



ELEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Review of the ILO's collaboration with the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit

1. At its 288th (November 2003) Session, and at its 289th (March 2004) Session, the Governing Body decided to defer discussion of the ILO's collaboration with the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) until its 292nd Session (March 2005).¹ This was intended to permit consideration of any decisions taken by the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on the proposed reform of the JIU.
2. At its 59th session, the General Assembly adopted a resolution entitled "Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit"² on 23 December 2004. This resolution notes with appreciation a number of steps taken to improve the work of the JIU. It contains a number of decisions on staffing and procedures, including the decision that the unit shall mainly focus on identifying means to improve management and to ensure that optimum use is made of available resources. The resolution also reaffirms its request to executive heads of participating organizations to facilitate the system of follow-up to the reports of the unit, and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider the system.
3. In order to respond to this situation, the Office proposes to defer consideration of the question until November 2005. This would allow time for the Office to work with the JIU to develop possible arrangements for follow-up of recommendations. It would also permit the Office to report on experience under the new methods of work and focus decided by the General Assembly. The JIU had been consulted and agrees with this approach.
4. Furthermore, the Committee's heavy agenda for March 2005 makes it doubtful that there would be time for a full discussion.
5. *For the above reasons, the Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that the discussion on this matter be deferred to the 294th (November 2005) Session.*

Geneva, 2 February 2005.

Point for decision: Paragraph 5.

¹ GB.288/9/1, para. 192; GB.289/10/1/, para. 164.

² A/RES/59/267.