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Report by the Director-General



In accordance with agreed procedures, two formal reports received from the Joint Inspection Unit are submitted, with the Director-General's comments and observations thereon, for the Board's consideration. A suggested draft resolution is contained in section 4.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Director-General is pleased to transmit to the Board, together with his comments and observations, the following reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU):¹

- (i) Glossary of evaluation terms (JIU/REP/78/5 - Annex I to this document)
- (ii) Initial guidelines for internal evaluation systems of the United Nations organizations (JIU/REP/79/2 - Annex III to this document).

2. Glossary of evaluation terms (JIU/REP/78/5 - Annex I)

2.1 In its "Report on evaluation in the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/77/1, submitted to the Executive Board at its sixty-first session as Annex II to document EB61/37), JIU recommended, *inter alia*, that "the United Nations organizations and the JIU should attempt to . . . develop a glossary of terms, including an agreed definition of evaluation, which could be used throughout the United Nations system", a recommendation which was subsequently endorsed by the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

2.2 It is anticipated that this glossary, which has since been prepared, will facilitate communication and cooperation between organizations through the creation of a common understanding of the vocabulary used in the various phases and aspects of evaluation, thus reducing the need for each organization to define its terms in each instance or to interpret terms used by other organizations. The Glossary should be seen as a general framework for evaluation-related terms; further work will be done by JIU in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system, to incorporate changes and additions which may need to be made in the light of further experience of evaluation within the United Nations system.

2.3 As the report is of general interest to the organizations within the United Nations system, consultations have taken place among these organizations and joint comments have been prepared by ACC (United Nations document A/34/286/Add.1). These joint comments, which are reproduced in Annex II, take into account the observations made by WHO. The Director-General has, therefore, no further comments to make.

¹ The annexes mentioned are attached only to the copies of this document distributed to members of the Executive Board.

