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**Review of the implementation of General Assembly
resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263 and 69/253**

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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/74/605)]

**74/257. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions
48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263 and 69/253**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, 54/244 of 23 December 1999, 59/272 of 23 December 2004, 64/263 of 29 March 2010 and 69/253 of 29 December 2014,

Recalling also its resolution 61/275 of 29 June 2007,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263 and 69/253;
2. *Also reaffirms* its primary role in the consideration of and action taken on reports submitted to it;
3. *Further reaffirms* its oversight role and the role of the Fifth Committee in administrative and budgetary matters;
4. *Reaffirms* the independence and the separate and distinct roles of the internal and external oversight mechanisms;
5. *Recognizes* the important roles and operational independence of the oversight bodies, including the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, in contributing to improvements in the effectiveness, transparency and accountability of the Organization;
6. *Recalls* that the Office shall exercise operational independence relating to the performance of its internal oversight functions, under the authority of the Secretary-General, in accordance with the relevant resolutions;
7. *Stresses* that the independence and objectivity of the Office are vital in ensuring that its internal oversight functions are carried out in a credible, factual and



unbiased manner, and reaffirms the authority of the Office to initiate, carry out and report on any action to fulfil its oversight functions;

8. *Reaffirms* that the purpose of the Office is to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities in respect of the resources and staff of the Organization;

9. *Emphasizes* that the implementation of recommendations and the reporting procedures of the Office should continue as established by the General Assembly;

10. *Notes* the role of the Management Committee in monitoring closely the implementation of the recommendations of oversight bodies, and stresses the importance of follow-up with programme managers to ensure the full implementation of those recommendations in a prompt and timely manner, especially those critical recommendations whose implementation is overdue;

11. *Welcomes* the continued efforts of the Office to promote the Organization's zero-tolerance approach to fraud, corruption, sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse, and the actions taken in this regard, including the creation of a specialized team to investigate sexual harassment complaints and the implementation of a procedure for addressing such complaints, and also welcomes the efforts made to strengthen the investigative capacity of the Office in the light of the need to improve the average time required to complete the growing number of investigations into a range of misconduct, including cases of sexual harassment;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to ensure that the credibility of the Organization and its staff is protected;

13. *Decides* to evaluate and review at its seventy-ninth session the functions and reporting procedures of the Office and any other matter that it deems appropriate, and to that end to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263, 69/253 and 74/257".

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