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Opening Statement to the Fifth Committee

**on the Report of the UN Board of Auditors on progress handling ICT affairs in the
Secretariat
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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Mussa Juma Assad, (United Republic of Tanzania) and other Members of the Board, Sir Amyas Morse, (United Kingdom) and Mr. Shashi Kant Sharma (India), I have the honour to introduce the report of the Board of Auditors on the handling of Information Communication Technology affairs in the Secretariat.

Background

Effective information and communications technology (ICT) is essential to supporting the wide range of activities undertaken by the United Nations both at Headquarters and in the

Following the General Assembly's approval of the Secretary-General's revised ICT strategy

Implementation of the strategy is currently reliant on collaboration rather than clear and agreed business rules. Although the Secretariat had intended to issue an updated Secretary-General's bulletin setting out revised policies and procedures including delegations of

The Board's previous report noted that any revised ICT strategy would need to evolve and adapt over time. The report also noted that a global ICT strategy would be unlikely to be successful without the full collaboration and support of all heads of business units. The strategy itself recognizes that it is dependent on clear governance, strong leadership and optimal use of resources. Significant improvements are needed in all three of these areas if

to be successful. In particular, the Administration needs to ensure unity

