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Reports of the External Auditor and Internal Auditor, and Progress on Implementation
Agenda Items 22.1, 22.2, 22.3

TALKING POINTS:

- The United States thanks the external and internal auditors for their work in identifying areas for continued improvement at WHO.
- The United States also appreciates the Secretariat's intention to address all new external and internal audit recommendations, and requests this effort be carried out within agreed timelines.
- One area of particular U.S. interest is strengthening emergency preparedness, and we note the importance of recommendations 21 through 29 from the external auditor for improving the World Health Emergencies Programme.
- We thank the Director of IOS for the update on the status of investigations and disciplinary actions related to the allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse stemming from the 10th Ebola Outbreak.
- We request that the Secretariat continue improving its investigation capacity to manage the growing caseload of all kinds of misconduct allegations.
- Finally, regarding issues IOS should consider in its 2025 workplan, we would encourage assessment of the risks both to the organization and to affiliate staff associated with the potential misuse of affiliate personnel, as those are described in the 2023 JIU review of non-staff personnel in the UN system organizations.