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**Opening statement to the Fifth Committee on the Board of Auditors report on the
Capital Master Plan (CMP) A/72/5 Vol. V for the year ended 31 December 2016
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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished representatives,

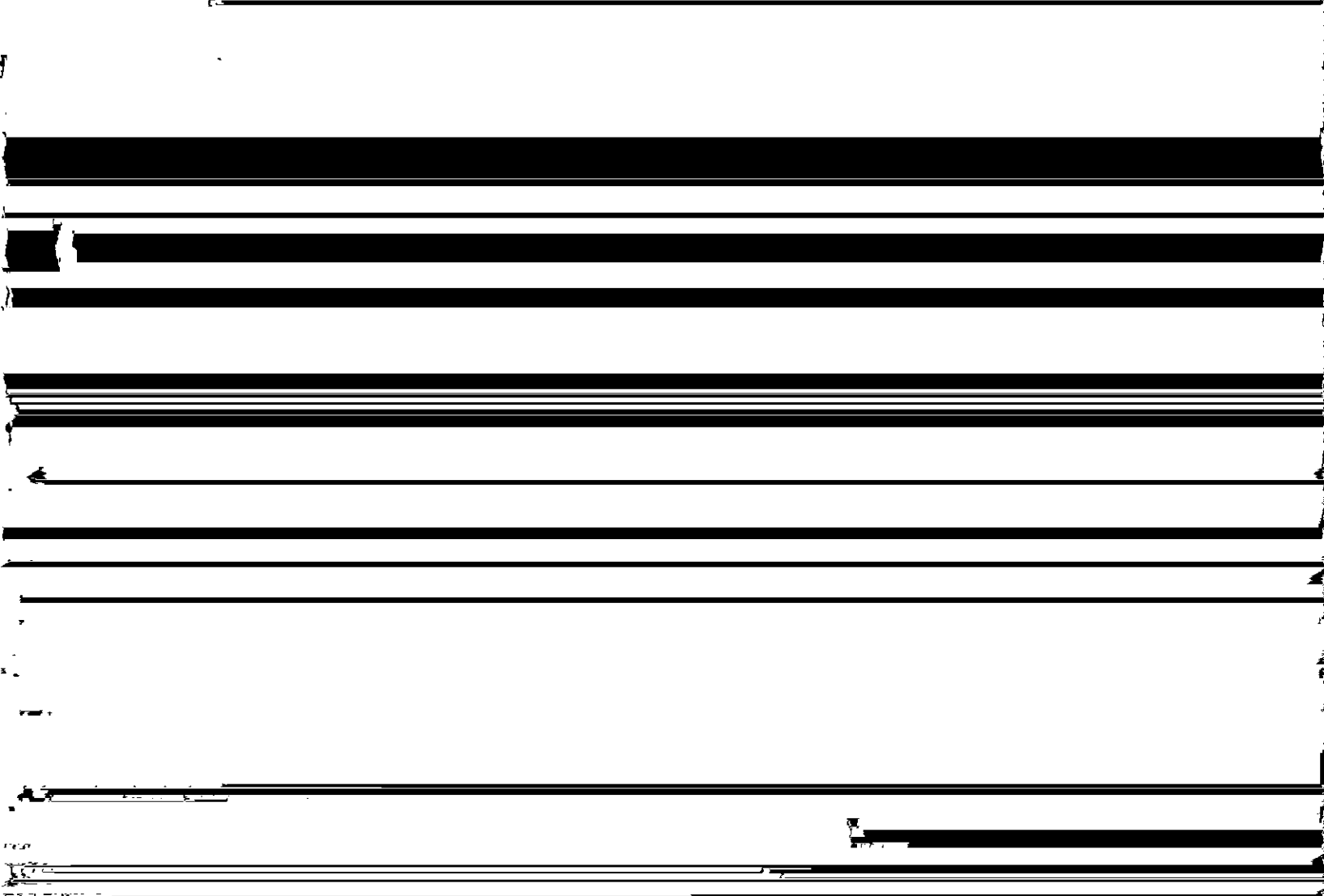
On behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Rajiv Mehrishi, Comptroller and Auditor General of India
and the other Board Members Professor Mussa Assad, Controller and Auditor General of

specifically included in a separate and distinct budgetary line in the CMP annual progress reports, providing visibility to the total value of savings over the entire project from its inception, it is not possible to drill down the savings to the specific project components and the reasons thereof.

The main contractor has filed two notices of arbitration against the United Nations seeking indemnification, in the event it is required to settle substantial claims from its subcontractors. The United Nations has now filed a claim in the first case seeking declaratory relief that it is not obligated to indemnify the main contractor under its contract with the main contractor. The outcome of the cases may have an impact on the final cost of the project.

Managing the campus

The Administration needs adequate human resources for basic preventive maintenance



efficiency. Administration noted that EDART system had proven to be unreliable in accurately recording usage of steam, gas, and water.

The capital master plan had implemented accessibility elements in the Headquarters campus like braille signs, fully accessible toilets etc. However, the effectiveness of these measures can only be validated by the users.

The Administration has implemented flexible workspaces in three floors of the Headquarters