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	UN Board of Auditors' recommendations (as per A/59/5 Add 5)	**Status of implementation**	**Action taken or to be taken within an agreed timeframe**
76	The Board reiterates its recommendation that UNHCR continue to assess the qualifications of those implementing partners whose accounting systems and internal controls are not adequate. NGO Liaison Unit	Under implementation (agreed with Auditors to review the issue in 2008)	A working group which includes DFSM/Audit, DOS and the NGO Liaison Unit is being established to prepare additional criteria for selection of partners, both national and international, and to create a database for reference. Update as at March 07
151	UNHCR agreed with the Board's recommendation that it optimize the use of resources by cooperating with other UN agencies towards (a) reducing in the long term the diversity of solutions for systems that are not specific to its core mission, and (b) benefiting from lessons learned in such fields as data and communication security policies. DIST	Ongoing (agreed with the Auditors that a discussion on this issue will take place during Fall audit 2007)	Deliberations in the ICT Network Group on the applications inventory are ongoing. Access to the UNDP PeopleSoft HR environment was granted in February 2006. UNDP solutions are being scrutinized for re-use in UNHCR as the build work proceeds rapidly. DIST update as of October 06

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154	The Board recommends that UNHCR (a) adopt with the other organizations of the UN system a common methodology for determining the total cost of ownership of ICT, in order (b) to determine the variations in cost in different parts of the organization, (c) to assess whether or not outsourcing of ICT activities may be a viable option, and to evaluate ICT projects, their benefits, costs and risks, based on best practices. DIST	Under implementation	(a) and (b) The ICT Network has set up a task force to develop a common methodology for determining total cost of ownership. (c) A draft policy for project evaluation covering benefits, risk and cost has been prepared and approved by senior management (ICT Governance Board). DIST update as at Oct 06
160	UNHCR agreed with the Board's recommendation to improve the consistency of its data standards and policies, in conjunction with other United Nations entities. DIST	Ongoing (agreed with the Auditors that a discussion on this issue will take place during Fall audit 2007)	This item is a system-wide issue and is being dealt with in the context of the ICT Network of the HLCM DIST update as at October 2006
165	The Board recommends that UNHCR research, in conjunction with other United Nations entities, opportunities for cooperation and rationalization in ICT procurement. DIST	Under implementation	The ICT network has set up a task force to look at common procurement. UNHCR is participating in common procurement agreements set up by the ICT Network. While no joint procurement of software has been conducted so far, UNHCR has initiated an agreement with Microsoft, Novell and Adobe resulting in better prices for the UN family for software products as well as for support and maintenance For telecoms, no joint procurement has taken place. DIST update as at October 06