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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/571)]

58/277. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the management audit review of outsourcing in the United Nations and the United Nations funds and programmes

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001 and 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002,

Also reaffirming its resolutions 54/256 of 7 April 2000 and 55/232 of 23 December 2000 on outsourcing practices,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the management audit review of outsourcing in the United Nations and the United Nations funds and programmes,¹ the comments of the Secretary-General thereon² and paragraphs 5 to 7 and 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

1. *Takes note* of recommendation 1 of the Joint Inspection Unit;¹
2. *Also takes note* of recommendation 2 of the Unit and the related comments of the Secretary-General;²
3. *Endorses* recommendation 3 (a) of the Unit;
4. *Takes note* of recommendations 4 and 5 of the Unit, as well as the related comments of the Secretary-General² and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that contractors whose staff are present on the United Nations premises on a regular basis are held accountable for conducting individual background checks at their own expense;
6. *Endorses* recommendations 7 to 9 of the Unit;

¹ See A/58/92.

² See A/58/92/Add.1.

³ A/58/389.

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to share the experience of the Procurement Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat in the use of its new formats for monitoring, evaluating and certifying supplier performance under outsourced contracts with the members of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of his next report on outsourcing practices.

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