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Corrigendum

Please replace the last paragraph on page 9 of document L/7158 by the paragraph below.

Mr. Chairman, before concluding I would like to draw your attention to the observations and recommendations made by the auditors regarding vacancies in the top management contained in paragraph 9 of their findings and the related recommendation at paragraph 6(a), I would say that we fully share the concerns expressed by the auditors and the ACABQ. As I pointed out during the last meeting of the Budget Committee held on 16 October, three of the six management level positions in the ITC have been lying vacant for a very long period of time. The post of Executive Director has been lying vacant for almost one year; the post of Deputy Executive Director has been lying vacant for over seven months; and the post of Director of the Division of Administration has been lying vacant for more than one year. You will understand that it is difficult for an organization that is already very slim to function properly with so many top level posts left unfilled. You are all aware of the reason for the delay in the appointment of the Executive Director and therefore I will not go into that matter. I will only point out that the other two posts are equally important for the efficient running of the ITC. For example, the Deputy Executive Director, who is also the Director of Operations, has been responsible for internal co-ordination and supervision and for reconciling differences of opinion between operational divisions and the Administration. To conclude, we fully share the views expressed by the auditors and ACABQ that such a large number of vacancies at the top management level weakens the organization considerably and may have negative consequences on the Centre's performance; and we do hope that all these posts will be filled without further delay, as recommended both by the Board and the ACABQ.

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