

2007/17. Internal audit

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the UNICEF report on internal audit activities in 2006 (E/ICEF/2007/AB/L.8) and of the status report on implementation of Executive Board decision 2007/3 on the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (E/ICEF/2007/AB/L.7);
2. *Welcomes* the increased attention of the internal audit report to key and recurrent management issues and the clarity and format of the report and urges UNICEF to ensure that recurring audit issues are explicitly addressed in ongoing efforts to strengthen risk management practices, control and governance processes;
3. Also *welcomes* the follow-up by the management of UNICEF as stated in the management response (E/ICEF/2007/AB/L.9) that would diminish risks for the organization, and *urges* UNICEF to: (a) execute the proposed measures; (b) provide sufficient funding for their execution; and (c) report on the results of those measures in the management response to the annual report on internal audit in 2008;
4. *Takes note of* the analysis of the Office of Internal Audit regarding the necessity of additional resources to assure its sufficient audit capacity;
5. *Expresses* its continuing support for strengthening the UNICEF accountability and assurance processes; and *stresses* that the continuous improvement of audit reporting and management responses can provide increased assurance of the effectiveness of the organization's internal controls.

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