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to: All Heads of Departments/Offices involved with
A: UNOPS implemented projects (List attached)

DATE: 20 July 2007

REFERENCE:

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FROM: Warren Sach, Assistant Secretary-General,
DE: Controller

SUBJECT: **Memoranda of agreement with UNOPS**

OBJET:

1. Further to my memorandum of 14 June 2006 concerning the financial situation of UNOPS, I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation shown by yourselves during this difficult period.

2. The Board of Auditors has now issued a report on the financial situation of UNOPS as at 31 December 2005. Consequent upon this, I have requested OIOS to review the internal controls and financial management practice in UNOPS that relate to projects funded by United Nations sources in order to assess the Organization's exposure to any financial and/or operational risk.

3. Pending the completion of the review by OIOS, please make the following changes to all proposed service agreements with UNOPS:

- a. For activities financed through the peacekeeping budgets, the duration should be from 1 July to 31 December 2007,
- b. For activities financed through voluntary contribution, any new agreement should have a duration ending before or on 31 December 2007,
- c. The following text should be added to each agreement under the Article VI, Financial Arrangements: "UNOPS shall authorize the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services, at the request of the United Nations Controller, to review its internal controls and financial management practice related to projects that are funded by the United Nations."

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4. Once the OIOS report is received, I trust that we can look forward to resuming normal arrangements for working together in partnership with UNOPS.

cc Dr. Migiro ✓
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