



The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)

For the Joint Swiss-UNITAR briefing United Nations Budgetary Matters:
Oversight Mechanisms

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What is the JIU's Mandate?

Resolution 31/192 established the JIU as the only independent external oversight body empowered with a system-wide mandate. As such, the Unit became a standing subsidiary organ of the UNGA and of other legislative bodies of the UN organizations that accepted its Statute.

The goals are to:

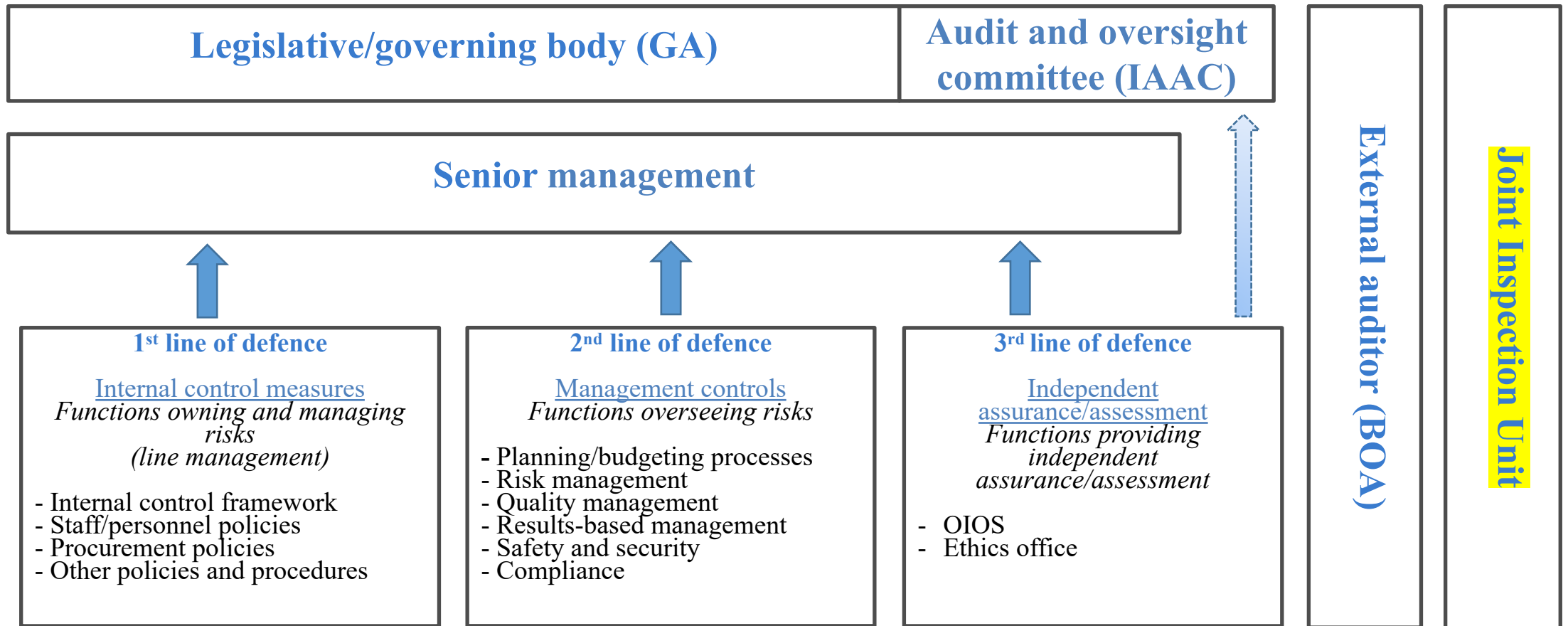
- Assist legislative organs of 28 JIU participating organizations in meeting their governance responsibilities
- Improve governance, accountability, efficiency and effectiveness
- Promote greater coordination and coherence between and across UN system organizations
- Identify good/best practices, propose benchmarks and facilitate information-sharing throughout UN system

Who are our stakeholders?

- 28 participating organizations (PO)
 - Funds & Programmes and UN Secretariat
 - Specialized agencies
- Executive heads
- Legislative/governing bodies of the PO's.
- Member States
- Other interested parties

JIU in the oversight architecture of the UN system

UN system and the three lines of defense model



What guides the JIU's programme of work?

- Inputs from the participating organizations
- Inspectors' own observations, experience and/or assessment of priority
- Direction and requests by GA and other UN system organization governing bodies
- Strategic Framework 2020-29
 - Guiding principles
 - Strategic goals
 - Thematic areas of focus
 - Strategic approach
 - Framework includes metrics, review mechanism (2024) and performance criteria

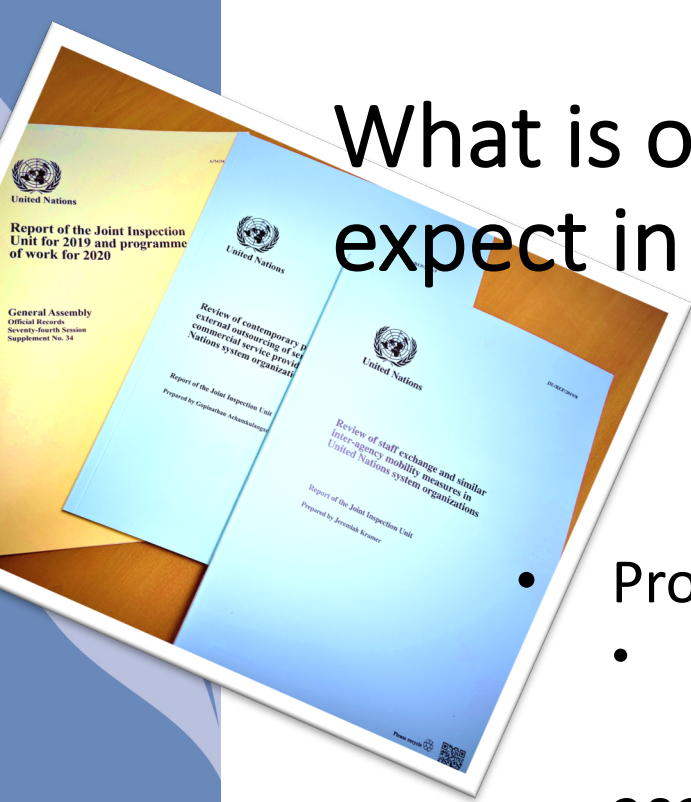
How do we do what we do?

- 11 Inspectors;
 - Inspectors appointed by the GA
 - Serve 5-year terms (max. two terms)
 - Mandated to provide an independent view through inspections, evaluations, letters and notes aimed at improving management and methods and at achieving greater coordination between organizations
 - Conduct system-wide, multi-agency and single organization reviews
 - Work independently, or sometimes in teams of 2-3
- Executive Secretary along with 19 secretariat staff provide support for the work of the Inspectors
- JIU Norms and Standards
- Internal Working Procedures

How do we work with GA and other governing bodies?

- Present reports, primarily, through 2nd and 5th committees
- Provide briefings to Member State groups (only on their request) on findings and conclusions of reports
- Successful engagements are when governing/legislative bodies 'endorse' JIU recommendations for implementation

What is our Programme of Work and what can you expect in the near future?



- Process for developing our POW for 2021 is currently underway.
 - 2021 POW will be finalized in January 2021
- 2020 POW includes reviews on:
 - Cybersecurity
 - Blockchain applications
 - Ethics function
 - Environmentally friendly policies, practices and facilities across UN orgs
 - UN system support to landlocked developing countries

Reports to be presented

- Reports that will be presented to the GA in 75th session:
 - Inter-agency mobility measures
- Reports to be presented at first resumed 75th session (March 2021):
 - External outsourcing services to commercial service providers
 - Review of management and administration of ECLAC
 - UN Common Premises
 - Investigations function
 - Enterprise Risk Management
 - Learning policies & platforms
 - Multilingualism
 - Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2020 and programme of work for 2021



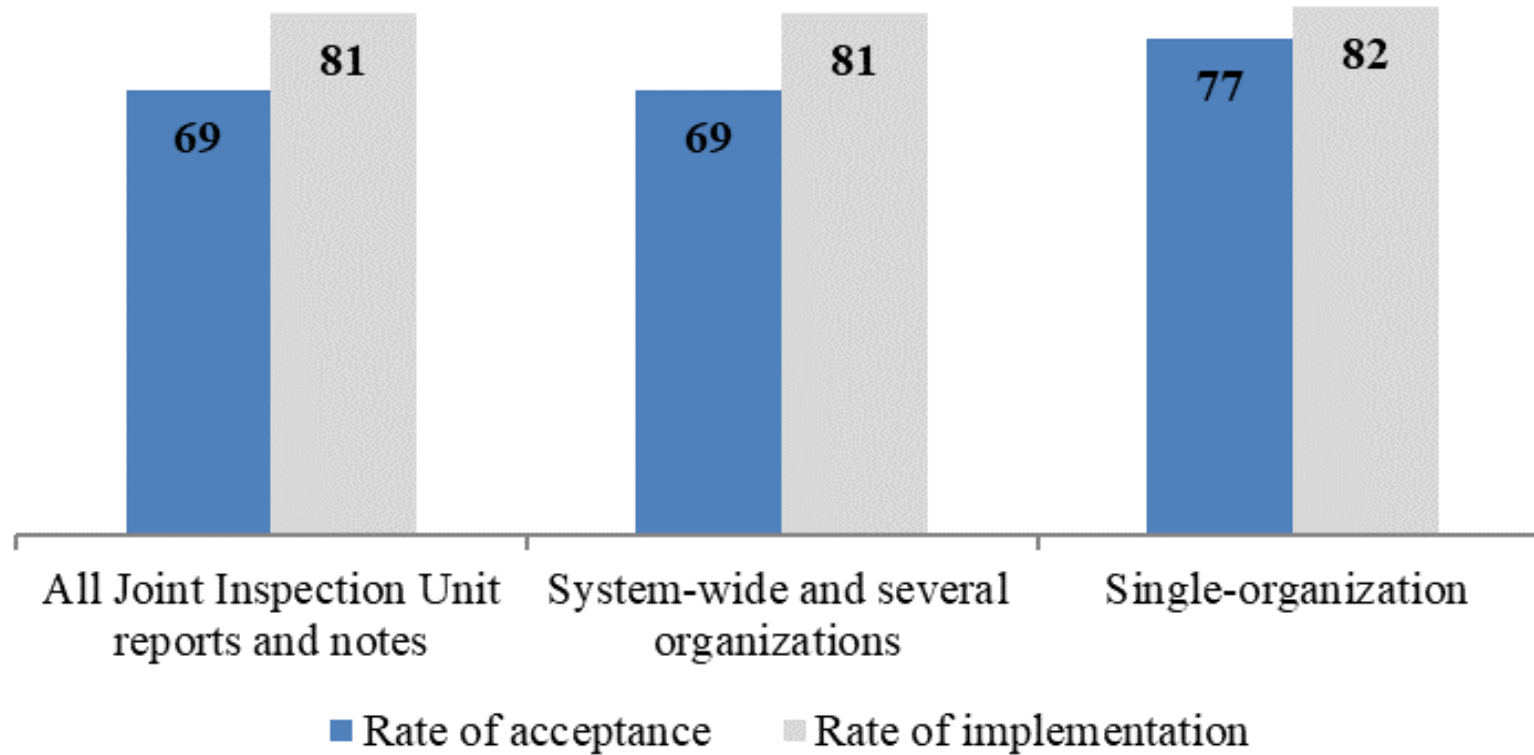
Follow up on JIU Recommendations: WBTS

JIU Web Based Tracking System (WBTS)

- Implemented in 2012
- Database that maintains the record of the status of JIU recommendations issued as updated by POs:
 - the acceptance; implementation; impact of the recommendations of JIU's reports, notes and management/confidential letters.
 - offers a unique Information-sharing platform (with statistics and graphical presentations).

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Follow up on JIU recommendations



What Member States can do to support the JIU:

- Ensure that JIU reports are presented in the appropriate committee/forum
- Encourage acceptance and implementation of JIU recommendations
 - Request information from staff on recommendations that are not accepted
- Request (through resolutions) reviews on topics that are within the JIU's mandate
- Encourage your country's delegates to the legislative bodies of other UN system organizations to consider JIU recommendations – especially those that relate to coordination, collaboration, and good practices.



Questions & Comments