

Report of the Coordinator, Ms. Melinda Vittay (Hungary),
on the informal consultations of the Sixth Committee
on agenda item 14, Administration of justice at the United Nations,
during the 78th session of the General Assembly

Madame Chair,

Distinguished colleagues,

I have the honour to introduce the draft letter from the Chair of the Sixth Committee to the President of the General Assembly on agenda item 14, Administration of justice at the United Nations

The Sixth Committee held a total of six rounds of informal consultations, and a number of rounds of informal informal consultations were also held with interested delegations.

During our informal consultations we were able to cover some of the requests and recommendations included in together 3 reports:

1. the report of the Secretary

{ It also underlines the importance of transparency and consistency of jurisprudence and judicial directions;

{ It renews its interest in improving the regulatory framework, including measures to address racism and promote dignity for all at the United Nations

{ With regard to the informal system of internal justice, it continues to emphasize that informal dispute settlement was a crucial component of the internal system of administration of justice. It also supports the consideration of various mechanisms to increase the use of mediation for workplace disputes

{ Turning to the formal system of internal justice, delegations again commended the Management Evaluation Unit, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal for their continued important role in enabling the resolution of work-related disputes of staff members. The Committee requested the Internal Justice Council to provide more information on its proposal for a pilot programme of judicial mediation, taking into account the concerns raised by the Secretary-General and Office of Ombudsman and Mediation Services

{ The Sixth Committee also continued to address the issue of staff representation and voluntary supplemental funding mechanism of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance. In particular, it recommended to regularize the voluntary supplemental funding mechanism as it currently exists.

{ With regard to remedies available to non-staff personnel, the Committee reiterates its long-standing views, by which it highlighted that the UN should ensure that effective remedies were available to all categories of personnel, including staff personnel, and recommending to continue the discussions on ways to provide staff personnel with access to fair, affordable and effective mechanisms for resolving work-related disputes. The Committee further encouraged the Fifth Committee to regularize the pilot project concerning access by non-staff personnel to services provided by the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services.

{ The Committee took note of the Secretary-General's revised proposal to amend article 9 of the statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal by adding a new paragraph 4 and of the different views expressed by key stakeholders and Member States. The Committee underlined the importance of legal certainty when it comes to the review of disciplinary cases. Drawing on the early jurisprudence of the Appeals Tribunal, in particular paragraph 27 of the Mahdi judgment (2010-UNAT-018) and paragraphs 42 and 43 of the Sanwidi judgement (2010-UNAT-084), t10912 0 612 277 (expre)- G -0.00144 Tc[(st

