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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 118: ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CO-ORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY  
(continued) (A/41/671 and A/42/683)

(c) FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SINGLE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (continued) (A/42/328 and A/C.5/42/L.17)

1. Mr. GOMEZ (Controller), replying to questions raised at the previous meeting said that the consultations referred to in paragraph 1 (a) of draft resolution A/C.5/42/L.17 would be announced in the Journal.

2. Mr. SZASZ (Director, General Legal Division, Office of Legal Affairs), responding to the question put by the representative of the United States at the previous meeting, said that the reference in paragraph 1 (b) to the Director-General of the International Labour Office was perfectly correct. The Office was the secretariat of ILO.

3. MR. BOUR (France) pointed out that the third and fourth lines of paragraph 1 (a) were ambiguous, since they could be construed to mean that the Secretary-General was proposing that a single administrative tribunal should be established, whereas everyone knew that the proposal, as stated in paragraph 2, concerned the harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations.

4. Mr. REFSHAL (Norway) said that the ambiguity could be dealt with by placing the words "feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal" in paragraph 1 (a) in quotation marks, as had been done in the first preambular paragraph.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to the amendment proposed by the representative of Norway.

6. It was so decided.

7. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/42/L.17, as orally amended, without a vote.

8. It was so decided.

9. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, under the same item, the Committee had also considered two reports of the Advisory Committee contained in documents A/41/671 (consideration of which had been deferred in 1986) and A/42/683.

(The Chairman)

10. He proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that it take note with appreciation of the reports of the Advisory Committee (A/41/671 and A/42/683) and transmit them to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and also to the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit.

11. It was so decided.

12. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of item 118 and that he would ask the Rapporteur to report directly to the General Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 119: JOINT INSPECTION UNIT: REPORTS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT  
(continued) (A/C.5/42/L.15)

13. The CHAIRMAN reminded members that the Committee had previously decided that it would consider relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit in connection with substantive agenda items and sections of the programme budget to which they were related, but noted that there were other reports of JIU which did not fall under any such item or section. The Committee therefore had before it draft decision A/C.5/42/L.15 listing such reports and taking note of them. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft decision A/C.5/42/L.15.

14. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 123: UNITED NATIONS COMMON SYSTEM: REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (continued) (A/C.5/42/L.18)

15. Mr. MURRAY (Trinidad and Tobago), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/42/L.18, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman, said that it was the outcome of informal consultations. The report of the International Civil Service Commission was of crucial importance for personnel questions affecting the common system, and he drew attention in that connection to the preambular part of the draft resolution. The complexity of the remuneration system and the technical nature of the ICSC report made the latter difficult to understand on first reading, and consultations on it must take into account the views of Member States and accommodate the interests of staff members. The report reflected a series of compromises designed to reconcile various interests. It would please no one but would not be unacceptable to the interested parties.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.