

This year marks ten years since the United Nations system of administrative justice – an independent, transparent, and professionalized system – commenced operation in July 2009. By many accounts in the reports, this anniversary has been marked by both progress and challenges. The United States appreciates the steadfast resolve of the UN Dispute Tribunal (UNDT) and UN Appeals Tribunal (UNAT) Presidents to lead the tribunals in reform, including through implementation of General Assembly resolution 73/276. We also commend the tireless efforts of the Principal Registrar and Executive Director of the Office of the Administration of Justice to provide independent and autonomous support of the tribunals through this critical period.

One of the goals of resolution 73/276 is to protect and foster staff trust in the administrative justice system by ensuring that the tribunal presidents have the tools and support they need to exercise their statutory mandates to enhance

Despite the progress in judicial efficiency, we cannot ignore that the reports reveal deeply concerning