
Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: recent reports

Report by the Secretariat

1. In 2005, the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) issued nine reports, four of which either were not of direct relevance to WHO,¹ or did not call for any specific action from WHO at this stage. Another report, Policies of United Nations system organizations towards the use of open source software (OSS) in the secretariats (document JIU/REP/2005/3), together with the Secretariat's position on its recommendations, was noted by the Executive Board at its 117th session in January 2006.²
2. The Secretariat's detailed comments on the remaining four reports, including the main findings and recommendations, have been transmitted to JIU and CEB and are summarized in a matrix format, available upon request. These reports were: Some measures to improve overall performance of the United Nations system at the country level. Part I: A short history of United Nations reform in development (document JIU/REP/2005/2); A common payroll for United Nations system organizations (document JIU/REP/2005/4); Policies of United Nations system organizations towards the use of open source software (OSS) for development (document JIU/REP/2005/7); and Further measures to strengthen United Nations system support to the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (document JIU/REP/2005/8).
3. In 2006, the JIU has to date issued five reports, two of which were not considered to be of direct relevance to WHO.³ Comments on two reports issued only recently, A second review of the implementation of headquarters agreements concluded by United Nations system organizations: provision of headquarters premises and other facilities by host countries (document JIU/REP/2006/4); and Towards a United Nations humanitarian assistance programme for disaster response and

¹ (1) Document JIU/REP/2005/1: Review of management and administration at WIPO: budget, oversight and related issues.

(2) Document JIU/REP/2005/5: Review of the management, administration and activities of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

(3) Document JIU/REP/2005/6: External review of the implementation of strategic budgeting within a results-oriented management framework in the International Labour Organization (ILO).

(4) Document JIU/REP/2005/9: Common services in Vienna: buildings management services.

² Document EB117/2006/REC/2, summary record of the tenth meeting, section 7.

³ (1) Document JIU/REP/2006/1: Evaluation of results-based budgeting and peacekeeping operations.

(2) Document JIU/REP/2006/3: Follow-up to the management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

reduction: lessons learned from the Indian Ocean Tsunami disaster (document JIU/REP/2006/5), are in preparation and will be submitted to the Board at a subsequent session.

4. The Secretariat's comments on the remaining 2006 report, Oversight lacunae in the United Nations system (document JIU/REP/2006/2), including JIU's main findings and recommendations, have been transmitted to JIU and CEB and are also summarized in the matrix referred to in paragraph 2 above.

5. In addition, the JIU had, in 2005, issued two Notes, Review of the implementation of results-based management in the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (document JIU/NOTE/2005/1) and Review of the management of the United Nations laissez-passer (document JIU/NOTE/2005/2).

ACTION BY THE PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

6. The Committee is invited to take note of this report.

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