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**STATEMENT**

**by H.E. Mr. Victor Moraru,  
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on agenda item 27 “Towards global partnerships” of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee  
of the UN General Assembly**

- **Joint Inspection Unit report “The United Nations system: private sector partnerships arrangements in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” -**

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Mr. Chairman,

I should like to start, Mr. Chairman, by thanking the representative of the UN Secretariat for the introduction of the Secretary-General’s report on enhanced co-operation between the United Nations and its partners, in particular the private sector (A/73/326).

Likewise, I wish to thank Inspector Petru Dumitriu for his insightful presentation of the JIU report entitled “The United Nations system: private sector partnerships arrangements in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (A/73/186).

Both reports outline important and practical recommendations aimed at facilitating a stronger system-wide approach to partnerships that will enhance the impact of collaboration with the private sector and accelerate progress in realizing the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. Chairman,

The consideration by the Second Committee of the JIU reports is not a regular event provided that these documents are customarily examined by the Fifth Committee.

Therefore, we welcome this opportunity, particularly having in mind the high relevance of the JIU report for the topic before the Committee today.

We commend the Joint Inspection Unit for its focused work to incorporate lessons learned from previous reform endeavors into current UN reforms, including in the area of developing partnership practices aimed at unlocking the full potential of the UN collaboration with the private sector and other partners.

My delegation welcomes and supports the timely and valuable findings and recommendations contained in the JIU report, a sentiment that is also expressed in the related Note by the Secretary-General on this item, introduced by the distinguished representative of the CEB Secretariat (A/73/186/Add.1).

The 7 action lines and 12 specific recommendations, proposed by the JIU report, fit in and underpin the „system-wide approach to partnership”.

The Action line VI and Recommendation 10 underscore the particular value of system-wide innovation coordination.

It would be very much appreciated if the Inspector Dumitriu could elaborate more on this, as well on the operational and administrative aspects of partnerships.

More specifically, in chapter VI, section B (innovation partnership) the reading of paragraph 208 and subsequent gives the impression that Inspector’s recommendation is a compromise between two schools of thought.

One that is in favour of the creation of a system-wide common service on innovation or a leading agency as coordinator.

The other is that entrusting a coordination role in the dialogue with the private sector on innovation may have little or no uptake for the individual organisations.

Why is, in your opinion, the areas of innovation more prone to be used as “an unprecedented opportunity to think and act differently”?

Furthermore, in chapter III, section A (motivation of the private sector), you mention that your survey which was meant to collect views directly from private companies could not be conducted by any of the three major organisations you contacted (UN Global Compact, ICC, IOE). What is the main reason, in your opinion, and what can be done?

Mr. Chairman,

My last question to Inspector Dumitriu relates to the International Conference on the public-private partnerships for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, co-organized in April this year by the Joint Inspection Unit and the World Association for Sustainable Development (WASD).

To our knowledge this appears to be a new practice in the work of Joint Inspection Unit.

Therefore, it would be useful to know how this conference was financed; what was the intellectual contribution of the United Nations system organizations in the debates of the Conference and how the debates related to the JIU report under consideration.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.