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Dear Mayor Adams, Speaker Adams, Commissioner Strauber, and Inspector General Barrett:

The NYPD hereby submits its response to the December 18, 2024 Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD (“OIG”), “An Assessment of NYPD’s Compliance with the POST Act.” The Department responds to OIG’s recommendations as follows:

Recommendation One

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to reflect that personnel outside of TARU operate Department UAS and supervise UAS operations.

Recommendation Two

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to describe the approval, supervision, and reporting structure for UAS operations.

Recommendation Three

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to specify that the requirement of an FAA remote pilot certificate is applicable to all UAS operators.

Recommendation Four

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to include all capabilities of its UAS fleet.

Recommendation Five

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to include a reference to the Thermographic Cameras IUP.

Recommendation Six

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to specify that operations involving First-Person View drones, per FAA guidelines, require a designated visual observer unless there is an active COA waiving the requirement.

Recommendation Seven

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to reflect that TARU is not the only unit responsible for retaining UAS data and to specify the rules regarding the retention of that data.

Recommendation Eight

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to reflect that flight log information is automated and is entered directly into FORMS.

Recommendation Nine

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to disclose health and safety impacts related to UAS.

Recommendation Ten

The Department accepts OIG's recommendation to update the UAS IUP to include any potential disparate impact on protected groups related to the use and deployment of UAS.

The NYPD thanks OIG for their work in assessing the NYPD's compliance with the POST Act and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with OIG on this subject.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deputy Commissioner,
Legal Matters