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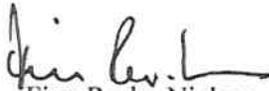
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TO: Ms. Eleanor T. Burns, Chief
A: Peacekeeping Audit Services
Internal Audit Division, OIOS

DATE 09 March 2012


FROM: Finn Reske-Nielsen

REFERENCE

DE: DSRSG Governance, Development and Humanitarian
Coordination

SUBJECT: **Audit of democratic governance support in UNMIT**

OBJET:

1. UNMIT management would like to thank the auditors for this report. We take note of the auditors' recommendation included herein, and would like to inform you that appropriate action has already been taken.
2. We are pleased to see that a majority of our comments were taken into account in finalising the draft report. Below are some additional comments for your consideration.
3. In regard to paragraph 4, we would like to make it clearer that the scope of the audit only covers 15 DGSU positions. We suggest reviewing the second to last sentence of this paragraph, to more clearly reflect that *only* fifteen posts were dedicated to activities covered by the scope of this audit (i.e., decentralization, transparency and accountability, civil service reform, civil society organizations and legal/constitutional affairs).
4. In regard to paragraph 22, which states that the data received from the local levels was not reviewed by DGSU, we would like to reiterate that most of the data in the DGSU Monthly Governance Report and Monthly Local Governance Report are verified by several DGSU staff at various levels. Some data are cross-checked by different sources.
5. In regard to paragraph 24, which only characterises the Democratic Governance Forums (DGF) as "informative", we have repeatedly made the point that these events are not organized for informational purposes, but they are primarily meant to promote a culture of democratic governance by providing citizens with opportunities to question and interact with their leaders. We would like to also note again that the DGF do not only involve members of parliament, but also government members, civil servants, local leaders, civil society, and ordinary citizens.

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