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Dear Mr Achamkulangare,

I would like to thank you for sending the Management Letter entitled 'Review of the Acceptance and Implementation of JIU recommendations by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)' (JIU/ML/2016/13), and for the time and commitment you and your team dedicated to this review, as well as the collaborative way in which it was conducted.

While appreciating very much the analysis and findings presented in the Letter, I also thank you for the commendation that you address to UNESCO on the positive results related to the very high rates of acceptance implementation of JIU recommendations among all participating organizations and entities. I take the occasion to reiterate our commitment to strengthening our cooperation with the JIU, duly noting the areas for improvement that were raised.

I concur that opportunities exist to improve the dissemination of JIU reports to a wider audience and ensure JIU's work receives the appropriate level of visibility. In this regard options are being considered how to facilitate this. As an initial step, the Secretariat plans to present the following two JIU reports at the 201st Session of UNESCO's Executive Board in Spring 2017: (i) "Fraud prevention, detection and response in United Nations system organizations" (JIU/REP/2016/4) and (ii) "State of Internal Audit Function in the United Nations system".

UNESCO is committed to ensuring effective results from JIU's work, and the Secretariat will coordinate with UNESCO's legislative bodies to seek, on their agenda, a standing item on JIU reports.

Furthermore, UNESCO will make use of electronic dissemination of JIU reports received to ensure that all Member States have adequate time to review and appreciate the role that JIU plays in identifying good practices and setting standards to be attained.

With my renewed thanks, I remain.

Cordially,

Your sincerely,

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