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Joint Inspection Unit

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/78/826, para. 6)*]

78/276. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007, 62/246 of 3 April 2008, 63/272 of 7 April 2009, 64/262 of 29 March 2010, 65/270 of 4 April 2011, 66/259 of 9 April 2012, 67/256 of 12 April 2013, 68/266 of 9 April 2014, 69/275 of 2 April 2015, 70/257 of 1 April 2016, 71/281 of 6 April 2017, 72/269 of 4 April 2018, 73/287 of 15 April 2018, 75/270 of 16 April 2021, 76/261 of 13 April 2022 and 77/279 of 18 April 2023,

Reaffirming the statute of the Unit¹ and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Having considered the report of the Unit for 2023 and programme of work for 2024² and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2023,³

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2023 and programme of work for 2024;
2. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2023;
3. Stresses the importance of the oversight functions of the Unit in identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions within the participating organizations and providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented

¹ Resolution 31/192, annex.

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/78/34).

³ A/78/731.



recommendations to improve and strengthen the governance of the United Nations as a whole;

4. *Recognizes* that the effectiveness of the Unit system-wide is a shared responsibility of the Unit, the Member States and the secretariats of the participating organizations;

5. *Also recognizes* the need to continue to enhance the impact of the Unit on the management efficiency and transparency of the participating organizations within the United Nations system;

6. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue to share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of the audit and oversight bodies;

7. *Underscores* the unique role of the Unit as an external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body, and stresses the important contribution that its recommendations make towards improving the efficient and effective performance of the United Nations system;

8. *Reaffirms* the independence of the Unit as set out in article 7 of its statute, and stresses that budget estimates are to be prepared in a transparent and consistent manner for submission to the General Assembly in accordance with article 20 of the statute of the Unit;

9. *Encourages* the Unit to continue to identify projects which support a more effective United Nations that is capable of providing relevant single and system-wide solutions to current and future challenges, and underscores that all participating organizations should adhere to the commencement and review procedures outlined by the Unit;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments, including information on what they intend to do regarding the recommendations of the Unit, to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs and to provide information on the steps to be taken to implement those recommendations accepted by the legislative organs and the executive heads of participating organizations;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

12. *Invites* the legislative bodies of participating organizations to effectively and substantially use the reports of the Unit, and to give unselective and due consideration to its recommendations, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the statute of the Unit, and regularly review the status of acceptance and implementation of the recommendations of the Unit in an effort to make best use of its recommendations;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 15 of its resolution [77/279](#) and notes with concern the continuation of significantly different rates of acceptance and implementation of recommendations from the Unit by some participating United Nations system organizations, and therefore requests the Unit to continue to examine and improve the status quo without damaging the strength of recommendations;

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14. *Also recalls* paragraph 16 of its resolution [77/279](#) and invites participating organizations within the United Nations system to regularly review the status of acceptance and implementation of the recommendations of the Unit, especially those related to system-wide coordination and coherence, and invites participating organizations to report non-acceptance and non-implementation to the Unit;
15. *Further recalls* paragraph 18 of its resolution [77/279](#) and reiterates its strong encouragement to the Unit to strengthen the review of long-term effectiveness of its implemented recommendations, and looks forward to the update to the General Assembly thereon during the comprehensive midpoint assessment in 2024 and during its future comprehensive midpoint assessments;
16. *Recognizes* the efforts made by the Unit to strengthen its outreach and improve its communications products with a view to highlighting the work of the Unit and enhance its engagement with participating organizations and Member States, and encourages the Unit to continue such efforts;
17. *Invites* the executive heads of participating United Nations system organizations to implement accepted recommendations of the Unit in a timely manner;
18. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of its resolution [77/279](#), and looks forward to a further update on the implementation of the accepted recommendations from the Unit's self-assessment, including updates on the action plan, in the context of the next report of the Unit.

*73rd plenary meeting
24 April 2024*
