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Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 30th, 31st, 52nd, 53rd and 57th meetings, on 21 and 22 November 2000, 26 and 28 March and 9 April 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.30, 31, 52, 53 and 57).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes (A/51/801);
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on rules and procedures to be applied for the investigation functions performed by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/469);
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes, updated version (A/55/826 and Corr.1);
 - (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996 (A/51/432);



(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/530 and Corr.1);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 (A/52/426);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/464);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 (A/53/428);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/54/393);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/55/436);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes (A/C.5/55/23).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/55/L.58

4. At the 57th meeting, on 9 April, the representative of Botswana, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft decision entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" (A/C.5/55/L.58).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/55/L.58 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" to the second part of its resumed fifty-fifth session.