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TO: Ms. Susana Malcorra
A: Chef de Cabinet

DATE: 1 April 2014

THROUGH:
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FROM: Yukio Takasu
DE: Under-Secretary-General for Management

SUBJECT: **Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance of the United Nations**
OBJET: **for the biennium 2012-2013**

1. Pursuant to your memorandum dated 7 August 2013 regarding the procedures for approval/clearance of reports of the Secretary-General, we are pleased to inform you that the attached report of the Secretary-General was submitted on 31 March 2014 to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for processing. The report does not contain any policy proposals and is not viewed as politically sensitive for the Secretariat.

2. The report of the Secretary-General on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium is prepared pursuant to regulation 6.1 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8). Representing an important accountability and management tool in the Organization's results-based budgeting process, the report summarizes the major achievements of the Organization during the biennium 2012-2013, as well as the outputs delivered in the implementation of the work programme.

3. The report is comprised of four chapters with Chapter I serving as an introduction. Chapter II offers a high-level overview of the results accomplished by the Secretariat covering the 10 areas of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 in order to give Member States the opportunity to assess the Secretariat's performance at an aggregate level.

4. A summary of output implementation and resource utilization is included in Chapter III. The analysis of programme performance in regard to 33,696 mandated and additional outputs indicates that the Secretariat implemented 30,867 outputs, thereby achieving an overall implementation rate of 92 per cent in the 2012-2013 biennium. This represents an increase in relation to the 90 per cent in the previous biennium.

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5. Chapter IV covers programme performance achieved by each section of the biennial programme budget, providing a summary of programme-level highlights and performance constraints followed by a more detailed review of performance pertaining to individual subprogrammes. A total of 876 expected accomplishments achieved under 36 sections of the programme budget are covered in the report.

6. The report, combining a results-based analysis with an output-oriented one, provides a comprehensive overview of the major achievements and work performed by the United Nations Secretariat during the biennium 2012-2013.

7. Thank you.

Enclosure: Programme Performance Report of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013: report of the Secretary-General