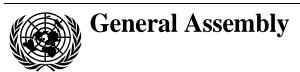
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# Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

## Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. Introduction

- 1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
- 2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, under this item, at its 4th and 6th meetings, on 27 September and 2 October 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.4 and 6).
- 3. For its consideration of the question the Committee had before it the report of the Joint Inspection Unit<sup>1</sup> and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2000 and the preliminary list of potential reports for 2001 and beyond (A/54/960).
- 4. At the 4th meeting, on 27 September, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement and introduced the report of the Unit (see A/C.5/55/SR.4).

#### II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.5

5. At the 6th meeting, on 2 October, the representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/55/34).

introduced a draft resolution entitled "Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/55/L.5).

- 6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.5 without a vote (see para. 8).
- 7. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba (see A/C.5/55/SR.6).

### III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

### **Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/16 of 29 October 1999,

- 1. Takes note of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1999;<sup>2</sup>
- 2. Also takes note of the programme of work of the Unit for 2000 and the preliminary list of potential reports for 2001 and beyond;<sup>3</sup>
- 3. *Stresses* the importance of timely consideration of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit by all participating organizations;
- 4. Looks forward to the report requested in paragraph 6 of its resolution 54/16 concerning progress made in the implementation of the system of follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit;
- 5. *Recognizes* the critical role of legislative bodies, their secretariats and the Joint Inspection Unit in the success of the implementation of the system;
- 6. Takes note of paragraphs 19 and 20 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1998<sup>4</sup> and reaffirms article 20 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and paragraph 182 of General Assembly resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999 and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to submit the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the budget proposals made by the Unit as required by the statute;
- 7. *Invites* the Joint Inspection Unit to continue to develop interaction with other United Nations oversight bodies and to intensify relations with the oversight bodies of other participating organizations with a view to achieving better coordination and sharing best practices;
- 8. *Decides* to consider the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on an annual basis.

<sup>3</sup> See A/54/960.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/54/34).