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Section 10. Law of the Sea and Ocean Affairs

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SECTION 10. LAW OF THE SEA AND OCEAN AFFAIRS

OVERVIEW

TABLE 10.1. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropri- ation	Estimated additional require- ments at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993			1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth						
	\$	%	\$	%					
8 372.3	377.0	4.5	99.6	1.1	8 848.9	656.2	7.4	9 505.1	

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 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	
8 749.3	99.6	-	-	99.6	1.1%

TABLE 10.1 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes		
UNDP	32.3	24.8
Total (a)	32.3	24.8
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for Special Aspects of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	33.9	-
Trust Fund for International Cooperation for Development	20.1	-
Special Account for the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for Pioneer Investors' Application Fees	112.2	243.7
Total (b)	166.2	243.7
(c) Operational projects		
Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea	38.0	38.0
Total (c)	38.0	38.0
Total (a), (b) and (c)	236.5	306.5
Total, direct costs		9 811.6

TABLE 10.3. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993
REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH

(Thousands of United States dollars)

		1990-1991 appropri- ation	Estimated additional require- ments at revised 1991 rates	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
A. Executive direction and management		1 586.5		73.7	38.8	1 699.0	97.9	1 796.9	2.3
B. Programme of work		6 785.8		303.3	60.8	7 149.9	558.3	7 708.2	0.8
Total		8 372.3		377.0	99.6	8 848.9	656.2	9 505.1	1.1

TABLE 10.4. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS
AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH, BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional require- ments at revised 1991 rates		Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
		Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				
Established posts	4 517.4	216.4	13.6	4 747.4	313.4	5 060.8	0.2
Temporary assistance for meetings	99.2	5.2	(7.2)	97.2	16.6	113.8	(6.8)
General temporary assistance	26.2	1.0	-	27.2	2.2	29.4	-
Consultants	179.9	4.8	66.4	251.1	20.6	271.7	35.9
Overtime	20.4	0.8	-	21.2	1.8	23.0	-
Ad hoc expert groups	90.9	4.0	-	94.9	7.9	102.8	-
Common staff costs	1 859.8	88.0	8.0	1 955.8	139.5	2 095.3	0.4
Representation allowances	9.2	-	-	9.2	-	9.2	-
Travel of representatives	21.0	1.1	-	22.1	1.8	23.9	-
Travel of staff	522.1	23.5	(15.2)	530.4	43.8	574.2	(2.7)
External printing and binding	89.8	2.4	-	92.2	7.6	99.8	-
Rental and maintenance of premises	590.9	15.5	-	606.4	50.0	656.4	-
Rental and maintenance of equipment	178.9	7.4	11.4	197.7	25.6	223.3	6.1
Communications	49.3	1.9	5.3	56.5	6.6	63.1	10.3
Hospitality	19.2	0.7	-	19.9	2.2	22.1	-
Miscellaneous services	26.4	1.4	-	27.8	4.8	32.6	-
Supplies and materials	45.0	1.8	-	46.8	6.8	53.6	-
Furniture and equipment	26.7	1.1	17.3	45.1	5.0	50.1	62.2
Total	8 372.3	377.0	99.6	8 848.9	656.2	9 505.1	1.1

TABLE 10.5. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

	Established posts		Temporary posts				Total
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	
Professional category and above							
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1 1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1 1
D-1	4	4	-	-	-	-	4 4
P-5	5	6	-	-	-	-	5 6
P-4	5	4	-	-	-	-	5 4
P-3	5	5	-	-	-	-	5 5
P-2/1	8	8	-	-	-	-	8 8
Total	29	29	-	-	-	-	29 29
General Service category							
Other levels	15	15	-	-	-	-	15 15
Total	15	15	-	-	-	-	15 15
Other categories							
Local level	13	13	-	-	-	-	13 13
Total	13	13	-	-	-	-	13 13
Grand total	57	57 a/	-	-	-	-	57 57 a/

a/ Four Professional (one P-5, one P-3 and two P-2) and 13 Local level posts costed at Kingston rates.

10.1 Initially established as the secretariat of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea carries out the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General as a consequence of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the related resolutions, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 37/66 of 3 December 1982, 38/59 A of 14 December 1983 and subsequent resolutions. In 1988, in response to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, most of the activities of the Ocean Economics and Technology Branch of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs were incorporated into the Office.

10.2 Following the strategy of Programme 10, Law of the sea and ocean affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, the activities of the Office focus on the provision of information, advice and assistance to States in order to promote the wider acceptance of the Convention and its uniform and consistent application. Three quarters of the requisite number of instruments of ratification or accession have been received, and it is expected that the Convention will enter into force during the biennium 1992-1993 or shortly thereafter.

10.3 In this context, more emphasis will be placed on the needs of States for assistance in implementing the Convention to their full benefit and in strengthening their legal, managerial, scientific and technical capabilities. Legal studies will shift from the legislative history of the Convention to analysis of the practice of States in implementing it.

10.4 Activities relating to ocean policy development and integrated ocean management will focus more on regional, geographic and resource-oriented factors, which should facilitate the attainment of national goals. These activities will also cover the establishment of a regime for marine scientific research and the adoption of environmental regulations consistent with the Convention.

10.5 The biennium 1992-1993 will be a transitional period. The servicing of the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is expected to be completed within the biennium or shortly thereafter. At the same time, preparations will commence for servicing the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, an intergovernmental body to be established upon entry into force of the Convention, and whose mandate is to apply scientific and technical data in a complex formula set out in the Convention in order to demarcate the legal limits of the continental shelf and consequently of the international sea-bed area.

10.6 The intergovernmental body providing overall direction to the work of the Secretariat under this programme is the General Assembly.

10.7 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the Office in 1992-1993 would be as follows:

	Regular <u>budget</u>	<u>Extrabudgetary</u>
	(percentage)	
A. Executive direction and management	17.2	-
B. Programme of work	<u>82.8</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

10.8 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	Extrabudgetary (percentage)
Subprogramme 1.* Promoting uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and providing advice and information to States	46.9	12.4
Subprogramme 2.* Assisting marine policy development and integrated ocean management by States in the context of the comprehensive ocean regime	21.9	8.1
Subprogramme 3. Support to organizations within the United Nations system and harmonization of marine affairs in the context of the Convention	8.3	-
Subprogramme 4.* Servicing the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and support to the future Authority and Tribunal	20.8	79.5
Subprogramme 5. Servicing the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf established by the Convention and other intergovernmental bodies, and execution of additional responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Convention	2.1	-
Total	100.0	100.0

* High priority.

A. Executive direction and management

TABLE 10.6. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates		Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
		Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth			
Established posts	971.2	48.0	-	1 019.2	53.9	1 073.1
General temporary assistance	26.2	1.0	-	27.2	2.2	29.4
Overtime and night differential	20.4	0.8	-	21.2	1.8	23.0
Common staff costs	373.8	18.6	-	392.4	20.8	413.2
Representation allowances	9.2	-	-	9.2	-	9.2
Travel of staff	59.6	1.8	-	61.4	5.1	66.5
Rental and maintenance of equipment	74.2	2.0	16.2	92.4	7.7	100.1
Communications	24.4	0.7	5.3	30.4	2.5	32.9
Official functions	13.5	0.4	-	13.9	1.2	15.1
Furniture and equipment	14.0	0.4	17.3	31.7	2.7	34.4
Total	1 586.5	73.7	38.8	1 699.0	97.9	1 796.9

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

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Total	1 796.9

TABLE 10.7. POST REQUIREMENTS

Executive direction and management

	Established posts		Temporary posts				Total
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	
Professional category and above							
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	5	5	-	-	-	-	5
General Service category							
Other levels	3	3	-	-	-	-	3
Total	3	3	-	-	-	-	3
Other categories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand total	8	8	-	-	-	-	8

10.9 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea, provides overall direction, supervision and management of the Office in implementing the programme on Law of the sea and ocean affairs; it also carries out the representational functions of the Secretary-General in this field.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

General temporary assistance

10.10 The provision of \$27,200 under this heading would cover temporary staff requirements during peak workload periods. The provision for the entire Office is administered centrally.

Overtime and night differential

10.11 The estimated requirements (\$21,200) under this heading, covering the entire Office, relate to peak workload periods.

Travel of staff

10.12 The provision of \$61,400 relates to travel by the Special Representative and his immediate staff for purposes of representation and consultation with Member States, individually or in cooperative endeavours, to facilitate acceptance of the Convention and to aid and advise in its implementation (\$39,400), as well as participation in interdepartmental and inter-agency meetings, intergovernmental conferences and meetings of regional bodies, with a view to providing substantive support and maintaining a consistent approach in the promotion of the Convention (\$22,000).

Rental and maintenance of equipment

10.13 The provision of \$92,400, which includes \$4,800 redeployed from the programme of work (see para. 10.30 below) and growth of \$11,400 because of increased costs for the maintenance of office automation equipment, relates to maintenance of office automation equipment (\$44,400); and rental and maintenance of hardware and software for the computerized archiving and retrieval system, which includes bibliographic, legal, statistical, mineral and other databases (\$48,000).

Communications

10.14 The estimated requirements (\$30,400) under this heading, which reflect a growth of \$5,300, relate to telephone, telex, cable and facsimile charges.

Official functions

10.15 A provision of \$13,900 is requested for official functions and other hospitality needs of the Special Representative and his immediate staff.

Furniture and equipment

10.16 The provision of \$31,700, which represents a growth of \$17,300, covers the replacement of office automation equipment under the globally administered programme.

B. Programme of work

TABLE 10.8. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates		Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
		Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth			
Established posts	3 546.2	168.4	13.6	3 728.2	259.5	3 987.7
Temporary assistance for meetings	99.2	5.2	(7.2)	97.2	16.6	113.8
Consultants	179.9	4.8	66.4	251.1	20.6	271.7
Ad hoc expert groups	90.9	4.0	-	94.9	7.9	102.8
Common staff costs	1 486.0	69.4	8.0	1 563.4	118.7	1 682.1
Travel of representatives	21.0	1.1	-	22.1	1.8	23.9
Travel of staff	462.5	21.7	(15.2)	469.0	38.7	507.7
External printing and binding	89.8	2.4	-	92.2	7.6	99.8
Rental and maintenance of premises	590.9	15.5	-	606.4	50.0	656.4
Rental and maintenance of equipment	104.7	5.4	(4.8)	105.3	17.9	123.2
Communications	24.9	1.2	-	26.1	4.1	30.2
Hospitality	5.7	0.3	-	6.0	1.0	7.0
Miscellaneous services	26.4	1.4	-	27.8	4.8	32.6
Supplies and materials	45.0	1.8	-	46.8	6.8	53.6
Furniture and equipment	12.7	0.7	-	13.4	2.3	15.7
Total	6 785.8	303.3	60.8	7 149.9	558.3	7 708.2

TABLE 10.8 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes		
UNDP	32.3	24.8
Total (a)	32.3	24.8
(b) Substantive activities		
Trust Fund for Special Aspects of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	33.9	-
Trust Fund for International Cooperation for Development	20.1	-
Special Account for the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for Pioneer Investors' Application Fees	112.2	243.7
Total (b)	166.2	243.7
(c) Operational projects		
Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea	38.0	38.0
Total (c)	38.0	38.0
Total (a), (b) and (c)	236.5	306.5
	Total	8 014.7

TABLE 10.9. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme of work

	Established posts		Temporary posts				Total
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	
Professional category and above							
D-1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3
P-5	4	5	-	-	-	-	4
P-4	4	3	-	-	-	-	4
P-3	5	5	-	-	-	-	5
P-2/1	8	8	-	-	-	-	8
Total	24	24	-	-	-	-	24
General Service category							
Other levels	12	12	-	-	-	-	12
Total	12	12	-	-	-	-	12
Other categories							
Local level	13	13	-	-	-	-	13
Total	13	13	-	-	-	-	13
Grand total	49	49 a/	-	-	-	-	49 a/

a/ Four Professional (one P-5, one P-3 and two P-2) and 13 Local level posts costed at Kingston rates.

Subprogramme 1. Promoting uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and providing advice and information to States

10.17 To assist States to understand better the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and to foster its uniform interpretation and consistent application, important aspects of the Convention will be analysed in the context of relevant provisions, the preparatory work and documentation of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. Widespread acceptance and rational implementation of the new legal regime for the oceans will be promoted through advisory services and the dissemination of information on national, regional and international developments in ocean affairs.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Depositary services: receiving from States and recording, as required by the Convention, charts and lists of coordinates establishing baselines and limits of maritime zones; and review and analysis of alternative forms of presentation of such material.**

2. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation: four reports to the General Assembly:* two reports on general issues with respect to the Convention; and two reports dealing with specialized aspects;

(b) Two expert group meetings: maritime zones and resource jurisdiction; and sustainable development in the context of the legal regime for exclusive economic zones.

3. Published material

(a) Twenty-three issues of recurrent publications: annual: two issues of the series, Law of the Sea Studies: Recent Trends and Developments;* two issues of the Bibliography of the Law of the Sea; biannual: four issues of recording of charts and geographical coordinates establishing baselines and limits of maritime zones;** triannual: six issues of the Law of the Sea Bulletin;* periodic: three issues of analytical studies on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; four issues of the practice of States; two handbooks on the application of selected aspects of the Convention: one on maritime zones and resource jurisdiction and one on sustainable development in the context of the legal regime for exclusive economic zones;

(b) One non-recurrent publication: compendium of preparatory materials for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

** Low priority.

* High priority.

(c) Technical material: provision of specialized data and information services in computer-generated formats on national legislation, policies and programmes, country profiles in the marine context, marine activities and minerals.

4. Information materials and services

Provision of promotional and educational material on the Convention and support for activities of United Nations bodies, non-governmental organizations and educational institutions for the purpose of promoting the Convention.

5. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services: eight advisory service missions and special studies; advisory services are also provided together with technical information services (see 3 (c) above);

(b) Two fellowships: Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea.

6. Conference services

Library services: maintaining and developing the specialized reference collection on the law of the sea and the bibliographic database.

Subprogramme 2. Assisting marine policy development and integrated ocean management by States in the context of the comprehensive ocean regime

10.18 Member States will be assisted in marine policy and integrated ocean management for the optimum utilization of coastal and marine resources consistent with ecological considerations in the context of the new legal regime for the oceans and taking into account extended maritime areas of national jurisdiction and the incorporation of the marine sector into national development. This will also require strengthening national institutional infrastructure and capabilities for developing and implementing programmes for the marine sector, addressing the financial, scientific, technological and environmental aspects of marine activities.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Six expert group meetings: one session of a subsidiary body of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); two sessions of the Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution (GESAMP) and two sessions of one of its working groups; fourth session of the Guiding Group of Experts on Ocean Science in Relation to Non-living Resources (OSNLR) (United Nations/IOC).

2. Published material

(a) Three issues of recurrent publications: two issues of the series, Marine Policy and Management and one issue of the Review of Regional Ocean Management Perspectives;

(b) Two non-recurrent publications: regulatory framework for manganese nodule development; and review of activities of public and private entities in sea-bed mineral development;

(c) Technical material: abstracts for the inter-agency monthly publication Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts.

3. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services: two substantive reviews and reports covering marine policy issues and planning and management implications for Member States in exercising their rights and fulfilling their obligations under the new legal regime, as requested by Member States; assistance to States in formulating environmentally sound marine policy by creating an awareness of the existing environmental regulatory framework, regionally or nationally, and modalities for enforcement through regional or subregional cooperation; provision of technical information and advisory services on marine resources development, including mineral resource assessment and project development with regard to near-shore and deep ocean minerals; and assistance for strengthening marine science and technology capabilities of States in a region by reviewing existing capabilities and facilitating national and regional activities;

(b) Training: four training service missions or courses in ocean management, marine policy and programme development, rational implementation of the Convention, and specialized aspects such as sea-use planning, economic potential and geological resource assessment;

(c) Field projects: project support in cooperation with funding agencies and in joint activities with other international organizations and institutions.

Subprogramme 3. Support to organizations within the United Nations system and harmonization of marine affairs in the context of the Convention

10.19 Support will be provided to the organizations of the United Nations system with a view to securing consistency in their marine-related activities under the legal regime established by the Convention and to promoting a concerted approach to the application and implementation of the Convention, especially in the formulation of legal instruments and marine-related programmes in specialized sectors.

Activities

1. Published material: two recurrent publications: annual: selected documents related to the law of the sea emanating from organizations active in the marine sector: periodic review.**

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) High-level inter-agency consultative meeting on developments relating to the Convention and circulation of a report on the results;

** Low priority.

(b) Inter-organizational cooperation and exchange of information within the United Nations system on substantive activities in order to achieve a cohesive approach to the Convention, including collaborative endeavours with the regional commissions, specialized agencies and other organizations in such areas as shipping and navigation (International Maritime Organization (IMO), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)), navigational safety, offshore platforms (IMO), marine pollution (IMO, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), UNESCO/IOC, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)), maritime labour (International Labour Organisation (ILO)), marine scientific research (IOC), marine technology transfer (United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), UNESCO/IOC), marine living resources (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)) and marine non-living resources (IOC).

Subprogramme 4. Servicing the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and support to the future Authority and Tribunal

10.20 Secretariat services will continue to be provided to the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The necessary measures will be completed to ensure the entry into effective operation of the Authority and the Tribunal, and the necessary arrangements made for the commencement of their functions.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Substantive services: four sessions of the Preparatory Commission; four sessions of the Group of Technical Experts of the Preparatory Commission; upon entry into force of the Convention, substantive support in the preparation of the final reports of the Preparatory Commission to the Assembly of the International Sea-Bed Authority and the meeting of States parties to the Convention for the establishment of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

2. Published material: two issues of recurrent publications: annual: documentation of the Preparatory Commission: annual review.

Subprogramme 5. Servicing the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf established by the Convention and other intergovernmental bodies, and execution of additional responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Convention

10.21 The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea establishes a number of additional functions for the Secretary-General that are likely to be required during the biennium. These include preparing for the establishment of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf by formulating background materials, reviewing applicable scientific and technical data involving specialized marine geological, geophysical, bathymetric and sedimentological criteria; and thereafter, convening and servicing the Commission, necessary meetings of States parties and plenipotentiary conferences, presenting reports on issues of a general nature that have arisen with respect to the Convention and fulfilling notifications and related requirements under the Convention.

Activities

Parliamentary services

Substantive services: Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf: review of appropriate formats for cartographic representation and presentation of geodetic data submitted by States on the limits of their continental shelf, as required under the Convention (art. 76); review of uniform format and data elements for presentation of sedimentation, bathymetric and distance criteria as required by the Convention; consultations with Governments with regard to the establishment of the Commission; preparatory work for convening the Commission, including sending invitations to States for nominations of members of the Commission; and convening, as required, of a meeting of States parties for the purpose of the establishment of the Commission.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Established posts

10.22 It is proposed to reclassify to P-5 the P-4 post of the officer-in-charge at the Kingston office because of the higher-level managerial and professional responsibilities that will be required in the concluding phase of the work of the Preparatory Commission, the establishment of relationship arrangements between the United Nations and the Authority and the Tribunal and the commencement of the servicing of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

Temporary assistance for meetings

10.23 The provision of \$97,200 requested under this heading, which reflects a negative growth of \$7,200, relates to the servicing of meetings of the Preparatory Commission by local staff.

Consultants

10.24 The resources requested (\$251,100), which reflect a growth of \$66,400, relate to:

Subprogramme 1

Provision of information services on marine activities and minerals: reviewing alternatives and presenting a scheme for a start-up operation in sea-bed mineral exploitation; evaluating potential for offshore mining, preparing data atlases and charts and acquiring technology	66 000
Special studies and advisory services on legal and management implications of implementing the Convention	9 500
Publication on current trends and developments: evaluating the interaction between the marine environment and the global environment and evaluating safeguards that may be used in the context of the legal regime governing the marine environment under the Convention	33 000
Handbooks on selected aspects of the Convention, with respect to such provisions as those dealing with the exploitation and conservation of marine living resources, including highly migratory species, straddling stocks and maximum sustainable yields	42 500

Subprogramme 2

Expert groups: pursuant to inter-agency arrangements for joint servicing, funding the participation of two United Nations-designated experts to two sessions of GESAMP and of one of its working groups, and one session of OSNLR	24 300
Advisory services on marine resource development: accessing existing data sources on marine resource occurrences and evaluating the applicability of those data and requirements for updating and supplementing them	23 600
Training services: resource assessment and development with regard to polymetallic sulphides and manganese crusts in various maritime zones	14 200

Subprogramme 5

Preparing a format for cartographic representation with geodetic data of the limits of the continental shelf of a coastal State and formulating guidelines for the presentation of sedimentological and bathymetric data	38 000
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Ad hoc expert groups

10.25 A provision of \$94,900 is requested under subprogramme 1 for two meetings of experts in specialized technical fields of the law of the sea for the purpose of assisting States in the development of a uniform approach to the new legal regime established by the Convention.

Travel of representatives

10.26 The estimated requirements (\$22,100) relate to the cost of travel and subsistence of representatives of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to attend meetings of the Preparatory Commission.

Travel of staff

10.27 The provision of \$469,000, reflecting a negative growth of \$15,200, would cover the following requirements:

(a) Travel and subsistence of staff from various offices, including the Office of General Services, the Department of Public Information, the Office of Legal Affairs, and the Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, to service the sessions of the Preparatory Commission (\$358,400);

(b) Travel of staff in connection with the promotion of the Convention and its uniform and consistent implementation, substantive servicing of expert groups and participation in inter-agency activities (\$110,600).

External printing and binding

10.28 The estimated requirements under this heading (\$92,200) relate to the costs of printing of the Law of the Sea Bulletin, the Bibliography of the Law of the Sea, the compendium of preparatory materials for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the recording of charts and geographical coordinates establishing baselines and limits of maritime zones, and the series, Law of the Sea Studies, Marine Policy and Management and the Review of Ocean Management Perspectives.

Rental and maintenance of premises

10.29 The resources requested under this heading (\$606,400) provide for operating costs payable by the United Nations to the Government of Jamaica for the use of the conference centre complex and office premises at Kingston, in accordance with the Supplementary Agreement Between the United Nations and the Government of Jamaica, which was signed in January 1984 and last revised in 1989. The United Nations has the option to extend the agreement until December 1993, subject to such adjustments that the parties may agree upon. It is assumed that the present pattern of holding one session of the Preparatory Commission at Kingston and one in New York every year will continue.

Rental and maintenance of equipment

10.30 The estimated requirements of \$105,300 relate to rental and maintenance of office equipment and machines, facsimile equipment and photocopying machines and transportation equipment in the Kingston office (\$73,500) and local transportation during meetings of the Preparatory Commission (\$31,800). Resources for rental and maintenance of office automation equipment (\$4,800) have been redeployed to executive direction and management.

Communications

10.31 The proposed provision under this heading (\$26,100) relates to telex, cable and telephone charges.

Hospitality

10.32 An amount of \$6,000 is requested to provide for official functions and other hospitality offered at the Kingston office.

Miscellaneous services

10.33 The resources under this heading (\$27,800) would cover the cost of freight and charges related to the transport of supplies and materials from New York or wherever necessary for meetings of the Preparatory Commission.

Supplies and materials

10.34 The provision under this heading (\$46,800) would cover stationery and office supplies and internal reproduction supplies in the Kingston office (\$32,800), as well as library books (\$14,000) for the maintenance of the law of the sea reference collection in the New York office. This collection is a central source of information for Member States, universities, legal practitioners and others.

Furniture and equipment

10.35 The estimated requirements of \$13,400 relate to furniture for the Kingston office to accommodate accumulating files, official papers and library acquisitions and replacement of security and safety equipment for the Kingston office.