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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 139 is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document [A/75/683](#).
2. During the first part of the resumed seventy-fifth session, the Fifth Committee met formally and remotely owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, during which it resumed its consideration of the item. The Committee formally resumed its consideration of the item in person at its 10th and 11th meetings, on 15 and 26 March 2021. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's formal consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on accountability: strengthening accountability in the United Nations Secretariat ([A/75/686](#));
 - (b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/75/804](#));
 - (c) Note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Enterprise risk management: approaches and uses in United Nations system organizations" ([JIU/REP/2020/5](#)) ([A/75/718](#));
 - (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the

¹ [A/C.5/75/SR.10](#) and [A/C.5/75/SR.11](#).



Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Enterprise risk management: approaches and uses in United Nations system organizations” ([A/75/718/Add.1](#)).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/75/L.28

4. At its 11th meeting, on 26 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled “Questions deferred for future consideration” (A/C.5/75/L.28), submitted by the Chair of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/75/L.28 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Questions deferred for future consideration

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The General Assembly decides to defer until the second part of its resumed seventy-fifth session consideration of the following documents:

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Seconded active-duty military and police personnel

Report of the Secretary-General on seconded active-duty military and police personnel¹

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²

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The General Assembly decides to defer until the first part of its resumed seventy-sixth session consideration of the following documents:

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Programme budget for 2021

Review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund³

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁴

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Human resources management

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office⁵

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁶

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of human resources management reform for the period 2019–2020 and an outlook beyond⁷

¹ A/75/646.

² A/75/796.

³ A/70/395.

⁴ A/70/7/Add.7.

⁵ A/75/82 and A/75/82/Corr.1.

⁶ A/75/515.

⁷ A/75/540.

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁸

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “New approach to staff mobility: building an agile Organization by providing opportunities for on-the-job learning and skills development”⁹

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹⁰

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics”¹¹

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹²

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Composition of the Secretariat: gratis personnel, retired staff and consultants and individual contractors”¹³

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹⁴

Report of the Secretary-General on the practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and cases of possible criminal behaviour, 1 January to 31 December 2019¹⁵

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹⁶

Report of the Secretary-General on the practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and cases of possible criminal behaviour, 1 January to 31 December 2018¹⁷

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹⁸

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office¹⁹

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁰

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics”²¹

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²²

⁸ [A/75/765](#).

⁹ [A/75/540/Add.1](#).

¹⁰ [A/75/756](#).

¹¹ [A/75/591](#).

¹² [A/75/775](#).

¹³ [A/75/591/Add.1](#).

¹⁴ [A/75/771](#).

¹⁵ [A/75/648](#).

¹⁶ [A/75/776](#).

¹⁷ [A/74/64](#).

¹⁸ [A/74/558](#).

¹⁹ [A/74/78](#).

²⁰ [A/74/539](#).

²¹ [A/74/82](#).

²² [A/74/696](#).

Reports of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules²³

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁴

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Global human resources strategy 2019–2021: building a more effective, transparent and accountable United Nations”²⁵

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of human resources management reform for the period 2017–2018²⁶

Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the system of desirable ranges²⁷

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics”²⁸

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Composition of the Secretariat: gratis personnel, retired staff and consultants and individual contractors”²⁹

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³⁰

Report of the Secretary-General on mobility³¹

Report of the Secretary-General on mobility³²

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³

Report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules³⁴

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Report of the Secretary-General on the practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and cases of possible criminal behaviour, 1 July to 31 December 2017³⁶

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ethics Office³⁷

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³⁸

²³ [A/74/289](#) and [A/73/378/Add.1](#).

²⁴ [A/74/732](#).

²⁵ [A/73/372](#).

²⁶ [A/73/372/Add.1](#).

²⁷ [A/73/372/Add.3](#).

²⁸ [A/73/79](#).

²⁹ [A/73/79/Add.1](#).

³⁰ [A/73/497](#).

³¹ [A/73/372/Add.2](#).

³² [A/72/767](#).

³³ [A/73/569](#).

³⁴ [A/73/378](#).

³⁵ [A/73/622](#).

³⁶ [A/73/71](#).

³⁷ [A/73/89](#).

³⁸ [A/73/183](#).

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Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Policies and platforms in support of learning: towards more coherence, coordination and convergence”³⁹

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Policies and platforms in support of learning: towards more coherence, coordination and convergence”⁴⁰

Note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of change management in United Nations system organizations”⁴¹

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of change management in United Nations system organizations”⁴²

Note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of mechanisms and policies addressing conflict of interest in the United Nations system”⁴³

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of mechanisms and policies addressing conflict of interest in the United Nations system”⁴⁴

Note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of internship programmes in the United Nations system”⁴⁵

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of internship programmes in the United Nations system”⁴⁶

³⁹ [A/75/713](#).

⁴⁰ [A/75/713/Add.1](#).

⁴¹ [A/74/669](#).

⁴² [A/74/669/Add.1](#).

⁴³ [A/73/187](#).

⁴⁴ [A/73/187/Add.1](#).

⁴⁵ [A/73/377](#) and [A/73/377/Corr.1](#).

⁴⁶ [A/73/377/Add.1](#).