

Board of the Centre

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FIFTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Follow-up to the recommendations of the Chief Internal Auditor for the year ended 31 December, 2019

Introduction

1. The Chief Internal Auditor of the International Labour Office (ILO), who is also the Internal Auditor of the Centre, presented at the 82nd Session of the Board (October 2019) a report on significant findings resulting from its internal audit assignment undertaken at the Centre in 2018.¹
2. Based on a risk assessment of the Centre's business operations, the Office of Internal Audit and Oversight (IAO) issued three assurance audit reports in 2018 as follows:
 - The first audit focused on the review of the Evaluation System of the Centre. The audit did not identify any major control weaknesses and no high significance recommendations were made to management. The final report was issued in May 2018.
 - The second audit focused on the review of the Business Continuity Planning of the Centre. The audit did not identify any major control weaknesses but contained one high significance recommendation on the testing on the two data centers. The final report was issued in September 2018.
 - The third audit focused on the review of Travel. The audit did not identify any major control weaknesses and did not contain any high significance recommendations. The final report was also issued in September 2018.
3. This paper reports on the follow-up actions undertaken in 2019 on the IAO's recommendations on the above audits. All high priority recommendations contained in the Internal Auditor's reports to the Board in October 2019, along with the Centre's responses and details of completed follow-up actions, are set out in the Appendix.
4. The Centre will continue to work with the IAO and keep the Chief Internal Auditor informed on the progress of the implementation of any outstanding recommendations.

Turin, August 2020

¹ CC 82/4/4.

Recommendation No.	Recommendation	Centre response	Implementation status
Audit of the Business Continuity Planning			
1	The Centre should conduct a test to simulate the failure of each of the two on-site data centres to ensure that the Centre's business applications will operate as intended in the event of a disaster affecting either of the two data centres.	The test was successfully completed for one of the two data centres. The test on the second data centre was scheduled in March 2020 but had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown. This is now scheduled in the second half of 2020.	In progress