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Report of the Internal Auditor

Ninth report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly

1. The twelfth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee was held in Geneva on 14 May 2010 under the chairmanship of Dr M. Dahl-Regis (Bahamas).¹

2. The Committee reviewed the report of the Internal Auditor and expressed its satisfaction at the usefulness of the work of the internal audit function. In discussing the timely implementation of audit recommendations, the Committee reminded the Secretariat of the need to ensure that recommendations were implemented. The Committee welcomed the improved reporting on monitoring the timeliness of follow-up.

3. The Committee expressed concern about the implementation of, and continued difficulties experienced with, the Global Management System. On the specific issue of the internal controls, the Committee expressed further concern about the recurring nature of the weaknesses mentioned, notably at the Global Service Centre and with procurement and cash management in country offices. The Committee requested the Secretariat to take action to address these concerns.

4. The Committee also emphasized the need to expedite the implementation of an enterprise risk-management system.

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¹ For list of participants, see document A63/49, Annex.