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WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fourth session, and to allocate to the Fifth Committee, the item entitled:

"Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency:

"(a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

"(b) Harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations".

2. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/44/711 and Add.1) and the reports of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal (A/42/328) and on the harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations (A/43/704 and A/C.5/44/1 and Add.1).

3. The Committee considered the item at its 15th, 23rd, 37th, 40th, 43rd and 45th meetings, on 20 and 27 October and 14, 15, 17 and 21 November 1989. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/44/SR.15, 23, 37, 40, 43 and 45).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

4. At the 43rd meeting, on 17 November, following informal consultations, the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/44/L.5).

5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/44/L.5, without a vote (see para. 8, draft decision I).

6. At the 45th meeting, on 21 November, following informal consultations, the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/44/L.6).

7. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/44/L.6, without a vote (see para. 8, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT DECISION I

Harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations

The General Assembly, having considered the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in the report on harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations, 1/ as well as comments thereon presented by Member States 2/ and made in the Fifth Committee:

(a) Decides to retain, pending further consideration, the existing statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations;

1/ A/43/704.

2/ A/44/711 and Add.1.

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to revert to this matter, when appropriate, taking into account these comments of Member States.

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency; 3/

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to refer the report of the Advisory Committee to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

(c) Decides to transmit the report of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit for information;

(d) Decides to support the intention of the Advisory Committee to revert to its former practice of in-depth studies of individual agencies of the United Nations system every other year with a view to making appropriate recommendations whenever required;

(e) Invites the Advisory Committee to consider the possibility of conducting, within available resources, in-depth studies of administrative and budgetary aspects of topics of system-wide concern;

(f) Takes note with appreciation of the addendum to the report of the Advisory Committee 4/ concerning the relationship between the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations;

(g) Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the addendum to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and expresses its wish that it be placed before the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its current session.

3/ A/44/711.

4/ A/44/711/Add.1.