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Report of the Internal Auditor

Sixth report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly

1. The second meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee was held in Geneva on 14 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr A.A. Yoosuf (Maldives).¹
2. The Committee reviewed the Report of the Internal Auditor,² containing the results of the internal audit, evaluations and investigations completed in 2004.
3. The Committee welcomed the Report and expressed satisfaction about the information on the current status on internal audit reports. It noted with concern the examples of delayed implementation and requested timely and effective follow-up by the Secretariat. Particular concern was expressed with respect to delayed implementation of audit recommendations in the Regional Office for Africa. The Committee noted the schedule annexed to the report and acknowledged that all recommendations are monitored until satisfactory disposition allows closure of the audit.
4. The Committee commented on the staffing level and the skills mix of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and enquired whether the current complement is adequate to meet its mandate. The Committee welcomed efforts that are under way to strengthen the Office.
5. The Committee recognized the work carried out in certain areas to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness, and encouraged continued efforts in this direction.

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¹ For list of participants, see document A58/27.

² Document A58/25.