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JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Draft resolution proposed by the Chairman following informal discussions

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/259 of 18 December 1985 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, 1/ welcoming the recommendations for self-improvement contained in chapter VI therein and noting the observations and suggestions of Member States thereon,

Recognizing the need to avoid duplication and overlapping in the activities of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly,

Convinced that the General Assembly should give the Joint Inspection Unit greater guidance on its programme of work with respect to the United Nations,

Convinced also that more systematic follow-up activity regarding the implementation of Joint Inspection Unit recommendations would increase the usefulness of the inspection function, particularly in encouraging constructive dialogue between the Joint Inspection Unit and the various organizations of the United Nations system,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session,
Supplement No. 34 (A/42/34 and Corr.1).

Bearing in mind the recommendations regarding the Joint Inspection Unit of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations,

1. Invites the Joint Inspection Unit to introduce the improvements contained in chapter VI of its report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session immediately in order to increase the quality and effectiveness of its reports;
2. Calls upon the Joint Inspection Unit to adopt a more collective approach in the preparation of its work programme, conduct of work and writing of individual reports;
3. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to include in its annual report a section on its findings regarding implementation of Joint Inspection Unit recommendations;
4. Invites the Joint Inspection Unit, with due regard for its other responsibilities, to include in its proposed programme of work the advising of organizations on their methods for internal evaluation as well as the undertaking of more ad hoc evaluations of programmes and activities;
5. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to include in its next report its guidelines for the selection, conduct and reporting of its inspections;
6. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to ensure, as far as possible, that its reports are co-ordinated with the programmes of work of the various organs of the United Nations and to submit them in a timely manner;
7. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit, in exercising its functions, powers and responsibilities, to take fully into account the mandates of other relevant organs, especially the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Board of Auditors and the International Civil Service Commission;
8. Invites the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, within their respective mandates, to provide the General Assembly with their views on the future programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit;
9. Further requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to advise the General Assembly on which cases the Joint Inspection Unit might perform ad hoc external evaluations of programmes and activities;
10. Urges Member States to apply the highest standards in selecting candidates for appointment as inspectors and to give special emphasis to relevant experience and qualifications in the field of personnel management, public administration, inspection and evaluation, and to give consideration to different disciplines;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the appropriate bodies of the United Nations all Joint Inspection Unit reports on matters within their respective areas of competence, to include reference to all Joint Inspection Unit reports in the documentation listed in the annotated preliminary agenda of the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies under the most appropriate substantive agenda item;

12. Further requests all United Nations bodies to examine closely those Joint Inspection Unit reports which are within their respective areas of competence and to comment, as appropriate, on the recommendations contained therein;

13. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the executive heads of the participating organizations of the Joint Inspection Unit.
