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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

Revised estimates under section 25, International Court of Justice,
section 31, Staff Assessment and income section 1, Income from
Staff Assessment

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Regulation 15.1 of article XV of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations provides that "the programme budget proposals of the International Court of Justice shall be prepared by the Court, in consultation with the Secretary-General. These programme budget proposals shall be submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General, together with such observations as he may deem desirable".
2. It may be recalled that in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 1/ the Secretary-General stated the following: "When the present estimates were prepared, consultations had not been concluded between the Court and the Secretary-General on the level of the Court's proposals for the 1984-1985 biennium". Therefore, provisional estimates amounting to \$8,911,700 reflecting the maintenance of the level of resources appropriated for the 1982-1983 biennium were included in the 1984-1985 proposed programme budget in respect of the International Court of Justice under section 25.
3. Consultations have now been concluded between the Court and the Secretary-General. In this regard the present document sets forth the revised estimates of resources required for the International Court of Justice for the 1984-1985 biennium. The revised estimates contain proposals for real growth

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amounting to 6.3 per cent. The growth figure reflects the inclusion of a proposal for one new D-1 level post for a liaison function to be based at Headquarters; two new General Service level posts; an increase in temporary assistance for meetings, offset partially by a redeployment from general temporary assistance; an increase in external printing and communications requirements; an increase in the pension requirements of members of the Court; as well as an increase for provision of one-time costs for furniture and equipment.

4. As stated in paragraph 2 above, an amount of \$8,911,700 was included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 in respect of section 25. The revised estimates submitted in the present report amount to \$9,580,400. Consequently, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$668,700 is requested under section 25. In addition, an amount of \$35,000 would be required under section 31, Staff Assessment, to be offset by income in the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

SECTION 25. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TABLE 1. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

1982-1983 appropri- ation	Estimated additional requirements								1984-1985 estimates
	Revaluation of 1982-1983 re- source base (at revised 1983 rates)		Resource growth (at revised 1983 rates)		Inflation in 1984 and 1985		Total increase		
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	
8 956.7	(269.4)	(3.0)	533.9	5.9	359.2	4.0	623.7	6.9	9 580.4

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1983 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1982-1983 resource base	Resource growth				(5) Adjusted	Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted		
8 687.3	533.9	77.4	96.4	552.9	6.38	

TABLE 2. ANALYSIS OF REVALUED 1982-1983 RESOURCE BASE
(AT REVISED 1983 RATES)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1982-1983 appropriation (1)	Non- recurrent 1982-1983 items (2)	Additional requirements					Special adjust- ments (7)	Total (8)	Net addi- tional require- ments (9) (8)-(2)	Total revalued 1982-1983 resource base (10) (1) + (9)
			Delayed impact of 1982-1983 growth		Recosting at revised 1983 rates						
			Estab- lished posts (3)	Other objects of expend- iture (4)	Estab- lished posts (5)	Other objects of expend- iture (6)					
A. Members of the Court	4 483.5	379.5	-	118.3	-	1.6	-	119.9	(259.6)	4 223.9	
B. The Registry	3 347.5	-	29.4	-	25.3	7.0	-	61.7	61.7	3 409.2	
C. Common services	1 125.7	87.6	-	-	-	16.1	-	16.1	(71.5)	1 054.2	
Total	8 956.7	467.1	29.4	118.3	25.3	24.7	-	197.7	(269.4)	8 687.3	

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF 1984-1985
REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH, BY PROGRAMME

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1982-1983 1983 appro- priation	Estimated additional requirements					1984-1985		Rates of real growth %
		Revaluation of 1982-1983 resource base (at revised 1983 rates)	Resource growth (at revised 1983 rates)	Infla- tion in 1984 and 1985	Total increase \$ %		estimates		
A. Members of the Court	4 483.5	(259.6)	18.1	17.4	(224.1)	(4.9)	4 259.4	0.4	
B. The Registry	3 347.5	61.7	352.8	241.7	656.2	19.6	4 003.7	13.1	
C. Common services	1 125.7	(71.5)	163.0	100.1	191.6	17.0	1 317.3	8.1	
Total	8 956.7	(269.4)	533.9	359.2	623.7	6.9	9 580.4	6.3	

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TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF 1984-1985 REQUIREMENTS
AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH, BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	1982-1983 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements				Total increase	1984-1985 estimates	Rates of real growth %
		Revaluation of 1982-1983 resource base (at revised 1983 rates)	Resource growth (at revised 1983 rates)	Inflation in 1984 and 1985				
Established posts	2 176.1	43.9	98.6	135.3	277.8	2 453.9	7.7	
Temporary assistance for meetings	-	-	679.1	57.1	736.2	736.2	-	
General temporary assistance	546.1	5.8	(452.0)	8.4	(437.8)	108.3	(81.8)	
Overtime	18.4	0.2	-	1.6	1.8	20.2	-	
Representation allowances	7.2	-	-	-	-	7.2	-	
Common staff costs	876.8	(116.8)	30.2	52.0	(34.6)	842.2	3.9	
Pensions	1 517.1	-	18.1	-	18.1	1 535.2	1.1	
Travel of staff	55.9	1.5	(3.6)	4.6	2.5	58.4	(6.2)	
External printing	244.4	2.6	50.0	25.0	77.6	322.0	20.2	
Salaries and allowances for judges	2 632.1	(132.5)	-	-	(132.5)	2 499.6	-	
General operating expenses	37.7	0.3	-	3.1	3.4	41.1	-	
Rental/maintenance of premises	537.2	10.7	-	46.1	56.8	594.0	-	
Communications	60.1	0.7	35.6	8.1	44.4	104.5	58.5	
Hospitality	1.3	-	0.5	0.1	0.6	1.9	38.4	
Supplies and materials	75.4	0.8	-	6.4	7.2	82.6	-	
Library books and supplies	56.1	0.7	-	4.8	5.5	61.6	-	
Furniture and equipment	114.8	(87.3)	77.4	6.6	(3.3)	111.5	-	
Total	8 956.7	(269.4)	533.9	359.2	623.7	9 580.4	6.3	

TABLE 5. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: International Court of Justice

	Established posts		Temporary posts				Total	
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources			
	1982-1983	1984-1985	1982-1983	1984-1985	1982-1983	1984-1985	1982-1983	1984-1985
Professional category and above								
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2
P-5	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-4	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-3	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-2/1	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total	16	17	-	-	-	-	16	17
General Service category								
Principal level	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Other levels	17	19	-	-	-	-	17	19
Total	23	25	-	-	-	-	23	25
Grand total	39	42	-	-	-	-	39	42

The International Court of Justice

5. The International Court of Justice is the principal juridical organ of the United Nations. It functions in accordance with its Statute, which forms an integral part of the United Nations Charter.

6. The Court's function is to adjudicate in contentious cases referred to it by States and to give advisory opinions at the request of bodies so authorized by, or in accordance with, the Charter. At present, in addition to the United Nations such bodies include (1) the International Labour Organisation (ILO), (2) the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), (3) the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (4) the World Health Organization (WHO), (5) the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, (6) the International Finance Corporation, (7) the International Monetary Fund, (8) the International Civil Aviation Organization, (9) the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), (10) the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), (11) the International Maritime Organization, (12) World Intellectual Property Organization, (13) International Fund for Agricultural Development, (14) the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Court submits annual reports to the General Assembly. The latest report is contained in document A/37/4. 2/

7. During the year ended 31 July 1982, the Court held 56 private sessions. Twenty-eight public sittings were held. The judicial work centred around the contentious cases concerning the Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), the Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta), the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary in the Gulf of Maine Area (Canada/United States), and the advisory case concerning an Application for Review of Judgement No. 273 of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

A. Members of the Court

TABLE 6. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Main objects of expenditure	1982-1983 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements				Total increase	1984-1985 estimates
		Revaluation of 1982-1983 resource base (at revised 1983 rates)	Re-source growth (at revised 1983 rates)	Inflation in 1984 and 1985			
Salaries and allowances for judges	2 632.1	(132.5)	-	-	(132.5)	2 499.6	
Pensions	1 517.1	-	18.1	-	18.1	1 535.2	
Travel	16.7	0.5	-	1.5	2.0	18.7	
Common staff costs	317.6	(127.6)	-	15.9	(111.7)	205.9	
Total	4 483.5	(259.6)	18.1	17.4	(224.1)	4 259.4	

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1983 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1982-1983 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
4 223.9	18.1	-	-	18.1	0.48

A. Members of the Court

8. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected by the General Assembly and the Security Council for a period of nine years.

Resource requirements (at revised 1983 rates)

Salaries and allowances for judges

9. The total requirements under this heading (\$2,499,600) include the following:

(a) Annual salary of \$70,000 per judge, effective 1 January 1981 as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/220 A of 17 December 1980;

(b) Additional payments totalling \$12,000 per annum in respect of the cost-of-living supplement system, as decided by the Assembly in its resolution 35/220 A;

(c) An additional special allowance of \$12,200 per annum for the President of the Court;

(d) An additional allowance of \$7,600 per annum for the Vice-President of the Court when he acts as President.

Pensions

10. Under their pension arrangement, which is non-contributory, judges who have ceased to hold office and have reached the age of 65 will receive a pension in accordance with the pension scheme of the International Court of Justice as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/220 B of 17 December 1980. The increased requirements of \$18,100 are required to provide for the level of pension entitlements during the biennium.

Common staff costs

11. The requirements under this heading (\$190,000) are requested to provide for the normal rhythm of two journeys per annum for non-resident judges and for one journey every second year after the year of appointment for judges residing at the seat of the Court in accordance with the revised travel and subsistence regulations of the International Court of Justice as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/240 with effect from 1 January 1983 for which an adjustment of \$88,300 has been made to the base.

Travel

12. The requirements under this heading (\$17,200) are requested to provide for the travel of judges to attend sessions of the General Assembly, as well as for travel of judges on other official business.

B. The Registry

TABLE 7. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Main objects of expenditure	1982-1983 approved appropriation	Estimated additional requirements			Total increase	1984-1985 estimates
		Revaluation of 1982-1983 resource base (at revised 1983 rates)	Re-source growth (at revised 1983 rates)	Inflation in 1984 and 1985		
Established posts	2 176.1	43.9	98.6	135.3	277.8	2 453.9
Temporary assistance for meetings	-	-	679.1	57.1	736.2	736.2
General temporary assistance	546.1	5.8	(452.0)	8.4	(437.8)	108.3
Overtime	18.4	0.2	-	1.6	1.8	20.2
Common staff costs	559.2	10.8	30.2	36.1	77.1	636.3
Representation allowances	7.2	-	-	-	-	7.2
Travel of staff	39.2	1.0	(3.6)	3.1	0.5	39.7
Hospitality	1.3	-	0.5	0.1	0.6	1.9
Total	3 347.5	61.7	352.8	241.7	656.2	4 003.7

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1983 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1982-1983 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
3 409.2	352.8	-	96.4	449.2	13.1%

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B. The Registry

13. The Registry, which is appointed by the Court in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 2, of its Statute, provides legal, diplomatic, administrative and other technical support for the Court. It is also responsible for the financial and accounting administration, archives and distribution services, and documents and library services.

Resource requirements (at revised 1983 rates)

New posts

14. The establishment of three new posts (one D-1 and two General Service (G-4)) are proposed as follows:

(a) The establishment of a D-1 level post in New York is proposed in order to provide liaison at Headquarters with members or officials of other organs of the Organization and specialized agencies. The Court considers that this liaison is necessary and would provide for: (i) a Court official to be available especially during sessions of the General Assembly for consultations as to the procedures afforded by the Court's jurisdiction for the resolution of legal issues; (ii) informing the Court regularly of the treatment given within the United Nations of international legal issues and of developments capable of affecting its jurisdiction. The incumbent would also ensure a rapid and full flow of information and documents needed for advisory cases and other issues of concern to the Court, maintenance of contact with the Offices of the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel and other departments of the Secretariat, in relation to the use of the Court and the fulfillment of its role, and co-operating with the Department of Public Information in the dissemination of knowledge concerning the Court and its potentialities inter alia through talks to groups and discussions with interested personalities, and preparing visits to Headquarters of the President and other members of the Court.

(b) Two additional General Service posts at the G-4 level are requested, to provide for the setting up of a genuine security service to guard the new wing of the Peace Palace. The opening of the new wing of the Peace Palace in 1978 has given rise to problems some of which remain unsettled. In particular, it has increased the burden on the service of messengers who at the Court carry out a variety of tasks. While the tasks have been carried out with resort to the use of year-round temporary staff over the years, it is proposed that a permanent solution be found in creating a veritable security service, which would enable the problems of the security of judges and the Peace Palace to be more satisfactorily resolved.

General temporary assistance

15. The requirements under this heading (\$99,900) involve a decrease of \$452,000 redeployed to temporary assistance for meetings. The requirements relate to the provision of secretarial assistance to judges, for messengers, library assistants, and a second telephone operator. The decreased amount of \$452,000 has been redeployed to temporary assistance for meetings to reflect more appropriately the requirements for that item.

Temporary assistance for meetings

16. The requirements under this heading (\$679,100) are proposed to provide for pre- and in-session conference servicing to private meetings and public hearings of the Court. Heretofore, part of this provision (\$452,000) has been made under general temporary assistance; however, it is considered that the requirements should be shown under this heading to reflect more appropriately the expenditures. There is however, an increase of \$227,100 over the 1982-1983 biennium as the expenditure pattern warrants such an increase.

Overtime

17. The requirements under this heading (\$18,600) would be utilized during peak work-load periods during sessions of the Court.

Travel of staff

18. The requirements under this heading (\$36,600) relate to the travel of the Registry staff on official business of the Court.

Hospitality

19. The requirements under this heading (\$1,800) involving an increase of \$500 are required to provide for official functions and other hospitality.

C. Common services

TABLE 8. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Main objects of expenditure	1982-1983 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements				1984-1985 estimates
		Revaluation of 1982-1983 resource base (at revised 1983 rates)	Re-source growth (at revised 1983 rates)	Inflation in 1984 and 1985	Total increase	
External printing	244.4	2.6	50.0	25.0	77.6	322.0
General operating expenses	37.7	0.3	-	3.1	3.4	41.1
Rental/maintenance of premises	537.2	10.7	-	46.1	56.8	594.0
Communications	60.1	0.7	35.6	8.1	44.4	104.5
Supplies and materials	75.4	0.8	-	6.4	7.2	82.6
Library books and supplies	56.1	0.7	-	4.8	5.5	61.6
Furniture and equipment	114.8	(87.3)	77.4	6.6	(3.3)	111.5
Total	1 125.7	(71.5)	163.0	100.1	191.6	1 317.3

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1983 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1982-1983 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
1 054.2	163.0	77.4	-	85.6	8.1%

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C. Common services

External printing

20. The requirements under this heading (\$297,000) involving an increase of \$50,000 are required to provide for publications as provided for by the Statute and rules of the Court and include three annual series: Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders, a Bibliography of works and documents relating to the Court, and the Yearbook of the Court. The requirements would also provide for the documentation of each case which is published by the Court after the end of the proceedings under the title Pleadings, Oral Arguments, Documents, Comprising Texts, Maps, and Charts.

Rental and maintenance of premises

21. According to the agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation of 21 February 1946 (approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 84(I)), concerning the use of the Peace Palace in The Hague, the United Nations has been making annual contributions to the Foundation for the use of the Peace Palace in partial compensation of the latter's general operating expenses.

Communications

22. The requirements under this heading (\$96,400) involving an increase of \$35,600 are required to provide for telephone, postage, pouches, cables and telexes. The increased requirements are attributable to the operation of an independent telephone exchange for the Court in the new wing and increased rates over the years.

Furniture and equipment

23. The requirements under this heading (\$104,900) include an increase of a non-recurrent provision of \$77,400 for the one-time acquisition of word processing equipment, the acquisition of a sorting machine, the purchase and installation of bookshelves for the library in newly constructed storage accommodation in the basement of the building, and a contribution to the Carnegie Foundation for the cost of reinforcement of the floors in the aforementioned storage accommodation, as well as provision for purchase of other furniture and equipment.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/38/6), para. 25.5.

2/ Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 4.
