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Opening remarks to Fifth Committee on behalf of the Board of Auditors

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In connection with the report of the Board of Auditors
for the year ended 31 December 2008 on the Capital Master Plan
A/64/5 (Vol.V)

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1. Distinguished Chairman and Distinguished Representatives of Member States,
Good Morning.
2. It is my pleasure this morning together with my colleagues from the Audit Operations Committee, to introduce a report on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. Terence Nombembe, the Auditor General of South Africa. The report 2008, A/64/5 (Vol. V).
3. This report is an annual study of the CMP conducted by the Board of Auditors, which was first mandated by the General Assembly in resolution 57/292. The audit was performed by members of the French Court of Accounts, who are the lead auditors.
4. During the six years that the Board has reviewed the CMP project, the Board has for the benefit of Member States and the administration flagged the key risks and issues that the project faced. The Board has sought to influence the issues related to the leadership of the project as well as the timing, budget and oversight. All of our reports have received the support of the administration and have been endorsed by the General Assembly.
5. This year, we bring you another report which reflects the rapidly changing circumstances of the CMP project. I refer here to the significant physical construction activities, the extensive relocation work, and the much higher rate of spending. It is in this light that the Board focused on the financial aspects, the budget, the schedule, as well as the procurement activities of the CMP.

not be further modified; that there are no significant changes to the economic conditions;
and that the project does not have to absorb what is describe