Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
of interest to UNDP

Note by the Administrator

1. Eleven reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) have been issued since the last note by the Administrator to the Governing Council (DP/1989/16). Eight of these are of interest or concern to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and to the Governing Council and are the subject of this note. 1/

JIU/REP/89/2 Evaluation of rural development activities of the United Nations system in three African least developed countries (Burkina Faso, Burundi, United Republic of Tanzania)

2. The report was circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council under the symbol A/45/76-E/1990/12. It will be before the Council at its second regular session of 1990 and before the Assembly at its forty-fifth session. The report has been reviewed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination Task Force on Rural Development.

JIU/REP/89/3 An evaluative assessment of the technical co-operation activities of the International Maritime Organization in relation to maritime training

3. As of the end of February 1990, the report had not been issued as a document of the General Assembly. UNDP provided comments to JIU and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on various parts of the report of special interest to UNDP and those comments have been fully reflected in the final JIU report. It is expected that the report will be before the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.
Evaluation of the regional project RLA/79/031: Programme on joint studies on Latin American economic integration (ECIEL)

4. The report was circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council under the symbol A/45/77-E/1990/10. It will be before the Council at its second regular session of 1990 and before the Assembly at its forty-fifth session. Project RLA/79/031 is a UNDP-assisted regular project; the UNDP contribution to the project ended in 1987 after about eight years of assistance.

Review of United Nations public information networks -- Reorganization of the Department of Public Information

5. The report was circulated among members of the General Assembly under the symbol A/44/433 and the comments of the Secretary-General as document A/44/433/Add.1. The UNDP comments on the recommendations of JIU concerning the publication entitled World Development are contained in paragraph 27 of document A/44/433/Add.1. The Assembly, in resolutions 44/50 of 8 December 1989 and 44/201 A of 21 December 1989, took note of the report and the related comments of the Secretary-General, including those provided by UNDP.


6. The report was circulated among members of the General Assembly under the symbol A/44/329 and the comments of the Secretary-General as document A/44/329/Add.1. The Assembly, in resolution 44/201 A of 21 December 1989, took note of the report and the related comments of the Secretary-General.

Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical co-operation projects

7. The report was circulated among members of the General Assembly under the symbol A/44/646. The JIU Inspector addressed the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) under agenda item 4 (c) and presented his main findings; the Council adopted decision 89/29 on 30 June 1989. The Governing Council may wish to bear the conclusions and recommendations of the report in mind in considering item 4 (d).

Human resource development through technical co-operation

8. The report was circulated among members of the General Assembly under the symbol A/45/113 and will be before the Assembly at its forty-fifth session. Special attention is drawn to recommendations 1 and 1 (a) of JIU (A/45/113, para. 136).
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From the optical disc pilot project at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) to an optical disc system for the United Nations

9. The report was circulated among members of the General Assembly under the symbol A/44/684 and the comments of the Secretary-General as document A/44/684/Add.1. The Assembly, in resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, took note of the report and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon. Attention is drawn to recommendation 3 of JIU (A/44/684, para. 63).

Notes

1/ The following additional reports were prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit in 1989: "Report on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)" (JIU/REP/89/1), circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council under the symbol A/44/206-E/1989/69 and Corr.1 and the comments of the Secretary-General as document A/44/206/Add.1-E/1989/69/Add.1 (the Council, in decision 1989/191 of 28 July 1989, took note of the report; the Assembly, in decision 44/423 of 8 December 1989 and resolution 44/201 A of 21 December 1989, took note of the report and the related comments of the Secretary-General); "Concluding report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 concerning the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/89/7), circulated among members of the General Assembly under the symbol A/44/486 and the comments of the Secretary-General as document A/44/486/Add.1; and "Budgeting in organizations of the United Nations system: Some comparisons (volume I - Comparative analysis; volume II - Comparative tables)" (JIU/REP/89/9), which will be before the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session (A/45/130).