

## 164<sup>th</sup> Session of Council

### **Item 5 –Report of the Joint Meeting of the 128<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 180<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (8, 12, 16 and 17 June 2020)**

I am pleased to present the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee and 180th Session of the Finance Committee submitted to the Council in document CL 164/5.

I shall now present to you salient highlights of the report of the Joint Meeting except for those matters which are covered under separate agenda items of this session of the Council.

On the *Use of the Unspent Balance of the 2018-19 Biennial Appropriation*, the Joint Meeting generally supported four of the proposals presented: i. Digitalization improvements; ii. Information security and geospatial data; iii. Emergency Operations Centre; and iv. Security and crisis management control facilities.

The Joint Meeting requested Management to identify appropriate alternative uses of USD 1.3 million proposed for the kitchen facilities upgrade and of USD 0.7 million for “Short-term increase in human resources to meet country-and territory-specific data, analysis and policy support needs”, while prioritizing COVID-19 response, and submit these alternative uses prior to the 164<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council for review and endorsement.

Management has identified alternative uses since the Joint Meeting, and these are contained in an overall, updated proposal on the use of unspent balance of the 2018-19 biennial appropriation, and it may be found in document CL 164/5 Sup.1.

I would be pleased to provide any further explanations you may have regarding our report.

*Ms Imelda Smolcic, Chairperson of the Finance Committee*