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### Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

#### Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd, 8th, 9th, 14th to 16th, 20th to 22nd and 26th meetings, on 8, 23 and 24 October, 3 to 5, 21, 24 and 26 November and 10 December 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.3, 8, 9, 14-16, 20-22 and 26).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

#### **Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme**

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/58/7/Add.3)

#### **Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials**

Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/57/35)

Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/C.5/57/36)

#### **Profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations**

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system revenue-producing activities (A/57/707) and his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/57/707/Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations (A/57/398)

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.1 and A/58/7 and Corr.1<sup>1</sup>)

#### **Support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system**

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system (A/57/442) and his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/57/442/Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/434)

#### **Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa**

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/154)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7<sup>2</sup>)

#### **Strengthening the United Nations web site**

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up (A/58/217)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.1)

#### **Second performance report**

Second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/58/558 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/604)

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum, paras. IS3.18 and 19.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, para. XI.3.

## **II. Consideration of proposals**

### **A. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.8**

4. At the 9th meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Canada, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the revenue-producing activities of the United Nations system" (A/C.5/58/L.8).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.8 without a vote (see para. 19, draft resolution I).

### **B. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.12**

6. At the 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda" (A/C.5/58/L.12).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.12 without a vote (see para. 19, draft resolution II).

### **C. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.18**

8. At the 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme" (A/C.5/58/L.18).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.18 without a vote (see para. 19, draft resolution III).

### **D. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35**

10. At the 26th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" (A/C.5/58/L.35), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Argentina.

11. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement (see A/C.5/58/SR.26).

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35 without a vote (see para. 19, draft resolution IV).

**E. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.3**

13. At the 9th meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft decision entitled "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system (A/C.5/58/L.3).

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.3 without a vote (see para. 20, draft decision I).

**F. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.33**

15. At the 26th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa" (A/C.5/58/L.33), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Colombia.

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.33 without a vote (see para. 20, draft decision II).

**G. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.34**

17. At the 26th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up" (A/C.5/58/L.34), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ireland.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.34 without a vote (see para. 20, draft decision III).

### III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

19. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### **Draft resolution I**

#### **Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the revenue-producing activities of the United Nations system**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system revenue-producing activities<sup>1</sup> and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Agrees* with the concepts expressed in paragraph (a) of recommendation 1 of the Joint Inspection Unit<sup>1</sup> concerning consolidation of the management of revenue-producing activities on the basis of sound business practices, bearing in mind the related legislative mandates, and awaits with interest the specific proposals of the Secretary-General;

2. *Takes note* of paragraph (b) of recommendation 1 of the Unit and the related comments of the Secretary-General;<sup>2</sup>

3. *Endorses* recommendation 2 of the Unit;

4. *Notes* paragraph (a) of recommendation 3 of the Unit, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-eighth session on the possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of selling products of the gift centre and the book shop via the Internet, in addition to existing arrangements;

6. *Endorses* paragraphs (b) and (c) of recommendation 3 of the Unit, and agrees with the comments of the Secretary-General in connection with paragraph (a) of that recommendation;

7. *Recognizes* that in its recommendation 4 the Unit outlines some general factors that should be considered in connection with the outsourcing of revenue-generating activities in the framework of approved outsourcing policies;

8. *Agrees* with the comments of the Secretary-General in connection with recommendation 5, and looks forward to further proposals of the Secretary-General concerning the United Nations Postal Administration consequent to its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002;

9. *Agrees* that the competent legislative organs, when considering strengthening the policy frameworks for revenue-generating activities in their organizations, should consider drawing on the objectives set out by the Unit in its recommendation 6, bearing in mind the specificities of each organization and the

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<sup>1</sup> A/57/707.

<sup>2</sup> A/57/707/Add.1.

comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination with respect to the generation of income from intellectual property;

10. *Agrees* with the comments of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination on recommendation 7 of the Unit;

11. *Endorses* recommendation 8, which should not affect existing practices concerning the free distribution of public information materials;

12. *Also endorses* recommendation 9, and agrees with the Chief Executives Board for Coordination that the application of this approach needs to be tailored to the specific objectives and circumstances of the organizations concerned;

13. *Takes note* of recommendations 11 to 13 of the Unit and the related comments of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

**Draft resolution II**  
**Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* section VIII of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 and resolution 56/285 of 27 June 2002 on the conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, resolution 55/249 of 12 April 2001 on the conditions of service and compensation for the ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and resolution 57/289 of 20 December 2002 on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Decides* to amend article 1 of the Pension Scheme Regulations for the members of the International Court of Justice and to replace that article with the provisions set out in annex I to the present resolution;
2. *Also decides* to amend article 1 of the Pension Scheme Regulations for the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and to replace that article with the provisions set out in annex II to the present resolution;
3. *Further decides* to amend article 1 of the Pension Scheme Regulations for the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and to replace that article with the provisions set out in annex III to the present resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> A/C.5/57/36.

## **Annex I**

### **Pension Scheme Regulations for the members of the International Court of Justice (based on the provisions of General Assembly resolution 38/239 of 20 December 1983 and section VIII of resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 and applicable as from 1 January 1999)**

#### **Article 1**

##### **Retirement pension**

1. A member of the International Court of Justice who has ceased to hold office and who has reached the age of sixty shall be entitled during the remainder of his or her life, subject to paragraphs 6 and 7 below, to a retirement pension, payable monthly provided that he or she has:

(a) Completed at least three years of service;

(b) Not been required to relinquish his or her appointment under Article 18 of the Statute of the Court for reasons other than the state of his or her health.

2. For a member who has served a full term of nine years, the annual pension entitlement shall be:

(a) For the year 1999, 60,000 United States dollars;

(b) For the year 2000, 70,000 dollars;

(c) With effect from 1 January 2001, one half of the annual salary.

3. A member serving in office as from 31 December 1998, who has been or is re-elected, shall be entitled to an increase in the amount of the pension by one three-hundredth of the amount payable under paragraph 2 for each month of service in excess of nine years, provided that maximum retirement pension shall not exceed two thirds of his or her annual salary:

(a) For the year 1999, a maximum of 81,600 dollars;

(b) For the year 2000, a maximum of 95,200 dollars;

(c) For the year 2001, two thirds of the annual salary, 106,667 dollars.

4. A member who has served for less than a full term of nine years shall be entitled to a retirement pension in the amount of that proportion of one half of the annual salary which the number of months of his or her actual service bears to one hundred and eight.

5. A member who ceases to hold office before the age of sixty and who would be entitled to a retirement pension when he or she reached that age may elect to receive a pension from any date after the date on which he or she ceases to hold office. Should he or she so elect, an actuarial reduction factor of one half of one per cent per month should be applied on the retirement pension which would have been paid to him or her at the age of sixty.

6. No retirement pension shall be payable to a former member who has been re-elected to office until he or she again ceases to hold office. At that time, the amount of his or her pension shall be calculated in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 4 above on the basis of his or her total period of service and shall be subject to a reduction

equal in actuarial value to the amount of any retirement pension paid to him or her before he or she reached the age of sixty.

7. No retirement pension shall be payable to a former member who has been elected or appointed a permanent judge of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia or the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda or who has been appointed to serve in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia or the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda as an ad litem judge until he or she ceases to hold that office or appointment.

## **Annex II**

### **Pension Scheme Regulations for the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (based on the provisions of section VIII of General Assembly resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 and applicable as from 1 January 1999)**

#### **Article 1**

##### **Retirement pension**

1. A judge of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia who has ceased to hold office and who has reached the age of sixty shall be entitled during the remainder of his or her life, subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 below, to a retirement pension, payable monthly provided that he or she has:

(a) Completed at least three years of service;

(b) Not been required to relinquish his or her appointment under Article 18 of the Statute of the Court for reasons other than the state of his or her health.

2. The amount of the retirement pension shall be determined as follows:

(a) If the judge has served a full term of four years and ceases to hold office after 1 January 2001, the amount of the annual pension shall be two ninths of the annual salary;

(b) If the judge has served a full term of four years and ceases to hold office after 1 January 1999 but before 1 January 2000, the amount of the annual pension shall be 26,500 United States dollars;

(c) If the judge has served a full term of four years and ceases to hold office after 1 January 2000 but before 1 January 2001, the amount of the annual pension shall be 31,000 dollars;

(d) Judges who have served a term of four years and who retire in 1999 or 2000 shall receive an increase in their pension as follows. As noted above, judges retiring in 1999 shall receive an annual pension of 26,500 dollars. Their annual pension shall be increased to 31,000 dollars in 2000 and to 35,500 dollars in 2001. Judges retiring in 2000 shall receive an annual pension of 31,000 dollars. The pension shall be increased to 35,500 dollars in 2001;

(e) With effect from 1 January 1999, all pensions in course of payment as at 31 December 1998, including pensions of judges who retire on or before that date, shall be increased by 10.3 per cent, i.e., the change resulting from the increase in the annual salary;

(f) If a judge served for less than a full term of four years, the amount of the pension shall be that proportion of the annual pension which the number of months of his or her actual service bears to forty-eight;

(g) If the judge came into office prior to 1 January 1999 and has been or is subsequently re-elected for another term, he or she shall continue to receive one one-hundred-and-thirty-third of the International Tribunal's pension benefit for each further month subsequent to his or her initial term, up to a maximum pension equivalent to eight twenty-sevenths of the annual salary. Judges elected to terms of office commencing after 31 December 1998 shall not be entitled to an increase in their pension benefit in case of re-election.

3. A judge who ceased to hold office before the age of sixty and who would be entitled to a retirement pension when he or she reached that age may elect to receive a pension from any date after the date on which he or she ceases to hold office. Should he or she so elect, the amount of such pension shall be that amount which has the same value as the retirement pension which would have been paid to him or her at the age of sixty.

4. No retirement pension shall be payable to a former judge who has been re-elected to office until he or she again ceases to hold office. At that time, the amount of his or her pension shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 above on the basis of his or her total period of service and shall be subject to a reduction equal in actuarial value to the amount of any retirement pension paid to him or her before he or she reached the age of sixty.

5. No retirement pension shall be payable to a former judge who has been elected a member of the International Court of Justice or who has been elected or appointed a permanent judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda or who has been appointed to serve on the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia or the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda as an ad litem judge until he or she ceases to hold that office or appointment.

### **Annex III**

#### **Pension Scheme Regulations for the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (based on the provisions of section VIII of General Assembly resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 and applicable as from 1 January 1999)**

##### **Article 1**

###### **Retirement pension**

1. A judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda who has ceased to hold office and who has reached the age of sixty shall be entitled during the remainder of his or her life, subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 below, to a retirement pension, payable monthly provided that he or she has:

(a) Completed at least three years of service;

(b) Not been required to relinquish his or her appointment under Article 18 of the Statute of the Court for reasons other than the state of his or her health.

2. The amount of the retirement pension shall be determined as follows:

(a) If the judge has served a full term of four years and ceases to hold office after 1 January 2001, the amount of the annual pension shall be two ninths of the annual salary;

(b) If the judge has served a full term of four years and ceases to hold office after 1 January 1999 but before 1 January 2000, the amount of the annual pension shall be 26,500 United States dollars;

(c) If the judge has served a full term of four years and ceases to hold office after 1 January 2000 but before 1 January 2001, the amount of the annual pension shall be 31,000 dollars;

(d) Judges who have served a term of four years and who retire in 1999 or 2000 shall receive an increase in their pension as follows. As noted above, judges retiring in 1999 shall receive an annual pension of 26,500 dollars. Their annual pension shall be increased to 31,000 dollars in 2000 and to 35,500 dollars in 2001. Judges retiring in 2000 shall receive an annual pension of 31,000 dollars. The pension shall be increased to 35,500 dollars in 2001;

(e) With effect from 1 January 1999, all pensions in course of payment as at 31 December 1998, including pensions of judges who retire on or before that date, shall be increased by 10.3 per cent, i.e., the change resulting from the increase in the annual salary;

(f) If a judge served for less than a full term of four years, the amount of the pension shall be that proportion of the annual pension which the number of months of his or her actual service bears to forty-eight;

(g) If the judge came into office prior to 1 January 1999 and has been or is subsequently re-elected for another term, he or she shall continue to receive one one-hundred-and-thirty-third of the International Tribunal's pension benefit for each further month subsequent to his or her initial term, up to a maximum pension equivalent to eight twenty-sevenths of the annual salary. Judges elected to terms of office commencing after 31 December 1998 shall not be entitled to an increase in their pension benefit in case of re-election.

3. A judge who ceased to hold office before the age of sixty and who would be entitled to a retirement pension when he or she reached that age may elect to receive a pension from any date after the date on which he or she ceases to hold office. Should he or she so elect, the amount of such pension shall be that amount which has the same value as the retirement pension which would have been paid to him or her at the age of sixty.

4. No retirement pension shall be payable to a former judge who has been re-elected to office until he or she again ceases to hold office. At that time, the amount of his or her pension shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 above on the basis of his or her total period of service and shall be subject to a reduction equal in actuarial value to the amount of any retirement pension paid to him or her before he or she reached the age of sixty.

5. No retirement pension shall be payable to a former judge who has been elected a member of the International Court of Justice or who has been elected or appointed a permanent judge of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia or who has been appointed to serve in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia or the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda as an ad litem judge until he or she ceases to hold that office or appointment.

**Draft resolution III**  
**Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and**  
**salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the**  
**United Nations Development Programme**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* paragraph 4 of its resolution 57/310 of 18 June 2003,

*Having considered* the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>1</sup>

*Concurs* with paragraph 3 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>1</sup> and decides, at this time, not to change the current practice regarding the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

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<sup>1</sup> A/58/7/Add.3.

**Draft resolution IV**  
**Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 35/221 of 17 December 1980 and 55/238 of 23 December 2000,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Approves* the suggestions outlined in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>1</sup> due to the increase in the salary scale for staff in certain grades of the Professional and higher categories in accordance with its resolution 57/285 of 20 December 2002, with effect from 1 September 2003;

2. *Decides* that the additional financial requirements stemming from the proposals shall be reflected in its resolution on the second performance report for the biennium 2002-2003;

3. *Also decides* to maintain the procedure for adjusting the compensation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the basis of the movement of the consumer price index;<sup>2</sup>

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the issue of conditions of service and compensation of the three officials to the attention of the General Assembly when the annual compensation for the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions falls below the level of the compensation of Assistant Secretaries-General, but no sooner than at its sixty-third session;

5. *Decides* that the procedure outlined above shall replace the requirement for future five-year comprehensive reviews outlined in paragraph 8 of the report of the Secretary-General;

6. *Reaffirms* the principle that the conditions of service and compensation of the three officials shall be separate and distinct from those of officials of the United Nations Secretariat.

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<sup>1</sup> A/C.5/57/35.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 2.

20. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

**Draft decision I**  
**Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system**

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system<sup>1</sup> and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,<sup>2</sup> as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>3</sup> requests the Joint Inspection Unit to provide further clarification of its recommendations 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9, and decides to continue its consideration of this matter at the first part of its resumed fifty-eighth session.

**Draft decision II**  
**Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa**

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa<sup>4</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.<sup>5</sup>

**Draft decision III**  
**Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up**

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up,<sup>6</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See A/57/442.

<sup>2</sup> A/57/442/Add.1.

<sup>3</sup> A/57/434, paras. 5 and 6.

<sup>4</sup> A/58/154.

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1), para. XI.3.

<sup>6</sup> A/58/217.

<sup>7</sup> A/58/7/Add.1.