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Draft report

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Addendum

Programme questions

Evaluation (item 3 (c))

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

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 5 June 2012, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) 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.51/2012/4).

2. The Director of the Inspection and Evaluation Division introduced the report on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed their concern that OIOS considered recommendation 1 on coordination and synergy in the area of overlap between the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and the Office of the Special Adviser



on Africa to be in progress, but failed to indicate a time frame for implementation of the recommendation or to identify benchmarks to measure its effectiveness. With regard to the areas of coordination selectively presented by OIOS, the delegates would have liked to see more specific initiatives undertaken by the two Offices rather than the conferences and meetings listed in the report.

4. A number of delegations noted that OIOS had not questioned the Executive Office of the Secretary-General about the appropriateness of hiring a consultant to identify areas of overlap between the two Offices, or reported on the cost of such an exercise, considering that the General Assembly had not approved the endeavour. They also sought more details about reasons for the three-year delay by the Secretary-General in appointing an Under-Secretary-General as Special Adviser on Africa, as mandated by the Committee and endorsed by the Assembly. In that regard, concern was also expressed about the possible negative impact on the activities implemented by the Office of the High Representative as a result of the delay.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of OIOS 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.**