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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **Assignment No. AP2011/632/01: Audit of fuel management in UNMIS**

Reference is made to memorandum from OIOS: IAD 10- addressed to UNMIS Special Representative of the Secretary-General, dated 19 June 2011.

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to the OIOS audit of fuel management in UNMIS. Attached please find our comments on the specific recommendations listed in Annex 1 of the draft report.

2. UNMIS agrees with all four recommendations made by the OIOS Auditors. These recommendations are being worked on and are expected to be closed as per the dates indicated.

3. UNMIS would like to thank Internal Auditors for their assistance in improving the management of fuel in UNMIS.

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ANNEX I

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Audit of fuel management in UNMIS

Para. no.	Recommendation	Accepted? (Yes/No)	Implementation date	Client comments
13	OIOS advises UNMIS to take immediate action to set appropriate generator –specific standards/ load limits, based on the Engineering Section's assessment, to allow reliable monitoring of fuel efficiency to mitigate the risk of loss of fuel through misuse/ theft.	Yes	Sept. 30, 2011	In consultation with Engineering Section, Fuel Unit will use location and/or generator specific load factors as a basis for fuel over consumption monitoring instead of the generic 70% load factor.
18	OIOS advises UNMIS to ensure that the Fuel Unit conducts quality checks of data relating to the hours/kilometer readings of the generators and vehicles to facilitate follow-up and investigation, if necessary of unrealistic consumption of fuel.	Yes	Jan. 31, 2012	Fuel Officers do check accuracy of entries made into database by TRISTAR on the basis of field records on issue slips. These are many and the challenge is to avoid or correct all human errors. Running mileage and hour consistency check is part of the over consumption investigation process. Obvious errors in over consumption calculations are also picked up and checked prior to report being sent out to equipment users. As long as the system used is highly manual, it would be extremely difficult to have error-free data. The mission expects that the development and implementation of the new Electronic Fuel Management System [EFMS] would address the concern. DFS has planned to release the new system by end of December 2011.
24	OIOS advises UNMIS to ensure that the Aviation Unit maintains separate records of fuel obtained from other sources and provide the related information to the Fuel Unit for monitoring purposes.	Yes	Aug. 30, 2011	The mission's Aviation Section-Technical Compliance Unit [TCU] will maintain a separate record of fuel collected off-shore and, analyze and report to fuel unit the monthly average of hourly fuel consumption of each aircraft for review, evaluation and follow-up on investigation of over-consumption cases.
26	OIOS advises that UNMIS improves its monitoring over bulk fuel issued to authorized equipment at locations managed by the Mission.	Yes	Sept. 30, 2011	Fuel Unit will extend individual equipment fuel consumption monitoring to locations [such as TOB's] that are being supplied with bulk fuel. There is a need to develop a manual system, pending development of EFMS.