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Location of the proposed environment secretariat

Report by the Secretary-General

1. The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment agreed that the question of the physical location of the environment secretariat whose establishment was recommended in its resolution on institutional and financial arrangements (A/8783, annex) should be left open for future consideration by the General Assembly and that the Secretary-General of the Conference should be requested to prepare a factual report on all locations formally offered, either at the Conference itself, or within 30 days after the closure of the Conference (i.e. by 16 July 1972). 1/
2. In addition to proposals to locate the environment secretariat in New York or Geneva, where the principal United Nations facilities are situated, offers were received to provide for the physical location for the secretariat from the Governments of Austria, Cyprus, India, Kenya, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Spain, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
3. The Secretary-General sent to those Governments which offered to be host to the proposed environment secretariat a questionnaire which contained a number of questions on which it was possible to provide factual information. The questionnaire was also sent for information to the Governments of Switzerland and the United States of America.
4. The Government of Mexico, in a letter dated 6 October 1972, indicated to the Conference secretariat that it would not press its offer to be host to the proposed environment secretariat. The Government of Spain informed the secretariat, in a note dated 6 September 1972, that it would be interested in providing the headquarters for the proposed environment secretariat only if the General Assembly were to decide in principle that it should be located outside New York or Geneva.

1/ A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, part three, sect. X.C.

The Government of Uganda, in a note dated 11 July 1972, reconfirmed its offer to host the proposed secretariat. The other Governments to which the questionnaire was addressed provided replies to the questions therein. The Government of Switzerland and the United States of America both wrote to the Conference secretariat expressing their support for the location of the proposed environment secretariat at the United Nations offices in their respective countries.

5. The questionnaire, and the covering note sent with it, are reproduced in annex I. Replies received to the questions asked about office and conference premises, secretariat facilities and special facilities offered by the Government of the host country, are presented in summary form in annex II, together with related information with respect to New York and Geneva. No attempt was made to summarize the replies to questions on living conditions, travel facilities, access to Governments and non-United Nations international organizations, and access to information media, since the nature of the data provided in answer to these questions is such that it is difficult to make useful comparisons. It should be noted, however, that the replies received to these questions indicated that the facilities would be adequate in all the locations and, in particular, that no restrictions would be placed upon travel to and from any of the host countries in connexion with the work of the secretariat.

6. For the purposes of estimating as accurately as possible the budgetary requirements for 1973, it has been assumed that the environment secretariat could be located in Geneva at its present location where common facilities would only have to be supplemented as warranted. In order to provide the General Assembly with some indications of the order of magnitude of budgetary requirements at alternative locations, the major factors to be taken into account in estimating such requirements for each proposed location are shown in tabular form in annex III. In view of the short time involved and the number of locations being considered, it was not possible to establish precise estimates for each proposed location; indeed, the last reply to the questionnaire was received as late as 13 October 1972.

7. The General Assembly may wish to consider the following questions in connexion with the subject of the location of the proposed environment secretariat:

(a) Should the secretariat be located (i) at one of the principal offices of the United Nations (i.e. New York or Geneva) or (ii) elsewhere?

(b) If it is decided that the secretariat be located at one of the principal offices of the United Nations, should it be (i) New York or (ii) Geneva?

(c) If it is decided to locate the secretariat outside one of the principal offices of the United Nations, what further information, if any, will the General Assembly require in order to reach a decision on the location?

8. In connexion with the last question, it might be useful to bear in mind that a comprehensive survey of all of the proposed locations, including visits to each, could be completed in time for presentation to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session or to the proposed governing council should the General Assembly so decide.

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ANNEX I

Questionnaire on the location of the proposed environment secretariat

The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972) adopted a resolution on institutional and financial arrangements which recommends, among other things, the establishment of a small environment secretariat within the United Nations. The question of the location of the proposed secretariat was considered by the Conference, which however, decided that the matter should be left for consideration by the General Assembly. In order to facilitate this consideration, and as requested by the Conference, the Conference secretariat is to prepare a factual report on all locations formally offered either at the Conference itself or subsequently within 30 days of its closure (i.e. by 16 July 1972). The questionnaire contained in this annex has been designed to obtain the information required to prepare such a report.

In addition to proposals to locate the environment secretariat in the New York or Geneva areas, where the principal United Nations facilities are now situated, offers to provide a location for the secretariat, made either at the Conference itself or within the ensuing 30-day period, have been received from the Governments of Austria, Cyprus, India, Kenya, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Spain, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The questions included in the following list are related to matters on which it is possible to provide factual information which will be of assistance to the General Assembly in reaching a decision on the location of the proposed environment secretariat. It should be pointed out, however, that the General Assembly will presumably wish to take into account certain other factors which cannot be precisely reflected in the form of questions. For example, the Assembly may wish to consider the need for the new environment secretariat to have the closest possible working relationships with other United Nations bodies active in the environmental field, as well as with other major centres of scientific, technological and educational activities. It may also wish to note that a small secretariat will require the maximum possible flexibility in its operations, in that it would need to work through ad hoc task forces or working groups which would, periodically and at irregular intervals, increase its demands on office and conference facilities well beyond normal requirements. Furthermore, in considering the comparative costs of different locations, the General Assembly may wish to assess not only the cost of the secretariat and its supporting services but also the cost of travel to the various locations by representatives of Governments and United Nations bodies that will have to participate in meetings organized by the secretariat at its headquarters. Other general criteria of this nature may also be considered.

The Conference secretariat would appreciate receiving the answers to the following questions accompanied by as much detail as possible, together with any other information or comments which may be considered relevant, by 8 September 1972.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

A. Office premises

1. In what city is it proposed to accommodate the new environment secretariat?
2. Is a specific site envisaged? (If so, provide details.)
3. Is the building already constructed, in construction or to be constructed? If not already constructed, please indicate expected date of completion.
4. What is the approximate office space in square meters or square feet?
5. What would be the range of rental costs, if any?

B. Conference premises

1. Do conference halls already exist in the proposed office or in a separate building?
2. Will conference halls be constructed? (If so, what is proposed?)

C. Secretariat facilities

1. Equipment

- (a) Please comment on the local supply of office equipment such as: typewriters, photocopying machines, telephones, desks and filing cabinets, etc.
- (b) What are the servicing facilities for the above equipment?
- (c) What is the cost of electricity per kilowatt?

2. Communications

- (a) What is the cost of cables (i) to New York; (ii) to Geneva?
- (b) What is the cost of long distance telephone calls for 3-minute conversations (i) to New York; (ii) to Geneva?
- (c) Please comment on the availability and cost of telex links with New York and Geneva.

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3. Other secretariat services

- (a) What access is there to computer facilities?
- (b) What is the availability of printing services in English, French and Spanish?

4. Conference services

- (a) What sound systems would be available in conference halls?
- (b) What facilities exist for local servicing of such equipment?
- (c) What services are available locally for translation from and into the official languages of the United Nations?
- (d) What interpretation services are available locally from and into the official languages of the United Nations?
- (e) What is the approximate cost of translation and interpretation services, if available?

5. Local staff

- (a) Could the following staff be available locally for work in English, French or Spanish:
 - clerks,
 - shorthand typists,
 - maintenance technicians,
 - general maintenance staff (cleaners, messengers, guards, etc.).
- (b) Please provide approximate salary costs for this staff.

D. Living conditions

- 1. Please comment on the availability and median prices of accommodation
 - (a) In villas or apartments in high-price areas;
 - (b) In villas or apartments in medium-price areas;
 - (c) In apartments in low-price areas.

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2. How many first and second-class hotel rooms are available in the area (please indicate average prices in each category).
3. Medical services
 - (a) Are physicians and dentists easily available locally?
 - (b) How many and what type of hospitals in the area could accept United Nations staff members?
4. Schools
 - (a) What educational facilities are available to staff members
 - at the primary level?
 - at the secondary level?
 - in colleges and universities?
 - (b) Is schooling in languages other than that of your country available?
5. Recreational and cultural facilities

Please provide some comments.

E. Travel facilities

1. Is there an international airport in the vicinity?
2. How many flights per week (or per day) are presently operating for destinations in:
 - (i) Africa;
 - (ii) Asia;
 - (iii) Europe;
 - (iv) Latin America;
 - (v) North America.
3. What restrictions, if any, would apply to travel to and from the host country and temporary residence in the host country by United Nations staff members, by representatives of any State Member of the United Nations, its agencies and its organs, or by any other official visitor to the environment secretariat?

F. Access to Governments and non-United Nations international organizations

1. Please provide a list of diplomatic missions/embassies in your country.
2. Please also provide a list of non-United Nations international organizations with offices in your country.

G. Access to media

1. Please list local and foreign information media active in the area (especially major press services).
2. Please provide details on the availability of foreign publications and newspapers in the area.

H. Special facilities offered by the host Government

1. What contribution, if any, would the host Government make to the secretariat towards meeting rental, furniture and equipment costs, and maintenance expenses?
2. Would currency restrictions be waived in respect of financial transactions conducted by the environment secretariat?
3. Please comment on the privileges and immunities that could be granted to the environment secretariat and its staff.

I. Please provide any other information that may be deemed relevant.

ANNEX II

Replies to the questionnaire

Replies to the questionnaire were received from the Governments of Austria, Cyprus, India, Kenya, Malta, Monaco and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. These replies are summarized below. As regards the location of the environment secretariat in Geneva or New York, where common United Nations facilities and services are available, the conditions applicable would be the same as for other offices located in those areas.

1. Office premises and conference facilities

- (a) Austria (Vienna): Provisional office space could be available without delay until 1977/78 when the secretariat's permanent headquarters could be established in the "UN-City" area. Office and conference hall rental costs during the provisional period would be paid by the Austrian Government. All necessary conference premises would be available immediately.
- (b) Cyprus (Nicosia): No specific site has been envisaged for the environment secretariat but the matter could be discussed as warranted with United Nations authorities. A building could be made available for the secretariat, and conference halls exist in various locations in Nicosia. The construction of new offices and conference halls could be arranged in consultation with the United Nations.
- (c) India (New Delhi): Already built accommodation of about 25,000 sq. ft. (2,323 sq. metres) could be provided free of cost to the environment secretariat pending the construction of a complex to house United Nations offices in New Delhi. It would take about two years to erect the building, which would have a floor area of at least 80,000 sq. ft. (7,434 sq. metres). Conference halls could be made available immediately.
- (d) Kenya (Nairobi): Buildings with adequate office space could be offered in the centre of Nairobi for almost immediate occupancy at a cost of K.Shs.10-K.Shs.19 (\$US 1.40-\$US 2.66) per sq. ft. per month. A complex containing several conference halls is scheduled for completion at the end of 1972.
- (e) Malta (Valetta): Suitable accommodation could be provided both outside and inside Valetta, and the Government of Malta would be prepared to consider waiving rental costs. Arrangements could be made to accommodate conferences.

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- (f) Monaco: Temporary office space of a total area of 1,073 sq. metres (11,545 sq. ft.) could be made available free of charge in an apartment building which could be partially converted into adequate offices. The Government is investigating the possibility of donating a site on which the United Nations could construct a building. A conference centre in Monaco could accommodate conferences of various sizes.
- (g) United Kingdom (London): The Government of the United Kingdom would be prepared to assist in "locating, surveying and fitting out a suitable building on a repayment basis". Rental costs are in the region of 160,000 pounds (\$US 389,294) per annum for space accommodating 100 staff members. The Government would pay 80 per cent of the annual rental rate up to a maximum subvention of 150,000 pounds (\$US 364,963). At present limited accommodation for large conferences is available in London, usually on a rental basis.

2. Access to computer facilities

While Cyprus stated that no computer facilities would be available locally, the other Governments which answered this point of the questionnaire indicated that local access to computers from the public or private sectors would be possible.

3. Staffing for conferences and local general service staff

- (a) Austria: Conference servicing staff, especially interpreters and translators, would have to be recruited from outside, possibly from Geneva. Local general service staff working in various languages are available in Vienna.
- (b) Cyprus: Services for translation from and into English and French are good, but poor with regard to the other three languages of the Organization. No interpretation services are available locally. Local general service staff working in English are available, but very limited in French. Presumably, such staff working in the other languages are not available locally.
- (c) India: Interpreters are available from the School of Foreign Languages, All India Radio and the Jawaharlal Nehru University. Translation services are limited to a panel of 50 translators from the Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre. Local general service staff working in English and French could be available. No data was provided regarding staff working in the other official languages of the Organization.

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- (d) Kenya: The Government of Kenya informed the environment secretariat that translation work could be entrusted to five secretarial colleges or bureaux. Interpretation services are presently available for English, French and Spanish. Local clerical staff working in the latter three languages could also be available.
- (e) Malta: Translators and interpreters are not available locally, while local general service staff working in English only would be available.
- (f) Monaco: Translators and interpreters are not available locally and it was suggested that such staff be recruited from Geneva or Paris. Local general service staff working in English, French and Spanish is available locally.
- (g) United Kingdom: English, French and Spanish translators and interpreters are available locally through language agencies. Translation facilities for Russian are limited and very limited for Chinese. While a few Russian interpreters could be available in London, Chinese interpreters of international conference standard are not available. As regards general service staff, all categories would be available locally for work in English. Clerks and shorthand typists could be recruited through agencies to work in French and Spanish.

4. Diplomatic missions/embassies and non-United Nations international organizations

- (a) Austria listed 95 diplomatic missions/embassies in Vienna and singled out, among non-United Nations international organizations, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the International Institute for Applied System Analysis.
- (b) Cyprus listed 44 diplomatic missions/embassies in Nicosia.
- (c) India listed 84 diplomatic missions/embassies and 3 non-United Nations international organizations in New Delhi.
- (d) Kenya listed 60 diplomatic missions/embassies and 23 non-United Nations international organizations in Nairobi.
- (e) Malta listed a total of 32 diplomatic missions/embassies in the country.
- (f) Monaco listed 42 diplomatic missions/embassies and four non-United Nations international organizations.
- (g) The United Kingdom informed the secretariat that 121 diplomatic missions/embassies and 11 non-United Nations international organizations were located in the London area.

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5. Special facilities offered by the Government of the host country

All Governments involved gave assurances regarding privileges and immunities that would be granted to the environment secretariat, as well as the waiving of currency restrictions, if any, in respect of financial transactions conducted by the environment secretariat. Monaco, however, advised that they would grant the same privileges and immunities and financial facilities as would be granted if the secretariat were located in France. Contributions from the Government of the host country would consist of the following:

- (a) Austria: In addition to the provisional free accommodation mentioned in 1 (a) above, the Government of Austria would be prepared to contribute to the costs of the permanent headquarters of the secretariat "in the framework of the construction of permanent headquarters for IAEA and UNIDO, in the 'UN-City' area, where common services would be made available".
- (b) Cyprus: The contribution of the Government of Cyprus "towards meeting the relevant costs and expenses" would be subject to consultations with United Nations authorities.
- (c) India: The rental cost of the premises would be partly borne by the Government of the host country, and the environment secretariat would be given facilities, concessions and considerations on the same basis as applied for other United Nations offices located in New Delhi.
- (d) Kenya: The Government would consider making a contribution towards rental, furniture and maintenance expenses.
- (e) Malta: Referring to "the precarious financial situation in Malta", the Government advised that "it will be very difficult for Malta to make any contributions beyond considering a waiver on rentals. Malta, however, would be prepared to make approaches to various international organizations with a view to obtaining assistance towards the cost of furniture, equipment, etc."
- (f) Monaco: The contribution would be in the form of free availability of premises and donation of land for the construction of permanent quarters for the environment secretariat (see paragraph 1 (f) above).
- (g) United Kingdom: The Government is prepared to pay 80 per cent of the annual rental of the secretariat premises up to a maximum subvention of 150,000 pounds and would help in locating, surveying and fitting out a suitable building on a repayment basis.

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Considerations of a financial nature relating to the establishment of an environment secretariat

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Host country	Office and conference facilities	Staffing	Travel	Other considerations
AUSTRIA	Free temporary office and conference facilities to 1977/78; thereafter, possible contribution towards the cost of permanent headquarters.	<p>1. Increase in staffing requirements to provide mainly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a minimum of 15 translators for the translation of documentation into the five official languages; - a minimum of one team of interpreters (11 Professional staff) to service meetings in five languages; - one editor; - documents reproduction staff to complement the reproduction facilities of IAEA and UNIDO; - staff for computer operations relating to an International Reference System; - personnel, finance and purchasing services; - corps of messengers, guards, technicians and maintenance staff. <p>2. Post adjustment classification: 4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional travel costs for frequent consultations in Geneva and for New York Headquarters staff who would have to travel beyond Geneva for consultations with the environment secretariat. - Additional costs for travel of New York Headquarters staff and Geneva-based agency representatives attending environment meetings. - Travel and subsistence of conference servicing staff for sessions of the governing council and other major meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial purchase of office equipment; - Rental of computer facilities; - Higher cable costs; - Purchase of transportation vehicles.

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Host country	Office and conference facilities	Staffing	Travel	Other considerations
CYPRUS	<p>Rental or construction of office and conference facilities with possible subsidy from Government, subject to consultations with United Nations.</p>	<p>1. Increase in staffing requirements to provide mainly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - full capability for translation of documents into the five official languages; - documents reproduction and distribution; - internationally recruited General Service staff working in French and Spanish, with minimum capacity for Chinese and Russian; - one editor; - staff for computer operations; - personnel, finance and purchasing staff; - corps of messengers, guards, technicians and maintenance staff. <p>2. Post adjustment classification: O.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional travel costs for consultations to and from Geneva and New York; - travel and subsistence costs for Geneva-based members of the United Nations system in connexion with consultations with the environment secretariat; - increased cost of home leave travel, especially as regards internationally recruited General Service staff; - travel and subsistence of conference servicing staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial purchase of all office equipment, including air-conditioning; - purchase and maintenance of computers and related equipment; - purchase of reproduction and printing equipment; - purchase of transportation vehicles; - possibility of sharing UNFICYP cable facilities.

Host country	Office and conference facilities	Staffing	Travel	Other considerations
INDIA	Free office and conference facilities for two years; rental costs thereafter.	<p>1. Increase in staffing requirements to provide mainly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a minimum of 15 translators; - a minimum of one team of interpreters (11 Professional staff); - documents reproduction and distribution staff; - internationally recruited General Service staff working in Spanish, with minimum capacity for Chinese and Russian; - staff for computer operations; - personnel, finance and purchasing staff; - corps of guards, messengers, technicians and maintenance staff. <p>2. Post adjustment classification: 1.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional travel costs for consultations to and from Geneva and New York; - increased cost of home leave travel, especially as regards internationally recruited General Service staff; - cost of travel and subsistence of conference servicing staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase of all office equipment, including air-conditioning, reproduction and reproduction equipment; - purchase of transportation vehicles. - rental of computer facilities; - higher cable and telephone costs between New Delhi and New York and Geneva; - higher costs for freight and postage.

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Host country	Office and conference facilities	Staffing	Travel	Other considerations
KENYA	Rental of office and conference facilities, with possible contribution from Government towards rental, furniture and maintenance expenses.	<p>1. Increase in staffing requirements to provide mainly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - capability for translation and revision of documents into the five official languages; - documents reproduction and distribution; - clerical staff working in the languages of the Organization (at least half internationally recruited); - one editor; - computer operations supervision; - personnel, finance and purchasing services; - corps of messengers, guards, technicians and maintenance staff; <p>2. Post adjustment classification: 1.</p>	<p>Additional travel costs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consultations to and from Geneva and New York; - in general, travel and subsistence costs for members of the United Nations Secretariat and members of the United Nations system in connexion with consultations with the environment secretariat; - increased cost of home leave travel, especially as regards internationally recruited General Service staff; - travel and subsistence of conference servicing staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial purchase of all office equipment, including air-conditioning and reproduction equipment; - purchase of transportation vehicles; - rental of computers; - higher cable and telephone costs between Nairobi and New York and Geneva; - higher costs for freight and postage.

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MALTA	Rental of office and conference facilities, with possible contribution from Government.	<p>1. Increase in staffing requirements to provide mainly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - capability for translation and revision of documents into the five official languages; - documents reproduction and distribution; - clerical staff working in the languages of the Organization (at least half internationally recruited); - one editor; - computer operations staff; - personnel, finance and purchasing services; - corps of messengers, guards, technicians and maintenance staff. <p>2. Post adjustment classification: A.</p>	<p>Additional costs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel for consultations to and from Geneva; - in general, travel and subsistence costs for members of the United Nations Secretariat and members of the United Nations system in connection with consultations with the environment secretariat; - home leave travel, especially as regards internationally recruited General Service staff; - travel and subsistence of conference servicing staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial purchase of all office equipment, including air-conditioning and reproduction equipment; - purchase of computer equipment; - purchase of transportation vehicles.

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MONACO	Temporary office and conference facilities free of charge; construction of permanent facilities on land possibly donated by Government.	<p>1. Increase in staffing requirements to provide mainly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimal capability for translation of documents into the five official languages; - documents reproduction and distribution; - clerical staff working in the languages of the Organization (at least half internationally recruited); - supervision of computer operations; - personnel, finance and purchasing services; - corps of messengers, guards, technicians and maintenance staff. <p>2. Post adjustment classification: no classification established.</p>	<p>Additional costs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel for consultations to and from Geneva; - in general, travel and subsistence costs for members of the United Nations Secretariat and Geneva based members of the United Nations system in connexion with consultations with the environment secretariat; - home leave travel, especially as regards internationally recruited General Service staff; - travel and subsistence of conference servicing staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial purchase of all office equipment, including air-conditioning and reproduction equipment; - purchase of transportation vehicles; - rental of computer facilities.

Host country	Office and conference facilities	Staffing	Travel	Other considerations
SWITZERLAND	Additional cost for rental of office space.	<p>1. Minimum supplementary budget component to reflect (a) workload of the environment secretariat in language services (translation, interpretation, reproduction of documents); (b) general servicing costs.</p> <p>2. Availability of large number of clerical staff working in the languages of the Organization, in the Geneva area.</p> <p>3. Post adjustment classification: 6.</p>	Minimal travel costs to members of the secretariat attending regular meetings in Geneva and members of the United Nations system, taking into account the number of Geneva-based offices and agencies.	Availability of Geneva office facilities, including the International Computing Centre, with provision for additional furniture and equipment, and such services as cables, maintenance etc.

Host country	Office and conference facilities	Staffing	Travel	Other considerations
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	Rental of temporary office space, with subsidy from Government. Rental of conference facilities. Costs for locating, surveying and fitting out permanent office and conference facilities.	<p>1. Increase in staffing requirements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - capability for translation and revision of documents into the five official languages (possibility of pooling language staff with IMCO would be investigated); - documents reproduction and distribution; - supervision of computer operations; - personnel, finance and purchasing services; - corps of messengers, guards, technicians and maintenance staff. <p>2. Post adjustment classification: 5 minus 4/5ths.</p>	<p>Additional costs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consultations to and from Geneva on the part of the environment secretariat and Geneva-located United Nations offices; - travel and subsistence of conference servicing staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase of all office equipment, including reproduction equipment; - purchase of transportation vehicles; - rental of computer equipment.

Host country	Office and conference facilities	Staffing	Travel	Other considerations
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Additional cost for rental of office space.	Increase in staffing costs over Geneva to reflect higher post adjustment classification (class 8). -----	Increased travel costs to environment secretariat and especially Geneva-based United Nations offices and agencies for consultations and for travel on home leave.	Availability of United Nations Headquarters facilities, with provision for supplemental capability as in the case of the Geneva office.