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JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1984, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in its agenda and to allocate to the Fifth Committee the item entitled:

"Joint Inspection Unit: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit".

2. The General Assembly decided to allocate this item to the Fifth Committee on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

3. The Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit; 1/
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to the members of the General Assembly the work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1984 (A/39/87);
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/39/145 and Corr.1);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/39/34).

- (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to the members of the General Assembly the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on publications policy and practice in the United Nations system (A/39/239);
- (e) Publications policy and practice in the United Nations system: comments of the Secretary-General (A/39/239/Add.1 and Corr.1);
- (f) Publications policy and practice in the United Nations system: comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (A/39/239/Add.2);
- (g) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on publications policy and practice in the United Nations system (A/39/602);
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to members of the General Assembly the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system (A/39/299);
- (i) Co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system: comments of the Secretary-General (A/39/299/Add.1);
- (j) Co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system: comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (A/39/299/Add.2 and Corr.1);
- (k) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system (A/39/603);
- (l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to members of the General Assembly the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on common services of the United Nations organizations at the Vienna International Centre (A/39/520);
- (m) Common services of the United Nations organizations at the Vienna International Centre: comments of the Secretary-General (A/39/520/Add.1);
- (n) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on common services of United Nations organizations at the Vienna International Centre (A/39/733);

4. The Committee considered this item at its 26th, 31st, 35th, 38th and 53rd meetings, on 13, 20, 27 and 29 November and 15 December. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/39/SR.26, 31, 35, 38 and 53).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

5. At its 53rd meeting on 15 December, the representative of the Bahamas introduced draft resolution A/C.5/39/L.25 (also relating to item 112) and orally revised the draft resolution by adding, under section III, a new preambular paragraph which read as follows:

"Taking into account the views expressed during the debate in the Fifth Committee".

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/39/L.25, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Administrative and Budgetary Co-ordination of the
United Nations with the specialized agencies and
the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

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ANNUAL REPORT

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities during the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984, 2/ the work programme of the Unit for 1984 3/ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit, 4/

Recalling the fundamental role of the Joint Inspection Unit in the independent investigation and evaluation of activities undertaken by organizations for efficiency of services, proper use of funds and improved management and methods to achieve greater co-ordination between organizations,

Recalling further its resolution 38/229 of 20 December 1983,

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/39/34).

3/ A/39/87.

4/ A/39/145 and Corr.1.

1. Takes note with appreciation of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;
2. Renews its invitation to United Nations organs, when considering reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to bear in mind the importance of specific, clear decisions on the recommendations contained in the Unit's reports for effective follow-up action by the Unit;
3. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit, when preparing its annual programme of work, to concentrate, to the greatest extent possible, on those areas which are of greatest importance and relevance within the United Nations system;
4. Invites the Joint Inspection Unit to include, in its annual report to the General Assembly on its programme of work, the basis for the selection of each study;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, together with the comments of the Secretary-General thereon, are provided on a regular basis to the appropriate subsidiary organs of the General Assembly for review;

II

PUBLICATIONS POLICY AND PRACTICE IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on publications policy and practice in the United Nations system 5/ and the related comments of the Secretary-General, 6/ the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination 7/ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 8/

1. Concurs with the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement these recommendations accordingly.

5/ A/39/239.

6/ A/39/239/Add.1 and Corr.1.

7/ A/39/239/Add.2.

8/ A/39/602.

III

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AND MANAGEMENT OF LIBRARIES
IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system 9/ and the related comments of the Secretary-General, 10/ the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination 11/ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 12/

Taking into account the views expressed during the debate in the Fifth Committee,

1. Concurs with the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement these recommendations accordingly;

IV

COMMON SERVICES OF UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS
AT THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on common services of the United Nations organizations at the Vienna International Centre 13/ and the related comments of the Secretary-General, 14/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 15/

1. Concurs with the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a further report setting out his proposals to give effect to those recommendations.

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11/ A/39/299/Add.2
12/ A/39/603.
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14/ A/39/520/Add.1.
15/ A/39/733.