

**Report of the Coordinator, Anna Pála Sverrisdóttir (Iceland),  
on the informal consultations on agenda item 145, United Nations common system,  
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Mr. Chair, Distinguished colleagues,

I thank the bureau for the trust placed in me and have the honor to introduce the draft letter from the Chair of the Sixth Committee to the President of the General Assembly on agenda item 145, "United Nations common system".

The Sixth Committee held two informal consultations on the agenda item, on 12 and 17 October.

Informal informal and bilateral consultations were also held with interested delegations.

During the first informal consultation held on 12 October, the representative of the Department of Management Strategy, Planning and Compliance made a presentation and provided answers and clarifications to delegations.

During our informal consultations, delegations exchanged views, on a preliminary basis, on the legal aspects of the Secretary-General's report and the specific proposals contained therein.

Mr. Chair,

The draft letter under your consideration summarizes the preliminary views expressed by delegations during informal consultations, including the following:

1. underlining the importance of preserving the cohesion and consistency of a single, unified United Nations common system;
2. noting that a meaningful long-term solution was warranted to address the divergence in the jurisprudence of the two tribunal systems that could undermine the cohesion of the United Nations common system;
3. taking note of proposals 1 and 2 in the SG report, that is to facilitate the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) submissions to the tribunals as well as to further the ICSC guidance following relevant tribunal judgments. This was noted positively, as they would not cause any significant legal issues; while at the same concern was raised about the possible implications of proposal 2 to the ICSC's role in regulating and coordinating conditions of service and entitlements for all staff under the United Nations common system;
4. expressing preliminary reservations on proposal 3 to establish a joint chamber of the two tribunals; ILOAT and the UNAT, due to the complexity and the outstanding issues, both in legal and financial terms, related to the proposal;
5. stressing the need for the Secretary-General to carry out further work on the outstanding legal and practical issues in close collaboration with the International Labour Organisation and other stakeholders, as well as the need for exploration of additional steps or proposals.

Mr. Chair,

The draft letter under your consideration reflects the outcome of the negotiations and has received wide support from delegations. I hope that it will be approved by the Sixth Committee by consensus. As indicated in its paragraph 10, the draft letter will then be brought to the attention of the Chair of the Fifth Committee, through the PGA.

In closing, I would like to thank all delegations and the Secretariat for their support.

I thank you for your attention.