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JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Organization and methods for official travel

Barbados, Norway, United States: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3198 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 and 32/198 of 21 December 1977 on the standards of accommodation for official travel of United Nations staff and members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations,

1. Notes the report on organization and methods for official travel by the Joint Inspection Unit 1/ as well as the note of the Secretary-General 2/ and the report of the Advisory Committee, 3/
2. Concurs with the recommendation of the Joint Inspection Unit that the United Nations select a commercial travel agency under an in-plant arrangement through wide-spread international competitive bidding at appropriate intervals;
3. Concurs with the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit that the Secretary-General undertake negotiations with air carriers or with the interested Governments which sponsor carriers to obtain discounts in countries where this is permitted or to relax conditions which are an obstacle to obtaining the most economical fares;

1/ A/37/357.

2/ A/37/357/Add.1.

3/ A/37/7/Add.15.

4. Calls on the Secretary-General to keep the possibility of establishing a United Nations Travel Agency under review and to report accordingly to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

5. Calls on the Secretary-General to study the possibility of in-plant travel arrangements for United Nations offices at duty stations other than New York;

6. Reaffirms its resolution 32/198 that travel expenses shall be limited to the least costly airfare structure regularly available with the exception however that Under-Secretaries-General, Assistant Secretaries-General and delegates previously entitled under special circumstances to first class travel should travel under the same circumstances by business class or equivalent, when available, on all trips;

7. Calls on the Secretary-General to examine further for possible application the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit on travel procedures;

8. Endorses the intention of the Secretary-General to share his experience in introducing improved travel arrangements with other members of the ACC and hopes that these exchanges will lead to a co-ordinated approach to travel arrangements by the organization of the United Nations system as proposed by the Joint Inspection Unit;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the thirty-eighth General Assembly.
