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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (General Assembly resolution 31/192, annex), the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly the work programme of the Unit for 1983.

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ANNEX

Work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1983

The following work programme was drawn up in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976). As hitherto, the work programme is subject to change in the course of the year. When circumstances warrant, new studies may be added and planned studies may be modified, postponed or cancelled.

1. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

- (a) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
- (b) Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters of the United Nations Secretariat.
- (c) Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.
- (d) Concluding report on restructuring.

2. Development co-operation

- (a) Office of Project Execution of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- (b) Transport and Communication Decade in Africa.
- (c) Contribution of the United Nations system to the conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage in Asia and the Pacific.
- (d) Contribution of the United Nations system to the conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage in Africa.
- (e) Co-ordination of the work of the organizations of the United Nations system in Latin American and Caribbean rural development.

3. Management questions

- (a) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
- (b) International Maritime Organization.
- (c) Management of and co-operation between libraries of the United Nations system.

- (d) Budgets and medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system.
- (e) UNDP evaluation system.
- (f) Initial report and relationships between non-governmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system.
- (g) Recruitment policy and its application by the International Labour Organisation.

4. Preliminary studies

In addition to the above studies for which it is planned to issue formal reports, the Unit will carry out, in accordance with a new policy, a number of preliminary studies. The purpose of the preliminary studies is to determine for each subject whether or not a formal study and report would be likely to result in constructive recommendations for reforms in a priority area. When a preliminary study has positive findings, the Inspectors, at one of their semi-annual meetings, will consider including a full study on the same or related subject in their formal work programme. In 1983, it is planned to carry out preliminary studies on the following subjects:

- (a) Staff training at Geneva;
- (b) Use of computers and related equipment by the United Nations system;
- (c) Publications programme of an organization or department;
- (d) Reporting to inter-governmental bodies;
- (e) Inter-organization co-operation on food questions;
- (f) Technical co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean;
- (g) Role of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in South-East Asia;
- (h) Aspects of peace-keeping activities of the United Nations;
- (i) Further work on relations between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations system;
- (j) Social Security Department of the International Labour Organisation;
- (k) Aspects of technical co-operation of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

- (l) Joint project, co-sponsored by the Nordic countries and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on communication development;
 - (m) Administrative arrangements for services in cities in which several organizations of the United Nations system have offices.
5. In addition, the Inspectors will carry out a number of internal reviews designed to improve the efficiency of the Unit on such subjects as self-assessment of past activities, revised standards and methods for preparing reports of the Joint Inspection Unit and techniques for follow-up on those reports.
