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JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th and 5th plenary meetings, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The present report deals with the following reports of the Joint Inspection Unit:

- (a) Annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit;
- (b) Implications of additional languages in the United Nations system;
- (c) Reports relating to personnel questions:
 - (i) Women in the Professional Category and above in the United Nations System;
 - (ii) Second report on the Implementation of the Personnel Policy Reforms approved by the General Assembly in 1974;
 - (iii) General Service staff of the United Nations and Geneva-based specialized agencies;
- (d) Reports relating to programming and evaluation:
 - (i) Evaluation in the United Nations system;
 - (ii) Programming and evaluation in the United Nations;
 - (iii) United Nations Public Administration and Finance Programme, 1972-1976.

II. REPORTS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

A. Annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. The Fifth Committee considered the tenth report on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/C.5/33/5) at its 15th meeting, on 13 October 1978. Comments made by delegations and by the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit in the course of the discussion on this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/33/SR.15).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

4. At its 15th meeting, on 13 October 1978, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should take note of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit (see para. 20 below).

B. Implications of additional languages in the United Nations system

5. The Fifth Committee considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the implications of additional languages in the United Nations system (A/32/237) at its 33rd, 40th and 42nd meetings, on 14, 22 and 27 November. Comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion on this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/33/SR.33, 40 and 42).

6. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the implications of additional languages in the United Nations system (A/32/237);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments thereon of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (A/33/340);

(c) Observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the item (A/33/368).

7. At its 33rd meeting, on 14 November, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the subject. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the Advisory Committee's observations.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

8. Following a discussion of the report and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Fifth Committee, at its 42nd meeting, on 27 November decided to recommend that the General Assembly should take note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU/REP/77/5), the comments of the Administrative

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Committee on Co-ordination (A/33/340) and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/368) (see para. 20 below).

C. Reports relating to personnel questions

9. The Committee considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on women in the Professional Category and above in the United Nations system (A/33/105 and Add.1) and the second report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the implementation of the personnel policy reforms approved by the General Assembly in 1974 (A/33/228) jointly with agenda item 110, entitled "Personnel questions", at its 8th, 11th, 12th, 14th to 20th, 23rd, 24th, 54th to 59th and 61st meetings, held from 4 October to 14 December. The Committee considered separately the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on General Service staff of the United Nations and Geneva-based specialized agencies (A/32/327) at its 5th, 9th, 15th, 20th, 57th and 61st meetings, from 29 September to 14 December 1978.

10. The views expressed by delegations during the discussion are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/33/SR.5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14-20, 23, 24, 54-57, 59 and 61).

11. In its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on Women in the Professional Category and above in the United Nations system (A/33/105 and Add.1);

(b) Second report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the implementation of the personnel policy reforms approved by the General Assembly in 1974 (A/33/228); and

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on General Service staff of the United Nations and Geneva-based specialized agencies (A/32/327).

12. An account of the disposition of the item by the Committee, as well as the text of the draft resolution adopted, is contained in the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 110, entitled "Personnel questions" (A/33/525).

D. Reports relating to programming and evaluation

13. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 30th to 33rd and 35th meetings, from 9 to 16 November.

14. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report on evaluation in the United Nations system (A/33/225):

(i) Comments thereon of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (A/33/225/Add.1);

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- (ii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its eighteenth session; 1/
- (b) Report on programming and evaluation in the United Nations (A/33/226):
 - (i) Comments thereon by the Secretary-General (A/33/226/Add.1);
 - (ii) Observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/226/Add.2 and Corr.1);
- (iii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its eighteenth session: 1/
 - (c) Report on the United Nations public administration and finance programme, 1972-1976 (A/33/227):
 - (i) Comments thereon by the Secretary-General (A/33/227/Add.1);
 - (ii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its eighteenth session. 1/

15. At its 30th meeting, on 9 November, the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination introduced that Committee's report 1/ in an oral statement.

16. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a correction to that Committee's observations (A/33/226/Add.2/Corr.1) also in an oral statement.

17. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of that Unit on programming and evaluation in the United Nations (A/33/226).

18. At its 31st meeting, on 10 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning and Co-ordination made an oral statement on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/33/226/Add.1).

19. The recommendation of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly on this subject is contained in the recommendation on agenda item 101, entitled "Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983" (A/33/482, para. 21).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

20. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should:

- (a) Take note of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit; 2/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 38, (A/33/38).

2/ A/C.5/33/5.

(b) Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the implications of additional languages in the United Nations system, 3/ and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination 4/ and the related observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. 5/

3/ A/32/237.

4/ A/33/340.

5/ A/33/368.