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Administration of justice at the United Nations

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Administration of justice at the United Nations” was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 59/283 of 13 April 2005 and decision 60/551 B of 8 May 2006.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda. The General Assembly also decided to allocate the item to the Fifth Committee for its consideration, and to the Sixth Committee for the purpose of considering the legal aspects, both institutional and procedural, of the matter.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 5th and 22nd meetings, on 16 October and 16 November 2006. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/61/SR.5 and 22).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations system of administration of justice (A/61/205).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.6/61/L.12

5. At the 22nd meeting, on 16 November, the Chairman of the Committee read out a revised version of the draft decision entitled “Administration of justice at the United Nations” (A/C.6/61/L.12) which was before the Committee.
6. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the financial implications of the revised draft decision.



7. The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement, in which he proposed an amendment to the revised draft decision (see A/C.6/61/SR.22).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/61/L.12, as further orally revised by the Chairman, without a vote (see para. 10).

9. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representatives of the United States of America and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in explanation of position (see A/C.6/61/SR.22).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

10. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Administration of justice at the United Nations

The General Assembly takes note of the decision of the Sixth Committee to hold a resumed session of 10 meetings in March 2007, to consider the legal aspects of the report of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations system of administration of justice,¹ taking into account, as appropriate, the comments that will be made by the Secretary-General on the report of the Redesign Panel as well as those that may be made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

¹ A/61/205.