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INDEPENDENT AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENDS SESSION

The Independent Audit Advisory Committee of the United Nations (IAAC) held its twelfth session from 15 to 16 December. The session, which was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, was presided over by the Chairman, David M. Walker, with all the members of IAAC, namely, Vadim V. Dubinkin, Vice-Chairman Vijayendra N. Kaul, John F.S. Muwanga and Adrian P. Strachan, in attendance.

IAAC's agenda for the twelfth session included meetings with the Joint Inspection Unit to discuss coordination and cooperation with the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS). IAAC discussed the Joint Inspection Unit's role and activities together with the recently concluded report on audit functions in the United Nations systems.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services and senior managers and staff of OIOS reviewed a wide range of OIOS-related matters. For example, OIOS presented an overview of their 2010 work plan achievements and their work plans for 2011. IAAC also held a discussion on OIOS's budget under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Representatives of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management discussed steps that the administration has taken to implement the General Assembly resolution on accountability (document A/Res/64/259), in particular the implementation of the Enterprise Risk Management and the internal control framework. IAAC also took the opportunity to follow-up with the Department of Management on the status of implementation of recommendations made by OIOS and the Board of Auditors. The status of implementation of the Joint Inspection Unit recommendations will be discussed at the next IAAC meeting.

IAAC also discussed OIOS work plans for 2011. Comments and advice on the OIOS support

The next (thirteenth) session of IAAC is scheduled for 15 to 17 February 2011 at United Nations headquarters in New York.

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