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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC  
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE FINANCES OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Report on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit  
during the period 1 July 1969-30 June 1970

During the 1377th meeting the representative of Guyana, on behalf of the delegations of Barbados, Ghana, Guyana, India, Mexico and the United Republic of Tanzania, submitted the following text to be included in the report of the Fifth Committee on this subject:

In the interest of improving the operations of the Joint Inspection Unit, while at the same time bearing in mind its independent status, the Fifth Committee recommends that the following procedures be implemented:

(a) The Joint Inspection Unit should publish details of its work programme at the beginning of each year. It is hoped that in this way overlap and duplication of work carried out by the various bodies in this field may be lessened. The Joint Inspection Unit will, of course, be able to adjust its work programme as it sees fit and will continue to make use of the device of unscheduled, on-the-spot inspections.

(b) The Joint Inspection Unit should give priority attention to requests for reports from legislative bodies. In this connexion the Committee suggests to the appropriate legislative bodies that they fully utilize the expertise of the Joint Inspection Unit in the preparation of suitable studies and reports. Furthermore, the Committee is of the view that field visits should be undertaken primarily in response to requests from participating organizations.

(c) It is noted that legislative bodies are beginning to devote more attention to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit. The Committee requests such organs to continue to arrange their work programmes in such a way that sufficient time is allocated for full consideration of the Unit's reports.

(d) The reports of the Joint Inspection Unit should in future be made available to Member States upon issue. It is nevertheless understood that the General Assembly and/or the Economic and Social Council will withhold final action on the reports until the comments of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions have been received.

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