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## Joint Inspection Unit

### Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Joint Inspection Unit” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 10th and 21st meetings, on 13 November and 27 December 2019. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup>

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system” ([A/74/217](#));

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system” ([A/74/217/Add.1](#)).

#### II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.19](#)

4. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system” ([A/C.5/74/L.19](#)), submitted

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<sup>1</sup> [A/C.5/74/SR.10](#) and [A/C.5/74/SR.21](#).



by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Cameroon.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.19](#) without a vote (see para. 6).

### III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### **Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions [62/170](#) of 18 December 2007, [70/170](#) of 17 December 2015, [71/262](#) of 23 December 2016, [72/19](#) of 1 December 2017, [72/161](#) and [72/162](#) of 19 December 2017, [73/270](#) of 22 December 2018 and [74/144](#) of 18 December 2019,

*Reaffirming* the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,<sup>1</sup> which it adopted on 13 December 2006 and which entered into force on 3 May 2008, a landmark convention affirming the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and recognizing that it is both a human rights and a development instrument,

*Noting with appreciation* the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy launched by the Secretary-General on 11 June 2019,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system,<sup>2</sup> as well as the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;<sup>3</sup>

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to implement all 10 recommendations contained in the report of the Unit in all United Nations facilities, conferences and meetings, as appropriate, in a timely manner, and invites the executive heads and the legislative bodies of the United Nations system organizations to address the relevant recommendations in their organizations, without prejudice to the measures taken in the framework of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-fifth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

<sup>2</sup> [A/74/217](#).

<sup>3</sup> [A/74/217/Add.1](#).