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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-ninth 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 18 April 2019 and its substantive session from 3 to 28 June 2019 at Headquarters. It held 23 formal meetings and numerous informal and “informal informal” consultations, as well as briefings.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the fifty-ninth session, adopted by the Committee at its 1st meeting, was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
 - (a) Proposed programme budget for the year 2020;
 - (b) 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 sixtieth session.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-ninth session.



Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. At its 1st meeting, on 18 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2019/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 at its fifty-ninth session.

Programme of work

4. At the same meeting, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2019/1) and the note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2019/L.1) listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 June, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the revised annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2019/1/Rev.1) and the revised note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2019/L.1/Rev.1) listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session to take into account the pace of discussions.

7. Following the 2nd meeting, informal briefings were given by the Secretary of the Committee, on organizational matters; the Acting Chief, Business Partner Service, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, on logistical matters; the Director, Inspection and Evaluation Division, Office of Internal Oversight Services, on evaluation issues; and the Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, on the proposed programme budget for 2020.

B. Election of officers

8. At its 1st meeting, on 18 April, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Vitaly Mackay (Belarus) as Vice-Chair and Jun Yamada (Japan) as Rapporteur for the fifty-ninth session.

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana) as Chair for the fifty-ninth session.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Benjamin Sieberns (Germany) as Vice-Chair for the session.

11. Accordingly, the members of the Bureau for the fifty-ninth session of the Committee were:

Chair:

Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana)

Vice-Chairs:¹

Vitaly Mackay (Belarus)

Benjamin Sieberns (Germany)

Rapporteur:

Jun Yamada (Japan)

¹ In the absence of any nomination for the position of Vice-Chair from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the seat remained vacant at the fifty-ninth session of the Committee.

C. Attendance

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

Angola	France
Argentina	Germany
Bangladesh	Haiti
Belarus	India
Botswana	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Brazil	Italy
Bulgaria	Japan
Burkina Faso	Pakistan
Cameroon	Paraguay
Chad	Portugal
Chile	Republic of Korea
China	Republic of Moldova
Cuba	Russian Federation
Egypt	Senegal
Eritrea	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ethiopia	United States of America

13. The following States Members of the United Nations and intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers:

Australia	Morocco
Jamaica	Switzerland
Liechtenstein	Syrian Arab Republic
Malta	European Union

14. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa; Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications; Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel; Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support; Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs; Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security; Assistant-Secretary-General for Africa of the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and of Peace Operations; Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe; Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the

United Nations Environment Programme; Assistant-Secretary-General, Head of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011; Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; Assistant Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services; Assistant Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs; Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs; Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination; Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Finance and Budget, Controller; Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Information and Technology Officer; Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; Executive Director of the International Trade Centre; Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights; Executive Secretary of the International Civil Service Commission; Secretary of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) and Director of the Secretariat of CEB; and other senior officials of the Secretariat.

15. In addition to in-room representation, the following documents were discussed with relevant representatives by videoconference: Programme 1: General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#)); Programme 2: Political affairs ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)](#)); Programme 4: Peacekeeping Operations ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 5\)](#)); Programme 5: Peaceful uses of outer space ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 6\)](#)); Programme 6: Legal Affairs ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 8\)](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 8\)/Corr.1](#)); Programme 9: United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 11\)](#)); Programme 10: Trade and development ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 12\)](#)); Programme 10: Trade and development – International Trade Centre ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 13\)](#)); Programme 11: Environment ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 14\)](#)); Programme 12: Human settlements ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 15\)](#)); Programme 13: International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 16\)](#)); Programme 15: Economic and social development in Africa ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 18\)](#)); Programme 16: Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 19\)](#)); Programme 17: Economic development in Europe ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 20\)](#)); Programme 18: Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 21\)](#)); Programme 19: Economic and social development in Western Asia ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 22\)](#)); Programme 20: Human rights ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#)); Programme 21: International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 25\)](#)); Programme 22: Palestine refugees ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 26\)](#)); Programme 25: Management and support services: Administration, Geneva ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 29E\)](#)), Administration, Vienna ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 29F\)](#)) and Administration, Nairobi ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 29G\)](#)); and Programme 27: Jointly financed activities ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 31\)](#)), along with the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2018 ([E/2019/10](#)); report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme ([E/AC.51/2019/7](#) and [E/AC.51/2019/7/Corr.1](#)); report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of Legal Affairs ([E/AC.51/2019/9](#)); and report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ([E/AC.51/2019/8](#)).

D. Documentation

16. The list of documents before the Committee at its fifty-ninth session is set out in the annex to the present report.

E. Proposed programme budget for the year 2020

17. In view of the differences among Member States on some aspects of part II: the programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information for 2018 of the proposed programme budget for 2020 (A/74/6 (Sects.2–6, 8–22, 24–31 and 34)), the Committee recommended that the General Assembly review all the programme plans (1 to 28) of the proposed programme budget for 2020 at its seventy-fourth session, under the agenda item entitled “Programme planning”.

F. Adoption of the report of the Committee

18. At the 23rd meeting, on 28 June, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee ([E/AC.51/2019/L.4](#) and addenda) and the draft provisional agenda for its sixtieth session ([E/AC.51/2019/L.3](#)).

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report.

20. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft provisional agenda for its sixtieth session and decided that it would be updated in the light of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2019 session and by the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session.

21. Before the closure of the session, statements were made by the representatives of Chad, Botswana, Brazil, Belarus, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Senegal, the United States, France, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Bulgaria, Germany, China, Cameroon, the United Kingdom, Chile, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Republic of Moldova, Italy, Portugal, Angola, Cuba and Japan. The Chair made concluding remarks.

Annex**List of documents before the Committee at its fifty-ninth session**

E/AC.51/2019/1/Rev.1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2019/L.1/Rev.1	Status of documentation
E/AC.51/2019/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit
A/74/6 (Plan Outline)	Reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the year 2020: part I – plan outline Reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2020: part II – programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information (General Assembly resolution 72/266 A):
A/74/6 (Sect. 2)	Programme 1: General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management
A/74/6 (Sect. 3)	Programme 2: Political affairs
A/74/6 (Sect. 4)	Programme 3: Disarmament
A/74/6 (Sect. 5)	Programme 4: Peacekeeping operations
A/74/6 (Sect. 6)	Programme 5: Peaceful uses of outer space
A/74/6 (Sect. 8) and A/74/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1	Programme 6: Legal Affairs
A/74/6 (Sect. 9)	Programme 7: Economic and social affairs
A/74/6 (Sect. 10)	Programme 8: Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/74/6 (Sect. 11)	Programme 9: United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
A/74/6 (Sect. 12)	Programme 10: Trade and development
A/74/6 (Sect. 13)	Programme 10: Trade and development – International Trade Centre
A/74/6 (Sect. 14)	Programme 11: Environment
A/74/6 (Sect. 15)	Programme 12: Human settlements
A/74/6 (Sect. 16)	Programme 13: International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice
A/74/6 (Sect. 17)	Programme 14: Gender equality and the empowerment of women
A/74/6 (Sect. 18)	Programme 15: Economic and social development in Africa
A/74/6 (Sect. 19)	Programme 16: Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/74/6 (Sect. 20)	Programme 17: Economic development in Europe
A/74/6 (Sect. 21)	Programme 18: Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

A/74/6 (Sect. 22)	Programme 19: Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/74/6 (Sect. 24)	Programme 20: Human rights
A/74/6 (Sect. 25)	Programme 21: International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees
A/74/6 (Sect. 26)	Programme 22: Palestine refugees
A/74/6 (Sect. 27)	Programme 23: Humanitarian assistance
A/74/6 (Sect. 28)	Programme 24: Global communications
A/74/6 (Sect. 29)	Programme 25: Management and support services
A/74/6 (Sect. 29A)	Programme 25: Management and support services – Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
A/74/6 (Sect. 29B)	Programme 25: Management and support services – Department of Operational Support
A/74/6 (Sect. 29C)	Programme 25: Management and support services – Office of Information and Communications Technology
A/74/6 (Sect. 29E)	Programme 25: Management and support services – Administration, Geneva
A/74/6 (Sect. 29F)	Programme 25: Management and support services – Administration, Vienna
A/74/6 (Sect. 29G)	Programme 25: Management and support services – Administration, Nairobi
A/74/6 (Sect. 30)	Programme 26: Internal oversight
A/74/6 (Sect. 31)	Programme 27: Jointly financed activities
A/74/6 (Sect. 34)	Programme 28: Safety and security
A/71/6/Rev.1	Biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019
A/73/400, sect. II.C	Revised biennial programme plan for programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa, for the period 2018–2019
E/AC.51/2019/CRP.1/Rev.2	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed programme plan for 2020: Review of the proposed programme plan for 2020, by sectoral, functional and regional bodies
A/74/67 and A/74/67/Corr.1	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives
E/AC.51/2019/6	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the offices of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Sexual Violence in Conflict and on Violence against Children (General Assembly resolution 72/9)
E/AC.51/2019/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Department of Public Information (General Assembly resolution 72/9)

E/AC.51/2019/5	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (General Assembly resolution 72/9)
E/AC.51/2019/4	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office for Disarmament Affairs (General Assembly resolution 72/9)
E/AC.51/2019/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of Human Resources Management (General Assembly resolution 72/9)
E/AC.51/2019/8	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 72/9)
E/AC.51/2019/9	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of Legal Affairs (General Assembly resolution 72/9)
E/AC.51/2019/7 and E/AC.51/2019/7/Corr.1	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 72/9)
E/AC.51/2017/9	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
E/2019/10	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2018 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))
E/AC.51/2019/10	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 60/257)
E/AC.51/2019/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: on the draft provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))
E/AC.51/2019/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee
