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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, we thank the Deputy High Commissioner on her report on the management in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. We would also like to thank Madame Farkas for her comprehensive report on the work of the Inspector General's Office and also for highlighting key areas of achievements in 2018 and some projections for 2019.

We appreciate and take note of significant progress that has already been made in implementing oversight reform process that started two years ago under the leadership the Inspector General.

We also appreciate details provided on the results achieved in the investigation of misconduct work of the Inspector General Office.

We take note of increase in number complaints and reported cases of fraud, sexual exploitation and abuse, as well as sexual harassment in comparison with last year. However, we appreciate the fact that this increased reported is related to the organizational efforts in raising awareness among refugees, partners and staff.

We encourage the Inspector General to continue its efforts of good work and we support the proposed measures put in place to prioritize investigation of complaints to improve prevention, earlier detection and support to victims.

We also join to other speakers to highlight the importance of allocation of addition resources to oversight, risk management and Inspector General's Office.

I thank you.