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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### (b) Joint Inspection Unit

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

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| <i>Executive summary:</i>   | This document provides information and comments on a JIU report received since C 112 |
| <i>Strategic direction:</i> | 1.1  |
| <i>High-level action:</i>   | 1.1.2  |
| <i>Planned output:</i>      | 1.1.2.14   |
| <i>Action to be taken:</i>  | Paragraph 6  |
| <i>Related documents:</i>   | None   |

#### Introduction

1 Since the 112th session of the Council in June 2014, the Secretary-General has received the JIU report on "**Post-Rio+20 review of environmental governance within the United Nations system**" (JIU/REP/2014/4). A copy of the aforementioned report is available from the website of the JIU at <https://www.unjiu.org>.

2 The Secretary-General and the senior management have given due consideration to the report and its recommendations and the comments provided in the ensuing paragraphs are on those recommendations that are applicable and germane to the role and functions of the Organization.

#### General

3 The objective of this review is to strengthen the governance of, and programmatic and administrative support for, multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) of the United Nations organizations, by identifying measures to promote enhanced coordination, coherence and synergies between MEAs and the United Nations system, thus increasing the contribution made by the United Nations system towards a more integrated approach to international environmental governance (IEG) and management at national, regional and international levels.

4 The review resulted in thirteen recommendations addressed to the executive heads and the legislative/governing bodies of the Organizations concerned, of which three recommendations (Recommendations 5, 11 and 12) require action by the IMO Secretary-General.

#### **Recommendation 5**

**The Secretary-General as the Chair of CEB should prepare where necessary, under the appropriate guidance of the General Assembly, a common policy and related guidelines to prevent the conflict of interest of any members and experts participating in technical and scientific panels and committees in the field of environment, to be followed by all United Nations system organizations and by multilateral environmental agreements.**

#### **Recommendation 11**

**The Secretary-General, after consultation with the executive heads of member organizations of CEB in his capacity as its Chair, should submit to the UNEA of UNEP and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, for approval, proposals for a system-wide framework of measuring and monitoring resources required for the implementation of environment protection and sustainable development within the United Nations system organizations.**

#### **Recommendation 12**

**The executive heads of the United Nations system organizations involved in country activities in the UNDAF should:**

**(a) Adopt outreach and training policy; support the establishment of capacity-building in the United Nations country team; and disseminate the UNDG guidance notes on mainstreaming environmental sustainability and the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development into the UNDAF process; and**

**(b) Support the operationalization of the above-mentioned policy and the attendant expertise within the framework of the United Nations country team with the effective participation and contribution of specialists and experts of UNEP and MEAs, when feasible, as well as with the active use of sector experts of specialized agencies, funds and programmes, who have environmental knowledge and expertise working under the guidance of the Resident Coordinator.**

5 The Secretary-General supports and welcomes each of these three recommendations. In relation to recommendation 12, the Secretary-General notes that IMO is not presently a member of UNDAF, while remaining supportive of and welcoming the recommendation.

#### **Action requested of the Council**

6 The Council is invited to take note of the information contained in this document and the report identified in paragraph 1, and the Secretary-General's comments therein.