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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 27

Jointly financed activities

1. At its 9th and 17th meetings, on 8 and 14 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 27, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 27)).
2. The representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the overall orientation of the programme and its constituent components. Clarification was sought with regard to the interaction between the different bodies responsible for each component of the programme.
4. Explanations were sought regarding the extent to which the Joint Inspection Unit was able to participate in thematic meetings and discussions of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), while it was also acknowledged that CEB participants should be able to discuss issues candidly and express their respective views freely, in order to leverage the collective experience and knowledge. Several delegations expressed concern about the coordination between the offices of the two secretariats, as called for in the Committee's



recommendation contained in paragraph 371 of its report on its fiftieth session (A/65/16).

5. Clarification was sought as to whether the Joint Inspection Unit, as opposed to CEB, was responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Committee's recommendations to United Nations system-wide entities. In addition, explanations were sought regarding the role of CEB in the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

6. Regarding component A, International Civil Service Commission, of programme 27, clarification was sought regarding the effectiveness of the cost-of-living measurements and the frequency of cost-of-living surveys, and with regard to the indicators of achievement reflecting the work of the Commission in a comprehensive way.

7. Regarding component B, Joint Inspection Unit, concern was expressed about the lack of reports of the Unit submitted for consideration by the Committee during its deliberations. Reference was made to paragraphs 8 and 9 of General Assembly resolution 62/224, in which the Assembly emphasized and welcomed the intention of the Committee to enhance its dialogue on coordination issues with the Joint Inspection Unit. The view was expressed that such reports were available to the Committee, as a matter of course, and that the administrative arrangements were not the remit of the Unit.

8. Further information was sought regarding the implementation rate of recommendations issued by the Joint Inspection Unit. Clarification was sought as to the web-based tracking system and the increased percentage of participating organizations providing updated information on the implementation of recommendations.

9. Regarding component C, United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, clarification was sought regarding the CEB view of the United Nations system "working as one". Clarification was also sought with regard to the funding structure of CEB, in particular the difference in financing of the activities of the United Nations Development Group, as the third pillar of CEB.

10. Concerns were raised about the ability to draw linkages between the annual overview report of CEB and the proposed strategic framework. Support was expressed for the comprehensive information provided on its three pillars, the High-Level Committee on Programmes, the High-Level Committee on Management and the United Nations Development Group. Further explanation was sought regarding the interaction among the three pillars in response to queries about potential overlap in the coordination structure.

11. The view was expressed that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement could delineate more clearly between the objectives of the different pillars.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 27, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015.