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## Committee for Programme and Coordination

### Fifty-first session

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Agenda item 7

### Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-first session

## Draft report

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Igor **Krasnov** (Belarus)

## I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) on 28 April 2011 and its substantive session from 6 June to 1 July 2011 at United Nations Headquarters. It held a total of 10 meetings and some 20 informal consultations.

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 June, several delegations raised concerns over the delays and difficulties encountered by some Member States in obtaining entry visas from the host country. The Committee recalled General Assembly resolution 65/244, in which the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013, contained in chapter II, section A, of its report on the work of its fiftieth session (A/65/16). In particular the Committee recalled its recommendation under programme 6, Legal affairs, concerning the host country's legal obligation to grant entry visas to the officials of all Member States attending United Nations meetings.

### A. Agenda

3. The agenda for the fifty-first session, adopted by the Committee at its organizational session (1st meeting), is contained in annex I to the present report.

### Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

4. At its 1st meeting, on 28 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2011/L.2), containing the information that there were no relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit available for consideration by the Committee. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 June, the Committee was further informed, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008



(LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267, that no relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit would be available for the fifty-first session.

5. In the discussion, it was recalled that also at its fiftieth session, the Committee had received no reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system in accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX). In this regard, it was further pointed out that one of the key mandates of the Committee is to assist the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on coordination.

6. The Committee expressed concern with the absence of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, which is not consistent with the recommendation adopted at its forty-seventh session and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/224, recognizing the need to enhance the dialogue of the Committee for Programme and Coordination with the Joint Inspection Unit on coordination issues (see A/62/16, para. 153).

7. The Committee also emphasized that the recommendation adopted at its forty-ninth session, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/229, on the need to enhance its coordination role through improved cooperation with the Joint Inspection Unit, among other United Nations entities, in order to increase planning efficiency and to prevent duplication of efforts within the United Nations system, has not been fully implemented.

8. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it urge the Joint Inspection Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports that are relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind paragraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit.

#### **Programme of work**

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 June, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2011/L.1/Rev.1), listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

10. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Committee had before it an informal paper setting out a tentative and provisional programme of work for its fifty-first session. The Committee approved the programme of work, with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session.

### **B. Election of officers**

11. At its 1st meeting, on 28 April, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Gastón Lasarte (Uruguay) Chair of the Committee for the fifty-first session.

12. At the same meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the following members of the Bureau for the fifty-first session: Vice-Chair: Chull-joo Park (Republic of Korea); and Rapporteur: Vladimir Pavlovich (Belarus).

13. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the following members of the Bureau for the fifty-first session: Vice-Chairs: Felix A. Datuowei (Nigeria) and Isi Yanouka (Israel).

14. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Committee was informed that Vladimir Pavlovich (Belarus), who was elected Rapporteur of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for its fifty-first session, would be unable to attend the session and had requested that the necessary arrangements be made for his replacement.

15. At its 7th meeting, on 15 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Igor Krasnov (Belarus) Rapporteur of the Committee.

16. The members of the Bureau for the fifty-first session of the Committee are:

*Chair:*

Gastón Lasarte (Uruguay)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Isi Yanouka (Israel)

Chull-joo Park (Republic of Korea)

Felix A. Datuowei (Nigeria)

*Rapporteur:*

Igor Krasnov (Belarus)

## C. Attendance

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

Algeria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Antigua and Barbuda	Israel
Argentina	Italy
Armenia	Kazakhstan
Belarus	Namibia
Benin	Nigeria
Brazil	Pakistan
Central African Republic	Republic of Korea
China	Russian Federation
Comoros	South Africa
Cuba	Spain
Eritrea	Ukraine
Guinea	Uruguay
Haiti	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
India	

18. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Austria	Nicaragua
Egypt	Senegal
France	Switzerland
Japan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Kenya	Northern Ireland
Mexico	United Republic of Tanzania
Morocco	United States of America

19. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented as observers:

European Union

20. The following funds and programmes were represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

21. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts; the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; the Secretary of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; the Director of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa; and other senior officials of the Secretariat.

#### **D. Documentation**

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

#### **E. Adoption of the report of the Committee**

23. At its 10th meeting, on 1 July 2011, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its fifty-first session (E/AC.51/2011/L.4 and Add.1-6).

## **Annex I**

### **Agenda for the fifty-first session of the Committee**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
  - (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013;
  - (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 fifty-second session.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-first session.

## Annex II

### List of documents before the Committee at its fifty-first session

A/66/82	Report of the Secretary-General: consolidated report on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (General Assembly resolutions 58/269, 62/224 and 64/229)
A/65/6/Rev.1	Strategic framework for the period 2012-2013
A/66/6 (Sect. 3)	Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Political affairs
A/66/6 (Sect. 15)	Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Human settlements
A/66/6 (Sect. 17)	Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: UN-Women
A/66/6 (Sect. 22)	Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/66/71	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 (General Assembly resolution 62/224)
E/2011/104	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2010/11 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))
E/AC.51/2011/1	Annotated provisional agenda of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
E/AC.51/2011/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on programme evaluation of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (General Assembly resolution 64/229)
E/AC.51/2011/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs: field special political missions led by the Department of Political Affairs but supported by the Department of Field Support (General Assembly resolution 63/247)
E/AC.51/2011/4	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolutions 59/275)
E/AC.51/2011/L.1 and Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation

- E/AC.51/2011/L.2 Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)
- E/AC.51/2011/L.3 Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-second session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))
- E/AC.51/2011/L.4 Draft report of the Committee  
and Add.1-6
- E/AC.51/2011/INF/1 List of delegations
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