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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S BULLETIN

To: Members of the staff

Subject: ORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

1. With effect from 21 May 1973, the Peace and Security Studies Section is transferred from the Political Affairs Division to the Security Council and Political Committees Division. The new structure and the functions of the latter Division are as set out below:

Security Council and Political Committees Division

Office of the Director
Council and Committees Services Section
Official Reports and Proceedings Section
Peace and Security Studies Section

Through these sections the Division:

Provides the secretariats and documentation for the Security Council, its subsidiary organs and special missions, the two political committees of the General Assembly, the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and, as required, other subsidiary organs established under General Assembly resolutions;

Follows questions on the agenda of the Security Council and those on the agenda of the General Assembly that deal with maintenance of international peace and security and related matters, prepares reports that the Secretary-General has to submit in implementation of resolutions of the Security Council and General Assembly;

Prepares official documentation, for instance, the annual report of the Security Council and those chapters of the annual report of the Secretary-General and of the Yearbook of the United Nations that fall within the competence of the Department;

Undertakes studies and prepares papers on the procedures, working methods and activities of the Security Council and the two political committees of the General Assembly, on issues actively before those bodies and, in general, on problems connected with the development of the United Nations as an effective instrumentality for the maintenance of international peace and security;

Is responsible for the publication of the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council and for the writing of studies on the practice of organs of the United Nations in the political field for inclusion in the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs;

Deals with official correspondence and non-governmental communications on matters within the competence of the Division;

Provides the necessary services for the Military Staff Committee.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 above supersede section 6, paragraph 2 (b) and paragraph 3, of ST/SGB/131.

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