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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/C.5/34/1);
- (b) Other reports of the Joint Inspection Unit:
 - (i) Glossary of evaluation terms (A/34/286), and the related comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (A/34/286/Add.1);
 - (ii) Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (A/34/153);
 - (iii) Medium-term planning in the United Nations (A/34/84) and the related comments by the Secretary-General (A/34/84/Add.1);
 - (iv) United Nations Information Centres (A/34/379) and the related comments by the Secretary-General (A/34/379/Add.1);
 - (v) Initial Guidelines for Internal Evaluation Systems of United Nations Organizations (A/34/271) and the related

comments of the Administrative Committee on
Co-ordination (A/34/271/Add.1);

(c) Reports of the Secretary-General:

- (i) Implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/C.5/34/6) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/34/562);
- (ii) Identification of outputs in the programme budget of the United Nations (A/C.5/34/2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/34/7/Add.1);
- (iii) Establishment of internal work programmes and procedures for reporting on programme implementation (A/C.5/34/3) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/34/7/Add.1).

3. The report of the Joint Inspection Unit on medium-term planning in the United Nations was considered by the Fifth Committee in conjunction with the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the context of agenda item 98. Accordingly, the recommendations made by the Committee in this respect will be included in its report to the General Assembly on that agenda item.

4. The remaining documents referred to in paragraph 2 above were considered by the Fifth Committee at its 56th and 80th meetings, on 21 November and 13 December 1979. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/34/SR.56 and 80).

5. At its 80th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee considered and adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.5/34/L.44 submitted by Mexico (see para. 6).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of having expert and independent evaluation and advice on the improvement of the programmes and activities of the United Nations,

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Aware of the fundamental role which the Joint Inspection Unit has played by providing such evaluation and advice to Member States and to the administrators of the programmes of the United Nations system,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the eleventh report on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit for the period from July 1978 to June 1979; 1/

2. Approves the "Glossary of Evaluation Terms" 2/ and recommends its use throughout the United Nations system;

3. Takes note of the document entitled "Initial guidelines for internal evaluation systems of the United Nations organizations", 3/ and endorses its conclusions and recommendations;

4. Takes note with approval of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "The identification of output in the programme budget of the United Nations" 4/ and of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of internal work programmes and procedures for reporting on programme implementation; 5/

5. Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems; 6/

6. Commends the Joint Inspection Unit and the Secretary-General for their efforts in the area of evaluation and advice, both internal and external and urges them to continue their efforts in that direction, with a view to improving the administrative and budgetary efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations system.

1/ A/C.5/34/1.

2/ A/34/286.

3/ A/34/271 and Add.1.

4/ A/C.5/34/2.

5/ A/C.5/34/3.

6/ A/34/153.