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Draft report

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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013

(Item 3 (a))

Programme 26

Jointly financed activities

1. At its 16th meeting, on 17 June 2010, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 26, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6 (Prog. 26)).
2. The representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the relevant components of the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the overall orientation of the programme.
4. Regarding component A, International Civil Service Commission, of programme 26, clarification was sought on the impact of the human resources standards recommended by the secretariat of the Commission, in particular the efforts to improve staff mobility between Headquarters and other duty stations. Questions were raised as to the method and frequency of the review of the hardship classification of field duty stations.
5. Regarding component B, Joint Inspection Unit, of programme 26, clarification was sought on the follow-up system agreed between the Unit and its participating organizations, in particular in respect of the results of the implementation of Unit



recommendations. It was observed that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit were circulated widely to other committees, but that they were presented infrequently to the Committee for Programme and Coordination. While the need to avoid duplicating the efforts of Committees was recognized, it was suggested that those Unit reports which dealt with coordination issues could also be presented to the Committee for Programme and Coordination in future, where appropriate, in accordance with resolution 62/224, in which the General Assembly had welcomed the intention of the Committee for Programme and Coordination to enhance its dialogue on coordination issues with the Joint Inspection Unit and the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).

6. Regarding component C, United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, of programme 26, questions were raised as to the practicality of measuring the coherence, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the system-wide coordination activities implemented by CEB member organizations. Clarification was sought regarding the role and mandates of the United Nations Development Group as a third pillar of CEB and the role of the CEB secretariat in ensuring that the mandates and operational modalities of task forces and working groups established by the Board aligned with the mandates conferred by Member States. The importance of transparency in the operation of CEB was also emphasized.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 26, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

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Overall orientation

Paragraph 26.11

In the last sentence, after the words “of country-level development operations”, insert the words “in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/208”.

Paragraph 26.12

In the second sentence, after the words “The Board will focus on”, insert the words “and coordinate the activities of the United Nations organs, funds and programmes towards”.

In the third sentence, after the word “coherence”, add the words “and coordination”.

In the fourth sentence, replace the words “fostering joint responses to global challenges, such as those related to climate change, the global food security crisis, eradication of poverty and safety and security issues” with the words “coordinating joint responses to global challenges, such as those related to climate change, the global food security crisis, eradication of poverty and safety and security issues, in accordance with intergovernmental mandates”.

In the fifth sentence, replace the words “of both climate change considerations in the work of United Nations system organizations and a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the policies and programmes of the system” with the words “of a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the policies and programmes of the system, in accordance with intergovernmental mandates”.

Paragraph 26.14

At the end of the paragraph, add the words “through, inter alia, the publication of the inter-agency decisions”.

Paragraph 26.15

In item (f), after the words “the Economic and Social Council”, add the words “and the engagement of the CEB secretariat with the Committee for Programme and Coordination”.

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (iii) to read:

“(iii) Number of joint or complementary activities to implement the decisions of the intergovernmental organs, especially the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as approved by the General Assembly”.

Strategy

Paragraph 26.16

In the third sentence, replace the words “coherent and effective guidance with regard to country-level operations” with the words “coherence and coordination with regard to country-level operations in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/208”.

Legislative mandates

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General Assembly resolutions

After the last entry, add the following:

62/224 and 63/247

Programme planning