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Addendum

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

Corrigendum

At the end of paragraph 25

Insert the following title and sub-paragraphs:

5. Comments of the UNDP Administrator

25a. The Administrator of UNDP has taken note of the report with interest, in particular those aspects of it relating to the United Nations Development Programme as outlined in recommendation 18 of the report. The Inspectors have made it clear that they consider that the relationship between UNDP and ECLA should be greatly strengthened and that ECLA should have a large role than heretofore vis-à-vis UNDP project operations in the region. In this connexion, the Administrator awaits the results of the forthcoming study on regional structures to be undertaken by the Secretary-General as requested in ECOSOC resolution 1553 (XLIX). It may be recalled that the Governing Council of UNDP, at its tenth session, invited the Economic and Social Council to initiate such an inquiry.

25b. With respect to the Inspectors' recommendations 18 (d) on reporting, executing agencies of the UNDP are required under existing UNDP instructions to furnish copies of all technical reports on Special

Fund projects to the regional commissions, including ECLA. Progress reports on Special Funds projects, on the other hand, are not submitted to the regional commissions and there appears to be no reason to require the executing agencies to do so as long as ECLA and the other commissions do not have executing responsibilities.

25c. The extent of ECLA participation in the evaluation of on-going or completed projects depends also on the relationships which have been established internally within the United Nations, that is the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. (The JIU report presumably means projects implemented by the United Nations, although it sometimes seems to be speaking of all regional and even multi-disciplinary country projects.) UNDP-projects evaluations are done jointly with the executing agency and if the United Nations, as the agency in this case wishes to include ECLA in project evaluation or to delegate its participation in evaluation to ECLA entirely, the Administrator could have no objection.