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# FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**Recommendation 7 of the JIU Report *Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1)**

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**V. Item 4: Recommendation 7 of the JIU Report *Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1) (CCLM 121/4 Rev.1)**

14. The Committee reviewed document CCLM 121/4 Rev.1 *Recommendation 7 of the JIU Report “Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function” (JIU/REP/2020/1)*.

15. The Committee recommended that the procedure to be developed should, as far as possible, avoid amending the Basic Texts or establishing new bodies. The Committee had preliminary exchanges on the form in which the procedure could be promulgated. The Committee recalled the importance of independence in the investigation process.

16. The Committee welcomed its informal joint working sessions with the Finance Committee and the written contributions submitted by Members, and looked forward to further informal working sessions before its spring 2025 Session.

17. The Committee took note of developments and practices in other UN Specialized Agencies.

18. The Committee recommended:

- a) against the creation of a standing special committee, or “Special Mechanism”;<sup>1</sup>
- b) the introduction of a limit of five working days to align the three options of the initial determination;<sup>2</sup> and
- c) with respect to the External Investigating Entity (“EIE”):
  - i. adding an option reflecting the possibility of a direct referral to the EIE by the Office of the Inspector General and/or the Oversight Advisory Committee when it is determined that a further review is warranted; and
  - ii. considering the suggestion of a single EIE, such as the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services, as an alternative to a roster.

19. The Committee recognized the essential nature of the “Fact-finding phase” as an impartial technical exercise, while noting the need to determine the role of relevant Governing Bodies in this regard.

20. The Committee looked forward to receiving a revised version of the draft procedures for its consideration at its spring 2025 Session.

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<sup>1</sup> As envisaged under paragraph 24 of document [CCLM 121/4 Rev.1](#) and paragraph 12, option 4, of the Annex thereto.

<sup>2</sup> Paragraph 9 of the Annex to document [CCLM 121/4 Rev.1](#).