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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION BOARD

Question of pension coverage for members of the
Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and
Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General on the question of pension coverage for members of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/C.5/1627 and Corr.1).
2. The Committee recalled that the members of the Joint Inspection Unit have been appointed in accordance with conditions which were set out in the thirty-third report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination. 1/ In its related observations, the Advisory Committee, after referring to the emoluments and the general conditions of employment of the Inspectors, went on to say that "they would not be eligible for participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, but the Committee suggests that some alternative arrangements might be considered by the ACC in appropriate cases". 2/
3. The Secretary-General now suggests that the General Assembly may wish to request the Joint Staff Pension Board, at its next session, to consider this question and to prepare a draft amendment to the regulations that would permit the inclusion of members of the Joint Inspection Unit among those eligible to participate in the Fund; he also suggests that he be authorized to explore alternative methods of providing coverage for members of the Unit and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 17, document E/4337, chap. V, sect. A.

2/ Ibid., agenda item 19, document E/4401, para. 10.

4. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of resolution 2924 B (XXVII) of 24 November 1972, the General Assembly decided to continue the Unit in being for a further period of four years beyond 31 December 1973. The Assembly further decided to evaluate the work of the Unit at its thirty-first session (paragraph 3).

5. The Advisory Committee has no objection to the Secretary-General's suggestion that the Joint Staff Pension Board give preliminary consideration at its next session to the possibility of extending pension coverage to members of the Joint Inspection Unit, and that he explore alternative methods of providing coverage. On receipt of that information and the related recommendations by the Secretary-General, the Fifth Committee will be in a position to determine whether it should consider the question on its own merits at the thirtieth session or whether it would be more appropriate to deal with the question in the broader context of the evaluation of the work of the Unit which is to take place at the thirty-first session of the Assembly in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of resolution 2924 B (XXVII).
