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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session

Draft report

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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) on 26 April 2012 and its substantive session from 4 to 29 June 2012 at United Nations Headquarters. It held a total of 23 meetings and a number of informal consultations. A restricted website of the Committee was established to provide easy access to the relevant and timely in-session documentation.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the fifty-second session, adopted by the Committee at its organizational session (1st meeting), is contained in annex I.

Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. At its 1st meeting, on 26 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2012/L.2) submitted pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) stating that there were no relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit available for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-second session, and to General Assembly resolution 59/267.

4. In the discussion, it was recalled that at its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions, the Committee had received no reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system in accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX). In this regard, it was further pointed out that one of the key mandates of the Committee is to assist the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on coordination.



5. The Committee expressed concern with the absence of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, which is not consistent with the recommendation adopted at its forty-seventh session and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/224, in which it recognized the need to enhance the dialogue of the Committee for Programme and Coordination with the Joint Inspection Unit on coordination issues (see A/62/16, para. 153).

6. The Committee emphasized that the recommendation adopted at its forty-ninth session, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/229, that the role of coordination bodies, including the Joint Inspection Unit, be enhanced through improved cooperation in order to increase planning efficiency and to prevent duplication of efforts within the United Nations system, had not been fully implemented.

7. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it urge the Joint Inspection Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports that are relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind paragraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit.

Programme of work

8. At its 1st meeting, on 26 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2012/L.1) listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 June, the Committee approved its tentative and provisional programme of work for the session, with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session.

10. Following the 2nd meeting, an informal briefing on organizational issues of the session was given by the Secretary of the Committee, and an informal briefing on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 was given by the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division.

B. Election of officers

11. At its 1st meeting, on 26 April, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Anna Ruski (Bulgaria) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the fifty-second session. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Imelda Smolcic (Uruguay) as Rapporteur of the Committee for the session. At its 3rd meeting, on 5 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Eric Franck Saizonou (Benin) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the session.

12. In the absence of nominations for the Chair from the Group of Western European and other States, at its 15th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Eric Franck Saizonou (Benin) as Chair of the Committee for the fifty-second session, without prejudice to the pattern of rotation for the post of Chair adopted by the Committee at its twenty-fifth session. The Committee agreed that for the fifty-third session the chairmanship of the Committee would be held by a member of the Asia-Pacific Group, while the post of Rapporteur would be held by a member of the Group of Western European and other States.

13. At its 20th meeting, on 18 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Zhang Wentian (China) and Renata Archini (Italy) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee for the fifty-second session.

14. The members of the Bureau for the fifty-second session of the Committee are:

Chair:

Eric Franck Saizonou (Benin)

Vice-Chairs:

Anna Ruski (Bulgaria)

Zhang Wentian (China)

Renata Archini (Italy)

Rapporteur:

Imelda Smolcic (Uruguay)

C. Attendance

15. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented on the Committee:

Algeria	Haiti
Antigua and Barbuda	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Argentina	Israel
Belarus	Italy
Benin	Japan
Brazil	Kazakhstan
Bulgaria	Malaysia
Cameroon	Namibia
China	Pakistan
Comoros	Republic of Korea
Cuba	Republic of Moldova
Eritrea	Russian Federation
France	Uruguay
Guinea	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Guinea-Bissau	Zimbabwe

16. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Austria	Norway
Belgium	Panama
Chile	Peru
Côte d'Ivoire	Senegal
Egypt	Singapore
Kenya	Sri Lanka

Mexico	Sweden
Monaco	Switzerland
Nicaragua	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Nigeria	United Republic of Tanzania
Niger	United States of America
	Zambia

17. The following intergovernmental organization was represented as an observer: European Union.

18. Also present at the session were the Chef de Cabinet of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General; the Under-Secretary-General for Management; the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; the Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa; the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Legal Counsel; the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator; the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights; the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security; the Assistant Secretary-General, Controller; the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific; the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre; the Secretary of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination; and other senior officials of the Secretariat.

19. The following programmes and/or parts of programmes of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 were discussed by videoconference: programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space; programme 10, Trade and development; programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice; programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa; programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; programme 17, Economic development in Europe; programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia; programme 20, Human rights; programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees; and programme 25, Management and support services.

D. Documentation

20. The list of documents before the Committee at its fifty-second session is set out in annex II.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

21. At its 23rd meeting, on 29 June, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its fifty-second session (E/AC.51/2012/L.4 and Add.1-35).

Annex I

Agenda for the fifty-second session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
 - (a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011;
 - (b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015;
 - (c) Evaluation.
4. Coordination questions:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
 - (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development.
5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-third session.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its fifty-second session

A/67/6 (Part one)	Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015, part one: plan outline Part two: biennial programme plan
A/67/6 (Prog. 1)	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management
A/67/6 (Prog. 2)	Political affairs
A/67/6 (Prog. 3)	Disarmament
A/67/6 (Prog. 4)	Peacekeeping operations
A/67/6 (Prog. 5)	Peaceful uses of outer space
A/67/6 (Prog. 6)	Legal affairs
A/67/6 (Prog. 7)	Economic and social affairs
A/67/6 (Prog. 8)	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/67/6 (Prog. 9)	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
A/67/6 (Prog. 10)	Trade and development
A/67/6 (Prog. 11)	Environment
A/67/6 (Prog. 12)	Human settlements
A/67/6 (Prog. 13)	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice
A/67/6 (Prog. 14)	Gender equality and empowerment of women
A/67/6 (Prog. 15)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/67/6 (Prog. 16)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/67/6 (Prog. 17)	Economic development in Europe
A/67/6 (Prog. 18)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
A/67/6 (Prog. 19)	Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/67/6 (Prog. 20)	Human rights
A/67/6 (Prog. 21)	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees
A/67/6 (Prog. 22)	Palestine refugees
A/67/6 (Prog. 23)	Humanitarian assistance
A/67/6 (Prog. 24)	Public information

A/67/6 (Prog. 25)	Management and support services
A/67/6 (Prog. 26)	Internal oversight
A/67/6 (Prog. 27)	Jointly financed activities
A/67/6 (Prog. 28)	Safety and security
A/67/77	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011
E/2012/67	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2011/12
E/AC.51/2012/1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2012/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-ninth session on the thematic evaluation of United Nations coordinating bodies
E/AC.51/2012/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-ninth session on the thematic evaluation of lessons learned: protocols and practices
E/AC.51/2012/4	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-ninth session on the evaluation of United Nations support for least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and Africa
E/AC.51/2012/5	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
E/AC.51/2012/L.1 and Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation
E/AC.51/2012/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
E/AC.51/2012/L.3	Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-third session of the Committee
E/AC.51/2012/L.4 and Add.1-35	Draft report of the Committee
E/AC.51/2012/CRP.1	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015: review of part two: biennial programme plan, by sectoral, functional and regional bodies
E/AC.51/2012/INF/1	List of delegations
