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Management comments to the internal audit report of WFP's Information Architecture (AR/13/05)

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WFP management appreciates the useful feedback provided by the Office of Internal Audit through this audit report on WFP's Information Architecture as well as the overall positive findings. WFP's Information Technology Division has been working on implementing the five recommendations contained therein.

Because of the complexity of the tasks at hand and the number of stakeholders involved in defining a robust information architecture, governance and data management policy, the objective is to ensure that all recommendations are implemented by the end of 2013.

The Information Technology Division is working with the Management Information System Steering Committee, to reinforce corporate compliance with IT governance requirements and to define a common governance and compliance framework across all IT functions and across all WFP business units worldwide.

The Information Technology Division's lead on the drafting of a policy framework for information governance remains dependent on the issuance and endorsement of the Master Data Governance Circular. Work has commenced on the identification of data stewards and key elements of the data dictionary, as well as formulating a master data management policy. An Executive Director Circular defining a master data management policy as well as ownership of and responsibilities for maintaining it will be issued by December 2013.

The Chief Information Officer and Director of the Information Technology Division is leading the work on related initiatives around Data Protection and Privacy. The Information Technology Division anticipates the publication of the data and classification policy and framework shortly after the issuance of the Master Data Governance Circular.

The Information Technology Division expects to deliver a first version of a real-time assets inventory tool by December 2013.