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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2024, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-ninth session the item entitled “Joint Inspection Unit” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 23rd and 30th meetings, on 24 February and 28 March 2025. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2024 and programme of work for 2025 ([A/79/34](#));
 - (b) Note by the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2024 ([A/79/742](#));
 - (c) Note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of consideration of and action taken on the reports and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit by United Nations system organizations” ([JIU/REP/2024/2](#)) ([A/79/717](#));
 - (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of consideration of and action taken on the

¹ [A/C.5/79/SR.23](#) and [A/C.5/79/SR.30](#).



reports and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit by United Nations system organizations” ([A/79/717/Add.1](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/79/L.32](#)

4. At its 30th meeting, on 28 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Joint Inspection Unit” ([A/C.5/79/L.32](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/79/L.32](#) without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions [31/192](#) of 22 December 1976, [50/233](#) of 7 June 1996, [54/16](#) of 29 October 1999, [56/245](#) of 24 December 2001, [57/284](#) A and B of 20 December 2002, [58/286](#) of 8 April 2004, [59/267](#) of 23 December 2004, [60/258](#) of 8 May 2006, [61/238](#) of 22 December 2006, [61/260](#) of 4 April 2007, [62/226](#) of 22 December 2007, [62/246](#) of 3 April 2008, [63/272](#) of 7 April 2009, [64/262](#) of 29 March 2010, [65/270](#) of 4 April 2011, [66/259](#) of 9 April 2012, [67/256](#) of 12 April 2013, [68/266](#) of 9 April 2014, [69/275](#) of 2 April 2015, [70/257](#) of 1 April 2016, [71/281](#) of 6 April 2017, [72/269](#) of 4 April 2018, [73/287](#) of 15 April 2018, [75/270](#) of 16 April 2021, [76/261](#) of 13 April 2022, [77/279](#) of 18 April 2023 and [78/276](#) of 24 April 2024,

Reaffirming the statute of the Unit¹ and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

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Report of the Joint Inspection Unit

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2024 and programme of work for 2025² and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2024,³

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2024 and programme of work for 2025;
2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2024;
3. *Stresses* the importance of the oversight functions of the Unit in identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions within the participating organizations and providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations to improve and strengthen the governance of the United Nations as a whole;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Unit to ensure efficient and effective mandate delivery, and encourages the Unit to continue its efforts towards enhancing accountability, oversight and governance of the United Nations;
5. *Recognizes* that the effectiveness of the Unit system-wide is a shared responsibility of the Unit, the Member States and the secretariats of the participating organizations;

¹ Resolution [31/192](#), annex.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 34* ([A/79/34](#)).

³ [A/79/742](#).

6. *Also recognizes* the need to continue to enhance the impact of the Unit on the management efficiency and transparency of the participating organizations within the United Nations system;

7. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue to share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of the audit and oversight bodies;

8. *Underscores* the unique role of the Unit as an external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body, and stresses the important contribution that its recommendations make towards improving the efficient and effective performance of the United Nations system;

9. *Reaffirms* the independence of the Unit as set out in article 7 of its statute and stresses that budget estimates are to be prepared in a transparent and consistent manner for submission to the General Assembly in accordance with article 20 of the statute of the Unit;

10. *Encourages* the Unit to continue to identify projects which support a more effective United Nations that is capable of providing relevant single and system-wide solutions to current and future challenges;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments, including information on what they intend to do regarding the recommendations of the Unit, to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs and to provide information on the steps to be taken to implement those recommendations accepted by the legislative organs and the executive heads of participating organizations;

12. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of its resolution [78/276](#), and invites the legislative bodies of participating organizations to effectively and substantially use the reports of the Unit, and to give unselective and due consideration to its recommendations, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the statute of the Unit, and regularly review the status of acceptance and implementation of the recommendations of the Unit in an effort to make best use of its recommendations;

14. *Also recalls* paragraph 13 of its resolution [78/276](#) and notes with concern the continuation of significantly different rates of acceptance and implementation of recommendations from the Unit by some participating United Nations system organizations, and therefore requests the Unit to continue to examine and improve the status quo without damaging the strength of recommendations;

15. *Invites* the executive heads of participating United Nations system organizations to implement accepted recommendations of the Unit in a timely manner;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of its resolution [78/276](#) and invites participating organizations within the United Nations system to regularly review the status of acceptance and implementation of the recommendations of the Unit, especially those related to system-wide coordination and coherence, and invites participating organizations to report non-acceptance and non-implementation to the Unit;

17. *Invites* the Unit, in the course of its work, to continue its efforts for oversight and review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations;

18. *Also invites* the Unit to keep under review the long-term effectiveness of its implemented recommendations;

19. *Encourages* the Unit to continue its efforts to maximize the efficiency of limited resources in implementing its mandates, and to promote a culture of efficiency within the Unit;

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Review of consideration of and action taken on the reports and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit by United Nations system organizations

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of consideration of and action taken on the reports and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit by United Nations system organizations”⁴ and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,⁵

Takes note of the notes by the Secretary-General.

⁴ [A/79/717](#).

⁵ [A/79/717/Add.1](#).