**General Assembly**

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Agenda items 116 and 117

## Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

## Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

### Report of the Fifth Committee

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## I. Introduction

1.    At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the items entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and "Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2.    The Fifth Committee considered the question of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice under items 116 and 117 at its 60th and 67th meetings, on 9 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.60 and 67).

3.    For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice (A/55/834) and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the International Court of Justice and those of the Secretary-General thereon (A/55/834/Add.1).

## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.82

4.    At its 67th meeting, on 25 May, the representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this

question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice" (A/C.5/55/L.82).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 6).

## III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

### Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* section V of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000,

*Having considered* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice"[1] and the comments of the International Court of Justice and those of the Secretary-General thereon,[2]

1.    *Notes* that the problems in the management of the Registry of the International Court of Justice referred to in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit have been, to a large extent, resolved;

2.    *Also notes* recommendations 1 and 7 of the Joint Inspection Unit, concerning research assistants and the post of a senior Administrative/Personnel Officer, respectively, and requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to consider the matter and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate in the context of its report on the proposed programme budget of the Secretary-General for the biennium 2002-2003, for decision by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

3.    *Emphasizes* the importance of consistent, fair and transparent management of personnel, and the need for the introduction of an effective performance appraisal system for the staff of the International Court of Justice, referred to in paragraph 85 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

4.    *Invites* the International Court of Justice to review the need to amend its own staff rules to enable the introduction and implementation of the performance appraisal system;

5.    *Decides* to keep the matter under review at its fifty-sixth session.

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[1] A/55/834.

[2] A/55/834/Add.1.