



ELEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Review of the ILO's collaboration with the
United Nations Joint Inspection Unit:
Update**

1. At its 288th (November 2003) Session, the Governing Body decided to defer its decision on the ILO's collaboration with the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) until the March 2004 session.¹ This was intended to permit a review of any decisions taken by the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on the proposed reform of the JIU.
2. At the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, no consensus was reached on the pace and scope of the proposed reforms. There were widespread calls for changes to the statute and working methods of JIU. Proposals include strengthening the role and authority of the Chair of the JIU; improving its staff composition and work methods; enhancing the quality, timeliness and relevance of its reports; and ensuring that effect is given to its recommendations.² Discussions on these issues will continue.
3. Since the matter was not resolved, the General Assembly approved a budget of US\$4.9 million for the JIU for 2004, but deferred the appropriation of budgetary provisions for 2005, stating that further action would be taken "in the context of the first budget performance report for the biennium 2004-2005".³ The performance report will be submitted for consideration during the first part of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly (mid-September to December 2004).
4. *In the light of these developments, the Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that the discussion on this matter be deferred to the 292nd (March 2005) Session.*

Geneva, 27 January 2004.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.

¹ GB.288/PFA/13/1.

² For the JIU reports on which the discussions were based, see A/58/343; A/53/343/Add.1.

³ A/RES/58/271; A/58/573.