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### ORGANISATIONS RECEIVING DONATIONS

## THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED Fiscal years 2012 to 2016

**In an opinion published in 2014, the Court indicated that the use of funds resulting from appeals to public generosity issued by the National Union for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Unadev) was not consistent with the objectives presented by the association. The principal objective of this audit was to verify whether Unadev had rectified the problems raised previously by the Court. At the end of the audit, with regard to the due diligence procedures that were carried out and within the limits of the powers conferred on it, the Court considers that the expenses incurred by Unadev during the fiscal years 2012 to 2016 are consistent with the objectives of the appeals to public generosity issued by the association, subject to four reservations.**

The financial statements showing the use of funds for the fiscal years 2012 to 2016 complied with the regulatory standards governing their presentation. Unadev has modified its internal rules of procedure and the share of social missions now appear to be the major part of total employment. Furthermore, in response to the previous report issued by the Court, Unadev has transformed its previous delegates into “ambassadors”, in order to justify the allocation of almost all the corresponding costs to the social missions. The reality of the missions of these “ambassadors” was not fundamentally modified, however, resulting in an overestimate of the social missions relating to them.

However, significant challenges remain or have arisen, and the association is now faced with problems of governance, while the conditions of implementation of the collection of donations are still cause for concern. Finally, Unadev has called upon external service providers, to which they pay substantial fees, repeatedly and to a significant degree, and with very little transparency.

The Court of Auditors makes three recommendations.

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