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- Thank you. Turkey attaches great importance to UNCTAD and we support its role as the focal in the UN system regarding trade and development issues. UNCTAD has a distinctive role in the international trade and development. This has become more prominent during the recent crisis.
- Turkey supports all constructive initiatives aimed at enhancing the role and efficiency of UNCTAD.
- It is from this perspective that we look at the Joint Inspection Unit Review of UNCTAD's management and administration.
- We have also taken note of UNCTAD's Management Response to the review.
- We see the JIU report and the Management response as opportunity to start a process to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the organizations' work as defined in Para 18 of the Doha Mandate.
- At the same time, we should be cautious not to put Member States in a position of mediator between the two documents.
- Rather, the follow-up to these documents should be forward looking and target oriented.
- The management does recognize a number of shortcomings or mistakes within the administration. It would be appropriate to for the management to draft and present to Members an action plan aimed at correcting these.
- Without going into details of every recommendation, I would like to highlight the importance of Human Resources issues. We believe that the Secretariat needs to take this very serious and to propose how they plan to tackle full implementation of Recommendation number 6, in particular, with an action plan.

- The management does not fully agree with a number of other recommendations, for a variety of reasons. In such situations where corrections are not considered to be necessary, it may nevertheless be useful to seek ways to improve practices or streamline processes.
- With these thoughts, we look forward to a constructive and forward looking evaluation of specific recommendations in this special session of the Trade and Development Board.
- Thank you.