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Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly. The Assembly, in its resolution 66/8, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on its fifty-first session, including its recommendation that the Assembly urge the Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports that are relevant to the function of the Committee (A/66/16, para. 8).

2. In accordance with subparagraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (General Assembly resolution 31/192, annex): when a report concerns only one organization, the report and the comments of the executive head thereon shall be transmitted to the competent organ of that organization not later than three months after receipt of the report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organ; and, when a report concerns more than one organization, the report, together with the joint comments and any comments of the respective heads on the matters that concern their particular organization, shall be ready for submission to the competent organs of the organizations not later than six months after receipt of the Unit's report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organs concerned.

* E/AC.51/2012/1.

3. The Secretariat has reviewed the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit and the related comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, as applicable, which have been or will be issued prior to the session. Furthermore, after consultations with the Unit, and taking into account the provisions set out in paragraph 1 above, the Secretariat wishes to inform the Committee for Programme and Coordination that, at the time of submission of the present note, there are no relevant reports of the Unit available to submit for consideration by the Committee at its organizational session (see also item 5 of the annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2012/1)).
