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Report by the Director-General on the execution of the programme (34 C/5) (01 January - 31 December 2008)

Accounting, treasury management and financial control

Part III – Support for Programme Execution and Administration

Paragraph 14005

III.D – Accounting, treasury management and financial control

Regular budget: Activities (rounded to \$ thousand)

Planned: \$2 660 Actual: \$1 017

34 C/5 Expected Results	Achievements	Challenges/ Lessons Learnt	Cost- Effectiveness	Sustainability (Indicators or Measures)	Recommendations by the Executive Board
Integrated financial management and reporting systems in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAP functionality improvement initiated. • Most proposed changes are implemented & modules will soon be ready for roll out. • Last phase of Field Office accreditation underway in preparation for FABS rollout. • FABS successfully roll out to UBO. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOC and DIT are discussing the optimal MM solution for the Field. • The complexity of that module is challenging the project's timetable. • The appropriate training strategy needs to be defined as soon as possible in order to meet the rollout (and IPSAS) timeline. 			
Risk-based internal control systems established across the Organization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Internal Control Policy" framework established and training initiated across the Organization to foster the principles of risk based controls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement to review policies associated with each financial process so as to introduce a risk-based approach. 			
Financial reporting carried out in a timely manner and audited financial statements produced for certification by the External Auditor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Statements completed by due date and a clean opinion received from the External Auditors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the closing process, reducing the number of off-line manual adjustments. 			
Financial resources of the Organisation managed in an effective and efficient manner, in line with the Financial Regulations and Rules.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2008 investment performance was in accordance with the set benchmarks. New electronic payment platform implemented allowing more efficient payment process and electronic integration of Field Office bank statements into FABS at HQ. 97% of the HQ payments made STP - the remaining 3% represents only per diem payments by cheque to conference participants. The 50% target for electronic bank tool implementation achieved with offices banking with Citibank. 				
Implementing of the IPSAS project prepared, leading to its full adoption by 2010.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some significant steps have been made in 2008 on understanding requirements, analysing gaps between current and future accounting standards, identifying issues and defining new policies. A project structure has been established to tackle the remaining major tasks in 2009. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the context of IPSAS adoption, the necessity of identifying "gaps" between current and future accounting standards and presentation of Financial Statements. 			