

FIFTH COMMITTEE
Item 130: Joint Inspection Unit

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**Procedures for the appointment of inspectors of
the Joint Inspection Unit**

Note by the President of the General Assembly (A/60/659)

Monday, 6 March 2006

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, the note by the President contained in document A/60/659 entitled "Procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit."

This note has been prepared in pursuance of paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 59/267 of 23 December 2004, entitled "Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit" in which the Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly to review the procedures followed by the Assembly for the appointment of inspectors, with a view to enhancing the efficiency of the application of article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute, bearing in mind the procedures followed for the selection of members of other expert bodies, and to report to the Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixtieth session for its decision, as appropriate.

The President of the General Assembly has reviewed the procedures followed to date in connection with the appointment of inspectors of the Unit. With a view to enhancing the efficiency of the existing procedures, the President, in response to the request made to him in paragraph 9 of resolution 59/267 proposes, in his note, a simplified process for the selection and appointment of inspectors of the Unit, similar to those followed by other intergovernmental expert bodies.

At present, the implementation of the provisions of article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, is a two-step process that begins two years prior to inspectors taking up their mandate. In the first year, the President of the General Assembly draws up a list of countries that would be requested to propose candidates. Consultations envisaged in paragraph 2 of article 3 take place the following year.

The simplified proposal of the President would be as follows:

- (a) In January, the President of the General Assembly would inform the Chairmen of the regional groups of the posts of inspectors becoming vacant at the end of the year, and invites Member States of the relevant regions to submit the names of countries and their proposed candidates for the vacant posts.

- (b) In March, after consultation with members of their respective groups, the Chairmen of the regional groups would simultaneously submit to the President of the General Assembly, the names of the countries and the names of the candidates to fill the posts.
- (c) From April to July, the President would proceed with the consultation process outlined in article 3, paragraph 2 of the Statute and the relevant resolutions of the Assembly, in particular paragraph 8 of resolution 59/267, and would review the qualifications of the proposed candidates to ensure that they meet the necessary requirements.
- (d) From August to September, after completing the consultations, the President would submit the names of all qualified candidates to the Assembly for Appointment.

It should be noted that the President, through his consultations, would not determine the number of candidates to be submitted to the General Assembly for appointment, but would submit a list containing **all** the names of candidates deemed qualified through the consultation process, even if the number of candidates exceeded the number of vacant posts to be filled.

The Assembly would then proceed to the appointment process, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure of the General Assembly, based on the list of candidates submitted by the President through his consultations.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.