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Addendum

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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Programme 25. Internal oversight

1. At its 32nd meeting, on 24 June 1996, the Committee considered programme 25, Internal oversight, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

Discussion

2. Many delegations expressed support for the programme. A few delegations noted that no mention was made of an inspection element in subprogramme 25.3, and one delegation inquired about possible overlap of some contents of subprogrammes 25.1 and 25.3.

3. The importance of ensuring the implementation of recommendations made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services was emphasized by some. Some delegations also emphasized the need for measurable objectives and outputs.

4. The importance of coordination of the activities by the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit was recognized, and the representative of the Office explained how this was being achieved in practice.

5. It was noted that, consistent with an earlier decision, Internal oversight appeared as a separate programme. Nevertheless, some delegations expressed the view that this programme should not be a separate programme but should become a part of programme 25, Administrative services.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of programme 25, Internal oversight, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, with the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 25.14 (c) bis: Add a new subparagraph after paragraph 25.14 (c) reading:

"(d) To undertake timely identification of problems affecting the full, effective and efficient implementation of programmed activities and recommend corrective measures as appropriate";

(b) Paragraph 25.17 (b) (bis): Add a new subparagraph after paragraph 25.17 (b) reading:

"(c) To provide guidance to the Secretary-General on jurisdictional or disciplinary action to be taken following a finding of waste, fraud or mismanagement with respect to the staff and resources of the Organization";

(c) [Transfer the whole of programme 25, Internal oversight, to programme 24, Administrative services, to become subprogramme 24.6, Internal oversight].
