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JIU REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

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From: FICSA Secretariat

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to share the JIU Report (JIU/REP/2024/4) on the Implementation of Mutual Recognition within the United Nations System Organizations.

The principle of mutual recognition allows one UN entity to rely on another's policies, procedures, contracts, and operational mechanisms without additional evaluation or approval. This approach fosters inter-agency collaboration, enhances efficiency, and reduces transaction costs for governments and partners. The General Assembly emphasized this principle in Resolution 71/243 (2016) as part of efforts to strengthen cooperation within the UN development system.

This review assesses the extent to which 21 participating organizations have implemented mutual recognition, having signed the Mutual Recognition Statement. The assessment covers six key functional areas: finance, human resources, procurement, logistics, information and communications technology, and administration and facility services.

Additionally, the review examines common business operations, including shared premises, back offices, and global services. Its objectives are to evaluate progress, assess policy effectiveness, and identify challenges, lessons learned, and best practices in mutual recognition.

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In solidarity,
