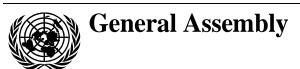
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Letter dated 15 October 2002 from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I would like to inform you that the Sixth Committee held an informal session on 10 October 2002 during which it considered the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/57/16), as well as the report on indepth evaluation of legal affairs (E/AC.51/2002/5) prepared by the Office of Internal Oversight Services. The Committee had a very useful and insightful exchange of views on several issues. It had the benefit of the presence of the Legal Counsel and of a representative of the Office of Internal Oversight Services who offered, as needed, clarifications and explanations.

The Sixth Committee took note with satisfaction of paragraph 289 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in which the Committee for Programme and Coordination recommended approval of recommendations 1 to 7, 9 and 11 to 20 of the in-depth evaluation.

(Signed) Arpad Prandler