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This fifth and final section of the IO Watch archive begins with a discussion of the tremendous interest in global governance, and a subsection exploring the UN's role therein. A second subsection notes an emergence of an international "right to know" about nations' governmental actions and their comparative performance in many important areas, including a first attempt to even also hold international organizations accountable as a group. A third subsection examines the often hypocritical posture of the UN in repeatedly urging important moral values on others, despite its own weak performance in upholding them.

A fourth subsection identifies a set of factors which suggest that the UN is increasingly alone in its extremely unaccountable status, and a fifth subsection outlines major problems which are pressing the UN toward greater accountability. In a sixth and final substantive subsection, IO Watch presents a set of feasible measures which the UN could and should take, most of them already proposed or taken by other similar organizations, to reduce its own rule-of-law, performance, accountability, oversight, and pressing new shortcomings.

Finally, this archive presents IO Watch's bibliographic lists of the 50 top sources which it has discovered most useful in studying UN management accountability, and four subsidiary lists of the 50 top books, reports, articles, and materials on UN field operations from which they come. A similar, and concluding, subsection provides IO Watch's list of top related sources and websites that it has discovered.

As in other sections except programme performance, these subsections add brief IO Watch commentary and summaries to excerpt quotes, to piece together a "story line." This connective material is required primarily because the UN's lack of serious attention to management accountability, transparency, corruption, and oversight issues requires connecting "needles" plucked from the UN information "haystack", and of course

underscores the UN's entrenched aversion to proper legal, performance, accountability, and reporting processes.

The material presented is only an initial compilation, with many more quotations to be added in the future. IO Watch would particularly like to add documented contributions suggested by present and former UN staff members, and others (please see Contact IO Watch), to make this archive as full a record as possible.

(For an explanation of the nature, rationale, and parameters of the quoted excerpts found throughout this archive, please see the subsection on archive Rationale, Development, and Parameters .)

The following abbreviations of major UN organizations and entities appear throughout this archive:

ACABQ	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
ACC	Advisory Committee on Coordination (heads of UN system agencies, recently retitled "Chief Executives Board for Coordination")
Board of Auditors	of the United Nations
CPC	Committee for Programme & Coordination
DAM	Department of Administration and Management (recently retitled the Department of Management, DM)
DPI	Department of Public Information
DPKO	Department of Peace-keeping Operations
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
Fifth Committee	(Administrative and Budgetary) of the General Assembly
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
JIU	Joint Inspection Unit
OIOS	Office of Internal Oversight Services
OHRM	Office of Human Resources Management
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
WFP	World Food Programme