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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

Budget performance of the United Nations for
the financial year 1971

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General submits herewith his report on the budget performance of the United Nations during the financial year 1971.
2. The report provides, under each section and chapter of the appropriations and approved estimates of income, a statement of expenditures and obligations actually incurred, with an explanation of the main variations in comparison with the relevant amounts approved by the General Assembly in resolution 2882 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971. In the case of organizational units in the economic, social and human rights fields whose staffing resources are provided for under Section 3 (Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division of Human Rights, Division of Narcotic Drugs, Division of Social Affairs, International Narcotics Control Board, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut), as well as in the case of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), a performance report on work programmes undertaken in the course of 1971 will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination by the Secretary-General.
3. Total commitments under the expenditure sections amounted to \$194 124 523, 1/ leaving an unexpended balance of \$503 277. Income from staff assessment under income section 1 exceeded the approved estimate by \$514 264. However, a total

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1/ Including an amount of \$2 million which had initially been appropriated under section 7 for 1971 towards the cost of proposed new construction at Headquarters, but which, in accordance with a decision taken by the Fifth Committee at its 1466th meeting and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly, was applied instead to the estimates under the other chapters of section 7 for 1972.

shortfall of \$443 785 occurred under income sections 2, 3 and 4. On this basis, total income under all income sections in excess of the approved level was in the amount of \$70 479.

4. Accordingly, a total net amount of \$573 756 will be available for credit to Member States against their assessed contributions for 1973, of which \$514 264 would be applied to their respective shares in the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.

5. A summary table indicating the final outcome under each expenditure section of the budget follows. The approval of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was obtained for the transfers between sections, proposed under column (4) of this table, in order that in the final accounts, part of the unexpended balance of \$1 012 472 which occurred under a number of sections might be utilized to meet the deficit of \$509 195 which was reflected under others.

Total expenditures and obligations compared to appropriations for the financial year 1971
(in US dollars)

Section	Item	Appropriations	Actual expenditures and obligations	Surplus or (Deficit)	Proposed transfers	Balance after transfers
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
A.	<u>Expenditures</u>					
1.	Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies	1 387 100	1 333 230	53 870	-	53 870
2.	Special meetings and conferences	3 545 100	3 278 292	266 808	(248 776)	18 032
3.	Salaries and wages	86 625 000	86 364 581	260 419	(260 419)	-
4.	Common staff costs	19 822 900	19 730 769	92 131	-	92 131
5.	Travel of staff	2 748 300	2 672 610	75 690	-	75 690
6.	Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality	159 000	139 928	19 072	-	19 072
7.	Buildings and improvements to premises	8 981 900	8 972 325	9 575	-	9 575
8.	Permanent equipment	928 100	905 191	22 909	-	22 909
9.	Maintenance, operation and rental of premises	6 627 000	6 676 401	(49 401)	49 401	-
10.	General expenses	5 984 900	6 375 536	(390 636)	390 636	-
11.	Printing	3 112 300	3 132 773	(20 473)	20 473	-
12.	Special expenses	10 546 100	10 584 751	(38 651)	38 651	-
13.	Economic development, social development and public administration; human rights advisory services; narcotic drugs control	5 408 000	5 407 417	583	-	583
14.	Industrial development	1 500 000	1 498 597	1 403	-	1 403
15.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	10 330 400	10 322 755	7 645	-	7 645
16.	United Nations Industrial Development Organization	12 508 500	12 310 620	197 880	-	197 880
17.	Special missions	8 133 100	8 143 134	(10 034)	10 034	-
18.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	4 781 000	4 779 615	1 385	-	1 385
19.	International Court of Justice	1 499 100	1 495 998	3 102	-	3 102
	TOTAL	194 627 800	194 124 523	503 277	-	503 277

Total expenditures and obligations compared to appropriations
for the financial year 1971 (continued)
 (in US dollars)

Income Section	Item	Approved estimate	Actual income	Increase (Decrease)
		\$	\$	\$
B.	<u>Income</u>			
	<u>Income from staff assessment</u>			
1.	Income from staff assessment	22 300 000	22 814 264	514 264
	Total, Income from staff assessment	22 300 000	22 814 264	514 264
	<u>Other income</u>			
2.	Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts	2 575 400	2 514 446	(60 954)
3.	General income	4 820 900	4 584 909	(235 991)
4.	Revenue-producing activities	2 559 200	2 412 360	(146 840)
	Total, Other income	9 955 500	9 511 715	(443 785)

PART I

SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS
AND COMMITTEES; SPECIAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Section 1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members
of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	1 387 100
Expenditures and obligations	1 333 230
Surplus	53 870

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. The General Assembly, commissions and committees	1 040 500	1 032 649	7 851
II. The Security Council, commissions and committees	-	-	-
III. The Economic and Social Council, commissions and committees	306 600	255 652	50 948
IV. The Trusteeship Council, commissions and committees	40 000	44 929	(4 929)
TOTAL	<u>1 387 100</u>	<u>1 333 230</u>	<u>53 870</u>

1.1 Of the total net unencumbered balance of \$53 800 under this section, \$19 800 related to the following changes in the meetings schedule on which the estimates had been based:

(a) The International Narcotics Control Board held only two meetings rather than the three that had been scheduled (\$2 900);

(b) The Committee for Development Planning had originally scheduled three meetings of its working groups, whereas only one such meeting actually took place (\$16 900).

1.2 A further amount of some \$39 000 remained unspent either because of the fact that certain members of the various bodies provided for were either unable to attend the meetings or attended only part of the time or as a result of variations in the anticipated level of travel and subsistence expenses, reflecting changes in duty station or place of residence of individual members.

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1.3 The total surplus of \$58 800 indicated above was offset by a deficit of some \$5 000 for the Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of New Guinea. The mission was not only of longer duration than planned, but the Administering Authority added two districts to the itinerary, resulting in higher charter flight expenses.

Section 2. Special meetings and conferences

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	3 545 100
Expenditures and obligations	3 278 292
Surplus	266 808

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Conference of the Committee on Disarmament	759 000	750 227	8 773
II. Meetings of the Sub-Committees of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	95 000	92 843	2 157
III. Twenty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	35 000	31 473	3 527
IV. Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders	14 000	8 606	5 394
V. Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East	25 000	16 877	8 123
VI. Fourteenth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America	66 400	66 899	(499)
VII. Tenth session of the Economic Commission for Africa	88 500	95 865	(7 365)
VIII. Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy	503 500	375 456	128 044
IX. Second Asian Conference on Industrialization	12 000	3 030	8 970

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Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
X. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment	1 174 200	1 121 108	53 092
XI. Conference on International Container Traffic	63 000	64 489	(1 489)
XII. Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Adoption of the Protocol on Psychotropic Substances	168 100	154 339	13 761
XIII. Second Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names	10 800	-	10 800
XIV. Meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources	26 000	11 000	15 000
XV. Meeting of the Commission for Social Development on the Participation of Youth in the Second Development Decade	38 200	22 537	15 663
XVI. Special Committee for the Review of the United Nations Salary System	145 000	150 181	(5 181)
XVII. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and Ocean Floor Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction	321 400	313 362	8 038
TOTAL	<u>3 545 100</u>	<u>3 278 292</u>	<u>266 808</u>

2.1 A total net amount of \$266 808 remained unspent under this section of the budget in 1971.

Chapter I. Conference of the Committee on Disarmament

2.2 The Conference of the Committee on Disarmament met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 23 February to 13 May and from 29 June to 30 September 1971.

2.3 During this two-part 1971 session, the Committee concluded its negotiations towards a treaty to prohibit the development and production of biological and toxin weapons and submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly a revised draft convention prepared jointly by the Soviet Union and the United States on the basis of the negotiations in the Committee. After discussing the revised draft, the General Assembly commended for signature and ratification the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

2.4 The Committee also gave extensive consideration to the question of a similar prohibition on chemical weapons and to the early achievement of a comprehensive nuclear test ban within the broader problem of general and complete disarmament. Following its consideration of the Committee's report, the General Assembly adopted a number of decisions concerning those questions.

2.5 The surplus of \$8 773 was attributable in large measure to economies achieved in respect of temporary assistance.

Chapter IV. Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

2.6 An amount of \$5 394 remained unspent under this chapter as a result of the use of internal printing capacity to produce part of the documentation of this Conference.

Chapter V. Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East

2.7 Of the provision of \$25 000 made available for publishing the proceedings and other documentation of the Conference, an amount of \$8 123 remained unspent due to reduced expenditures for printing, reproduction and distribution of documents.

Chapter VII. Tenth session of the Economic Commission for Africa

2.8 At the invitation of the Government of Tunisia, the meetings of ECA session itself and two meetings of the Executive Committee and one meeting of the Committee of the Whole took place in Tunis in 1971.

2.9 The deficit of \$7 365 related to unavoidable additional requirements for temporary assistance personnel recruited from abroad for the servicing of these meetings.

Chapter VIII. Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

2.10 The Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 6 to 16 September 1971.

2.11 The unspent balance of \$128 044 under this chapter was due essentially to the decisions of the Working Group of the Conference to reduce the work related to the Conference, the ability of IAEA, the joint partner in this endeavour, to contribute more of its regular staff to service the Conference without incurring additional cost for the budget of the Conference, economies arising from the reduction of travel of United Nations staff for consultations with the IAEA, and savings in respect of general expenses.

Chapter IX. Second Asian Conference on Industrialization

2.12 An amount of \$8 970 remained unspent under this chapter as a result of the use of internal printing capacity to produce part of the documentation of this Conference.

Chapter X. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

2.13 The total amount of \$1 174 200 appropriated for preparatory work in 1971 in respect of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in June 1972 was allotted to three separate offices. An amount of \$8 000 made available to the Office of Conference Services at Headquarters for conference servicing costs for the third session of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference was not utilized since the session was convened at a time when established conference servicing staff were available in sufficient numbers. Of the amount of \$103,500 allotted to the United Nations Office at Geneva to cover the cost of servicing the second session of the Preparatory Committee and producing part of the pre-conference documentation, a sum of \$38 738 remained unspent due mainly to the reduction of the conference documentation and the impossibility of completing the reproduction and distribution of certain documents in 1971. With the concurrence of the General Assembly, a sum of \$28 000 was reallocated in 1972 for the continuation of the reproduction and distribution of documents submitted in 1971. The major part of the appropriation, \$1 062 700, was made available to the Secretariat of the Conference to cover the cost of temporary assistance, experts and consultants, staff travel, assistance to developing countries and general expenses. In view of the reduction in the costs of the preparation of pre-conference documentation, a balance of \$5 854 remained unspent.

2.14 Accordingly, the total unspent balance under the chapter as a whole was in the amount of \$53 092.

Chapter XII. Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Adoption of the Protocol on Psychotropic Substances

2.15 The surplus of \$13 761 in respect of this chapter was attributable to the fact that the proceedings of the Conference were not finalized in time to be printed in 1971. These proceedings will be printed in 1972.

Chapter XIII. Second Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

2.16 The appropriation of \$10 800 for pre-session documentation was not utilized because it proved possible for the work involved to be performed by existing staff.

Chapter XIV. Meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources

2.17 The first session of the Committee on Natural Resources took place in New York from 22 February to 10 March 1971. It laid the foundations for the establishment of guidelines for action in the field of natural resources and also initiated action in the institutional field through its recommendation to the Economic and Social Council for the approval for the advisory services.

2.18 Of the provision of \$26 000 made available for the session, an amount of \$15 000 remained unspent due to substantial savings in respect of the contractual translation and typing of pre- and post-session documentation.

Chapter XV. Meeting of the Commission for Social Development on the Participation of Youth in the Second Development Decade

2.19 The surplus of \$15 663 realized under this chapter was due essentially to the inability of six participants to attend the meeting.

Chapter XVI. Special Committee for the Review of the United Nations Salary System

2.20 The Special Committee met at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 1 June to 1 July, at the headquarters of the World Health Organization from 5 to 29 July, and again in New York from 9 to 24 August 1971.

2.21 The deficit of \$5 181 was attributable in large measure to the need for the engagement of two outside consultants.

Chapter XVII. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and Ocean Floor Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction

2.22 In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2750 C (XXV) of 17 December 1970, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction held two sessions in Geneva in March and from 19 July to 27 August 1971. At these sessions, the Committee commenced its work under the enlarged mandate entrusted to it, and also increased its membership from 42 to 86. The Committee decided to establish three Sub-Committees of the Whole to carry forward various aspects of its work of preparation for a new conference on the law of the sea.

2.23 Of the provision of \$321 400 made available for the sessions, an amount of \$8 038 remained unspent due to reduced expenditures for travel of staff and general expenses.

2.24 No specific comments are called for under chapters II, III, VI and XI.

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PART II

STAFF COSTS AND RELATED EXPENSES

Section 3. Salaries and wages

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	86 625 000
Expenditure	86 364 581
Surplus	260 419

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditure	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Established posts	77 705 000	77 693 889	11 111
II. Temporary assistance for meetings . .	2 178 000	2 164 278	13 722
III. Other temporary assistance			
(i) General temporary assistance	2 344 000	2 356 215	(12 215)
(ii) Individual experts and consultants	1 278 000	1 205 279	72 721
(iii) <u>Ad hoc</u> expert groups	426 000	348 066	77 934
IV. Overtime and night differential . . .	1 565 000	1 501 827	63 173
V. Provisional staffing requirements . .	<u>1 129 000</u>	<u>1 095 027</u>	<u>33 973</u>
TOTAL	<u>86 625 000</u>	<u>86 364 581</u>	<u>260 419</u>

Chapter I. Established posts

3.1 As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1971, 1/ no material change was anticipated between August and December in terms of vacancies in the Professional category and above. In fact, such vacancies numbered 77 at the end of August and 68 at year-end. Similarly, the effect on costs of changes in exchange rates and in salaries and post classifications were substantially as estimated.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 75, document A/8458.

Chapter II. Temporary assistance for meetings

3.2 The surplus of \$13 722 under this chapter consisted of an unexpended balance of \$8 139 in respect of the credit of \$1 630 100 approved for temporary requirements to service the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly, and a further saving of \$5 583 achieved in respect of the credit of \$507 900 approved for temporary staff to service meetings at Geneva.

Chapter III. Other temporary assistance

3.3 The deficit of \$12 215 under item (i), General temporary assistance, occurred for the most part as a result of minor variations between estimated and actual expenses incurred by departments and offices covered by this section.

3.4 With regard to item (ii), Individual experts and consultants, the surplus under this heading was principally attributable to economic, social and human rights activities (\$21 800), to the Offices of the Under-Secretaries-General for Special Political Affairs (\$9 500) and Legal Affairs (\$11 000), to the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs (\$14 400) and to the United Nations Office at Geneva (\$11 200). In the latter case consultancy credits for general administrative management studies were not utilized since a staff utilization and deployment survey of the Geneva Office was conducted by the Administrative Management Service in 1971. For the rest, lower expenses were in large measure the result of recruitment problems, of studies which were prepared at a lesser cost than had been estimated or at no cost to the Organization.

3.5 Of the surplus of \$77 934 under chapter III (iii), Ad Hoc expert groups, some \$50 400 occurred as a result of the inability of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to secure the services of suitable experts for meetings on the economic and social consequences of disarmament, surveying and mapping and population policies. The balance of the surplus, which related to the Economic Commissions for Asia and the Far East, Latin America and Africa, resulted from the postponement until 1972 of such meetings as the expert group on marine science and technology (which the Economic Commission for Africa had planned to hold during the latter part of 1971) and from savings achieved as a consequence of the fact that certain meetings were of shorter duration and had fewer participants than had been anticipated.

Chapter IV. Overtime and night differential

3.6 The unexpended credits of \$63 173 under this chapter were attributable to the extent of \$56 511, to lower costs than had been estimated for the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The remaining unspent balance of \$6 662 arose as a result of small savings which accrued at offices away from Headquarters.

Chapter V. Provisional staffing requirements

3.7 The surplus under this heading arose principally at the regional economic commissions, where recruitment to some of the eight vacant posts in the Professional category, which existed at year-end, did not materialize.

Section 4. Common staff costs

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	19 822 900
Expenditure	19 730 769
Surplus	92 131

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditure	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Staff allowances	3 807 000	3 799 239	7 761
II. Social security payments (contributions to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and medical insurance plans, compensatory payments, staff welfare)	11 455 000	11 434 737	20 263
III. Travel on appointment, transfer and separation, including installation allowance	1 127 900	1 085 225	42 675
IV. Removal expenses on appointment, transfer and separation, including assignment allowance	788 000	843 131	(55 131)
V. Separation payments	1 843 000	1 868 301	(25 301)
VI. Staff training programmes	<u>802 000</u>	<u>700 136</u>	<u>101 864</u>
TOTAL	<u>19 822 900</u>	<u>19 730 769</u>	<u>92 131</u>

4.1 With the exception of chapter VI, Staff training programmes, expenses under this section bear a close relationship to established, provisional and, to some extent, temporary assistance costs under section 3.

4.2 While the surplus under the first two chapters is consistent with the unexpended balances under section 3, the surplus under chapter II also reflects lower expenses incurred for validations by staff of past non-contributory service for pension purposes.

4.3 With regard to chapter III, the decelerating pace of international recruitment during the latter months of the year resulted in expenses for travel on appointment which were below the 1970 level. Similarly, the number of cases of payments of

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installation allowances decreased in terms of the previous year. Expenses for the removal of household effects, on the other hand, were affected by increases in packing and ocean freight rates in the Headquarters area during the latter part of the year. These increases, which were of the order of 20 per cent, were not provided for in the supplementary estimates for 1971.

4.4 The deficit under chapter V, Separation payments, arose as a result of unexpectedly high expenses incurred under this heading by the United Nations Office at Geneva in respect of both Professional and General Service staff.

4.5 Of the unexpended balance of \$101 864 under chapter VI, Staff training programmes, \$29 991 occurred under the junior professional trainee heading as a result of difficulties experienced in 1971 in obtaining candidates with academic and other qualifications suited to this programme. Of the credits approved for language, in-service and study leave programmes, in a total amount of \$399 000, an amount of \$61 872 remained unspent principally as a result of (a) a decision by the Office of Personnel to abandon intensive language courses at Headquarters in favour of the more economical and practical accelerated courses; (b) difficulties experienced in selecting senior staff with suitable qualifications who were in a position to combine language training at outside institutions with home leave; and (c) some delays in the initiation of the new programme of study leave. Minor differences between credits approved and expenses actually incurred for other training programmes accounted for the remaining unexpended balance of \$10 001 under this chapter.

Section 5. Travel of staff

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	2 748 300
Expenditures and obligations	2 672 610
Surplus	75 690

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Travel of staff to meetings	255 500	221 715	33 785
II. Travel of staff on other official business	771 800	727 416	44 384
III. Travel of staff and dependants on home leave	<u>1 721 000</u>	<u>1 723 479</u>	<u>(2 479)</u>
TOTAL	<u>2 748 300</u>	<u>2 672 610</u>	<u>75 690</u>

5.1 A net amount of some \$75 690 remained unspent under this section of the budget.

5.2 Of the unencumbered balance of some \$33 800 under chapter I, some \$12 000 resulted in part from the modifications of the meetings programme of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East; the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Latin America.

5.3 A total amount of \$7 600 remained unspent in respect of travel of staff to Geneva to service the Committee for Housing, Building and Planning, the Committee for Development Planning and its working groups and the Economic and Social Council.

5.4 Finally, some \$14 200 remained unspent in respect of Geneva staff detailed to New York to service the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly since, as in 1970, Geneva was unable to send the full complement of staff that had been provided for in the approved estimate.

5.5 The unencumbered balance of \$44 400 under chapter II resulted mainly from the strict central control of individual travel actually undertaken as well as to fortuitous circumstances in a number of cases. Of the total amount remaining unspent, \$35 039 related to Headquarters and \$9 345 to offices abroad.

5.6 The minor deficit of \$2 500 under chapter III calls for no special comment.

Section 6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5
 of the Staff Regulations; hospitality

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	159 000
Expenditures and obligations	139 928
Surplus	19 072

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations	100 000	94 254	5 746
II. Payments to other members of the Secretariat for official business . .	35 000	29 639	5 361
III. Hospitality expenditures for the General Assembly and for functions honouring Chiefs of State and visiting dignitaries	<u>24 000</u>	<u>16 035</u>	<u>7 965</u>
TOTAL	<u>159 000</u>	<u>139 928</u>	<u>19 072</u>

6.1 Expenditures under chapters I and II of this section are subject to strict central control by the Controller or his designated representatives. The actual outcome under these chapters in 1971 calls for no particular comment. The expenditure pattern under chapter III is determined by actual events which cannot be anticipated.

PART III

PREMISES, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Section 7. Buildings and improvements to premises

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	8 981 900
Expenditures and obligations	8 972 325
Surplus	9 575

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Financing of major construction at Headquarters and the United Nations Office at Geneva	6 000 000	6 000 000	-
II. Alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises and facilities at Headquarters, New York, and at Geneva	981 900	972 325	9 575
III. United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa	900 000	900 000	-
IV. United Nations accommodation in Bangkok	1 100 000	1 100 000	-
TOTAL	<u>8 981 900</u>	<u>8 972 325</u>	<u>9 575</u>

7.1 Of the unexpended balance of \$9 575 under chapter II, \$3 233 related to decreased expenditures for contracted electrical work in connexion with the expansion of seating facilities in the General Assembly Hall and main conference rooms and \$6 293 to savings achieved in respect of the purchase of new carpeting for various other areas in the Headquarters complex.

Section 8. Permanent equipment

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	928 100
Expenditures and obligations	905 191
Surplus	22 909

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Furniture and fixtures	186 600	181 733	4 867
II. Office equipment	231 000	222 058	8 942
III. Internal reproduction equipment. . .	220 500	206 673	13 827
IV. Telecommunications equipment	147 300	147 968	(668)
V. Transportation equipment	57 300	55 490	1 810
VI. Other equipment	85 400	91 269	(5 869)
TOTAL	<u>928 100</u>	<u>905 191</u>	<u>22 909</u>

8.1 The net unexpended balance of \$22 909 under the section as a whole related to variations in the anticipated procurement programme and to measures of budgetary control based, in accordance with standard procedures, on a rejustification of actual requirements.

Section 9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	6 627 000
Expenditures and obligations	6 676 401
Deficit	(49 401)

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Contractual services	2 825 000	2 845 161	(20 161)
II. Utilities	1 737 000	1 766 433	(29 433)
III. Other expenses	2 065 000	2 064 807	193
TOTAL	<u>6 627 000</u>	<u>6 676 401</u>	<u>(49 401)</u>

9.1 The obligations and expenditures for the year exceeded the appropriation by \$49 401, or approximately 0.75 per cent.

9.2 The deficit under chapter I is attributable to an increase at Headquarters of approximately \$40 000 for the telecommunications operation, arising from the need for an additional telecommunications engineer in order to provide for the over-all increase in scheduled meetings, and from the increase in cost of certain contractual benefits for telecommunications engineers which were estimated at \$15 000 but finally amounted to \$35 000. It was hoped that economies under other headings would cover this expense; however, increases in benefits and contractual fees under other existing contracts absorbed some \$21 000 of the expected savings.

9.3 As for the deficit under chapter II, the major item was an over-expenditure at Headquarters of \$19 287 for steam. In May 1970, in implementation of a Public Service Commission regulation, new steam consumption metres were installed. Since then, the level of steam consumption recorded has exceeded the average rate of consumption recorded over the previous five years, the basis on which 1971 steam utilization was forecast. The increased cost of steam at Headquarters was also due to the further fuel adjustment charges imposed because of the use of low sulphur fuel to minimize atmospheric pollution; these charges rose from \$16 640 in 1970 to \$55 816 in 1971. An additional factor in the over-all deficit under chapter II was the deficits of various sizes in expenditure for electricity at Headquarters, the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut (UNESOB).

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Section 10. General expenses

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	5 984 900
Expenditures and obligations	6 375 536
Deficit	(390 636)

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Communications	2 036 000	2 157 824	(121 824)
II. Rental and maintenance of equipment	1 033 000	1 048 828	(15 828)
III. Public information supplies and services	1 473 900	1 471 887	2 013
IV. Other supplies and services . .	445 000	705 352	(260 352)
V. Stationery and office supplies .	676 000	663 391	12 609
VI. Library books, supplies and services	321 000	328 254	(7 254)
TOTAL	<u>5 984 900</u>	<u>6 375 536</u>	<u>(390 636)</u>

10.1 Of the total deficit of \$390 636 under this section, \$289 019 related to losses on exchange as recorded under chapter IV, an item over which the Secretary-General has no control. Losses or gains on exchange result from the differences between the United Nations operational rate of exchange and the actual market rate prevailing when currency transactions are made through banking institutions. If these transactions result in a net annual loss, the loss is shown under section 10, chapter IV; if they result in a net gain, the gain is credited to miscellaneous income. Increased operating costs resulting from currency revaluations, such as, for example, increased dollar costs of local salaries or contractual obligations payable in other currencies, are reflected under the appropriate section and chapter headings.

10.2 Of the total deficit of \$121 824 under chapter I, \$72 170 was recorded at Headquarters, \$13 787 relating to the activities of the Office of Public Information. The major components of this latter deficit were the cost of cable transmission of the French bulletin to Geneva, a service initiated on

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1 September 1971, and of air shipment to information centres of topical documentation, including material for United Nations Day observances. The balance of the deficit at Headquarters (\$58 383) was accounted for by over-expenditures in every item except postage. Outgoing cable transmissions rose from 300,143 messages (13,823,610 words) in 1970 to 327,414 messages (14,858,228 words) in 1971. Increased telephone costs could be attributed for the most part to the need to provide for the first full year of operation of dial lines and stations installed in the rented premises at 605 Third Avenue and the Long Island City warehouse. Higher pouch costs reflected the increase in documentation issued in 1971, a 2 per cent rate increase which went into effect in August 1970, as well as a dock strike in New York. In Geneva, the deficit under chapter I was \$35 737, of which some \$13 000 was for telephone services. Since it is considered that there has been an overcharge by the telephone company, a favourable adjustment of the bill is expected; any eventual adjustment will be recorded in the accounts for 1972. Over-expenditure on cables reflected increased traffic, including onward transmission of messages originating at Headquarters. The deficit in postage was mostly attributable to the cost of distribution of the French version of the United Nations Monthly Chronicle, for which responsibility was transferred to the Geneva Office in 1971. The cost of the pouch operation was affected by the same factors as at Headquarters, while increased expenditure on freight and marine insurance reflected rate increases. The deficit of \$6 324 recorded at the Economic Commission for Africa was a result of the decision to hold the tenth session of the Commission away from its headquarters, leading to unusual increases in cable, pouch and postage expenses.

10.3 The deficit of \$15 828 in chapter II was attributable to increased expenditures for local transportation at Headquarters, where an over-expenditure for this item of \$16 155 was recorded. Female staff members required to work after 11.00 p.m. are entitled to reimbursement of taxi fare in New York City; the sum reimbursed rose substantially as a result of the greater number of night meetings and a substantial increase in taxi rates.

10.4 The deficit under chapter VI was wholly due to rising charges for subscriptions and standing orders, resulting from both higher printing costs and postal rate increases.

Section 11. Printing

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	3 112 300
Expenditures and obligations	3 132 773
Deficit	(20 473)

Chapter	Appropriations	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Official Records	1 306 600	1 344 774	(38 174)
II. Recurrent publications	918 200	959 676	(41 476)
III. Studies and reports	331 500	267 779	63 721
IV. Office of Public Information	133 700	122 699	11 001
V. International Narcotics Control Board	23 900	21 687	2 213
VI. Other printing	94 500	119 176	(24 676)
VII. Deduction for internal reproduction supplies	(625 000)	(611 421)	(13 579)
VIII. Internal reproduction supplies	928 900	908 403	20 497
TOTAL	<u>3 112 300</u>	<u>3 132 773</u>	<u>(20 473)</u>

11.1 The expenditures under this section are kept under close and continuous review by the United Nations Publications Board, an internal control body established by the Secretary-General. The Board meets at regular intervals to consider actual printing requirements as they arise during the financial year and, if required, determines the adjustments to be made among various components of the programme in order to keep commitments within the total level of the appropriation.

11.2 The commitments shown for 1971 under chapters I to VI consist of costs incurred for external printing, plus the value in terms of external printing costs, of work done by internal printing processes. The distribution of these respective amounts by chapter was as follows:

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Chapter	External	Internal	Total
	\$	\$	\$
I. Official records	933 957	410 817	1 344 774
II. Recurrent publications	789 024	170 652	959 676
III. Studies and reports	266 602	1 177	267 779
IV. Office of Public Information . . .	122 699	-	122 699
V. International Narcotics Control . . Board	21 687	-	21 687
VI. Other printing	90 401	28 775	119 176
TOTAL	<u>2 224 370</u>	<u>611 421</u>	<u>2 835 791</u>

11.3 A shortfall in the amount of \$38 174 occurred in respect of chapter I as a result of increased printing costs and a larger number of page units than had been anticipated. An over-expenditure in the amount of \$41 476 also proved unavoidable in respect of recurrent publications under chapter II, since certain of these publications were submitted ahead of time for printing in 1971. Furthermore, a deficit of \$24 676 was incurred under chapter VI owing to an increased demand for various forms.

11.4 These deficits were offset by economies under chapter III (\$63 721) and chapter IV (\$11 001) which were achieved by a decision to postpone until 1972 the printing of certain studies and reports and information documents provided for under these chapters in order to avoid over-expending under chapters I through VII (printing programme) as a whole.

PART IV

SPECIAL EXPENSES

Section 12. Special expenses

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	10 546 100
Expenditures and obligations	10 584 751
Deficit	(38 651)

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea (UNCURK)	89 700	88 398	1 302
II. United Nations International School, New York	550 000	550 000	-
III. United Nations bond issue	8 556 200	8 556 176	24
IV. Triangular Fellowship Programme (Office of Public Information)	20 000	17 774	2 226
V. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	50 000	51 526	(1 526)
VI. United Nations participation in the Joint Inspection Unit	170 700	170 700	-
VII. United Nations participation in jointly financed activities of administrative co-ordination	83 200	83 200	-
VIII. United Nations participation in the costs of the secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	153 000	156 359	(3 359)
IX. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa	100 000	100 000	-

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Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
X. United Nations Fund for Namibia	50 000	50 000	-
XI. International Computing Centre, Geneva	670 800	670 930	(130)
XII. Assistance in cases of natural disaster	46 500	83 688	(36 188)
XIII. Pre-disaster planning	6 000	7 000	(1 000)
TOTAL	10 546 100	10 584 751	(38 651)

12.1 The main reason for the net deficit, in the amount of \$38 651, under this section is that subsequent to the approval by the General Assembly of the revised appropriations for 1971, the Secretary-General, under the authority granted to him by General Assembly resolution 2435 (XXIII), approved assistance in two further cases of natural disaster. In the first case \$20 000 was provided for the purchase of trucks to aid in relieving the consequences brought about by two years of severe drought in Afghanistan. In the second instance \$15 000 was provided for transport facilities, medicines, food, clothing and construction material for the relief of the victims of a cyclone which struck the northern coastal region of Somalia in November 1971.

12.2 Under chapter VIII the unexpected retirement of two staff members gave rise to the deficit of \$3 359 in the United Nations share of the secretariat costs of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

12.3 As an offset to these deficits, a surplus arose under the Triangular Fellowship Programme, in the amount of \$2 226 due to the fortuitous circumstances that several of the participants happened to be in Mexico City prior to the programme, resulting in reduced travel costs.

PART V
 TECHNICAL PROGRAMMES

Section	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
13. Economic development, social development and public administration; human rights advisory services; narcotic drugs control	5 408 000	5 407 417	583
14. Industrial development . . .	1 500 000	1 498 597	1 403
TOTAL	<u>6 908 000</u>	<u>6 906 014</u>	<u>1 986</u>

PART VI

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Section 15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	10 330 400
Expenditures and obligations	10 332 755
Surplus	7 645

Table 15-1

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Third session of the Conference	178 000	152 709	25 291
II. Sessions of expert and advisory bodies	95 000	79 003	15 997
III. Salaries and wages - UNCTAD.	4 413 800	4 434 277	(20 477)
IV. Common staff costs	1 003 300	1 021 698	(18 398)
V. Travel of staff	230 000	228 623	1 377
VI. Hospitality	9 000	8 982	18
VII. Permanent equipment	17 000	17 085	(85)
VIII. General expenses	372 000	363 251	8 749
IX. Printing	137 000	106 373	30 627
X. Salaries and wages - services provided by other offices of the United Nations	2 719 400	2 744 789	(25 389)
XI. Common staff costs	432 500	442 565	(10 065)
XII. UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre	723 400	723 400	-
TOTAL	<u>10 330 400</u>	<u>10 322 755</u>	<u>7 645</u>

15.1 As shown in table 15-1, an unspent balance of \$7 645 was achieved under this section of the budget. Explanations for variations between appropriations and expenditures under various chapters are given below.

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Chapter I. Sessions of the Conference

15.2 The surplus of \$25 291 under this chapter was attributable to delays in the submission of pre-session documentation.

Chapter II. Sessions of expert and advisory bodies

15.3 The surplus of \$15 997 under this chapter was due to the fact that the expert group on international monetary issues could not be convened in 1971 and that the expert group on least developed countries was convened for a shorter period than originally envisaged.

Chapter III. Salaries and wages

Table 15-2

Salaries and wages of the UNCTAD secretariat	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
(i) Established posts	4 018 800	4 039 746	(20 946)
(ii) Consultants	313 000	312 761	239
(iii) Temporary assistance and overtime	82 000	81 770	230
TOTAL	<u>4 413 800</u>	<u>4 434 277</u>	<u>(20 477)</u>

15.4 The deficit of \$20 946 under established posts was due to the realignment of currencies which occurred in October 1971.

Chapter IV. Common staff costs

15.5 The deficit of \$18 398 incurred under this chapter was partly due to the realignment of currencies in October and partly to increased contributions to the pension fund.

Chapter VII. General expenses

15.6 The surplus of \$8 749 under this chapter was mainly due to the fact that alterations to premises planned for 1971 were not effected in that year in view of the forthcoming move of UNCTAD to the new wing of the Palais.

Chapter IX. Printing

15.7 Delays in the submission of three country studies on restrictive business practices and in completion of the commodity survey and the statistical handbook resulted in a surplus of \$30 627.

Chapter X. Salaries and wages in respect of administrative and conference services

15.8 The deficit of \$49 564 under established posts resulted partly from realignment of the Swiss franc in October as well as the realization of a lower turnover factor than anticipated. These factors were partly offset by a surplus of \$29 740 on temporary assistance resulting from changes in UNCTAD's meetings programme for 1971.

Chapter XI. Common staff costs in respect of administrative and conference services

15.9 The deficit of \$10 065 which occurred under this chapter was due to the realignment of currencies in October 1971.

PART VII

UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Section 16. United Nations Industrial Development Organization

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	12 508 500
Expenditures and obligations	12 310 620
Surplus	197 880

Table 16-1

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Fifth session of the Industrial Development Board and meetings of its subsidiary organs . . .	278 000	291 268	(13 268)
II. Meetings of expert and advisory bodies	121 000	114 273	6 727
III. Salaries and wages	8 045 000	7 950 762	94 238
IV. Common staff costs	2 023 000	1 954 538	68 462
V. Travel of staff	385 000	385 428	(428)
VI. Payments under Annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality	12 500	12 489	11
VII. Permanent equipment	132 500	133 751	(1 251)
VIII. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises	265 000	251 833	13 167
IX. General expenses	687 000	681 733	5 267
X. Publications programme and contractual reproduction services	311 500	308 012	3 488
XI. Headquarters Planning and Administrative Management . .	248 000	226 533	21 467
TOTAL	<u>12 508 500</u>	<u>12 310 620</u>	<u>197 880</u>

16.1 The over-all surplus of \$197 880 under this section, in spite of the further effect of the realignment of currencies which occurred in October 1971, was due mainly to difficulties experienced in respect of the recruitment of staff to UNIDO and delays experienced in the planning of the headquarters of UNIDO.

Chapter I. Fifth session of the Industrial Development Board and meetings of its subsidiary organs

16.2 The deficit of \$13 268 which was incurred under this chapter was attributable to higher costs incurred in respect of the Special International Conference of UNIDO.

Chapter II. Meetings of expert and advisory bodies

16.3 As the scope of one of the meetings proved to be smaller than envisaged at the time the budget was prepared, a surplus of \$6 727 was realized under this chapter.

Chapter III. Salaries and wages

Table 16-2

	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
(i) Established posts	7 625 000	7 531 142	93 858
(ii) Individual experts and consultants	320 000	308 610	11 390
(iii) Temporary assistance	69 000	76 317	(7 317)
(iv) Overtime and night differential	31 000	34 693	(3 693)
TOTAL	8 045 000	7 950 762	94 238

(i) Established posts

16.4 The surplus of \$93 858 under this chapter was attributable to the fact that a larger number of posts than anticipated remained unfilled through the latter part of the year. In addition a number of posts could only be filled at levels lower than had been authorized.

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(ii) Individual experts and consultants

16.5 The surplus of \$11 390 under this chapter was attributable to difficulties in commissioning certain studies before the end of the year.

(iii) Temporary assistance

16.6 The deficit of \$7 317 under this chapter was due in part to the need to provide for a lengthier absence of regular staff on maternity and sick leave than had been expected (\$2 117) as well as to the fact that it proved necessary to resort to temporary assistance to a greater extent than had been foreseen during the last two months of the year as the result of the rescheduling of some of UNIDO's meetings (\$5 200).

(iv) Overtime and night differential

16.7 The deficit of \$3 693 under this chapter was attributable to additional requirements in connexion with the heavy meetings' programme during the last months of the year and to difficulties encountered with the computerization of the experts' payroll which were not foreseen at the time the supplementary estimates were submitted.

Chapter IV. Common staff costs

16.8 As indicated in paragraph 16.4 above, the surplus of \$68 462 realized under this chapter was attributable to the fact that a larger number of posts remained unfilled during the latter part of the year and to reduced expenditures incurred in respect of the repatriation costs of staff extended beyond the age of retirement.

Chapter V. Travel of staff

Table 16-3

	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
(i) Travel of staff to meetings . .	23 000	61 017	(38 017)
(ii) Travel of staff on other official business	97 000	67 272	29 728
(iii) Travel of staff and dependants on home leave	175 000	178 657	(3 657)
(iv) Travel of industrial field advisers	90 000	78 482	11 518
TOTAL	385 000	385 428	(428)

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16.9 A deficit of \$38 017 occurred in respect of travel of staff to meetings partly as a result of increased costs for servicing two important investment promotion meetings in Africa and Asia which required more resources than originally anticipated and partly due to the travel required in respect of the work programme related to the Second Development Decade. The expenses in respect of travel of staff on other official business were deliberately kept to a minimum in order to cover the deficit foreseen in respect of travel of staff to meetings. The surplus of \$11 518 in respect of the travel of industrial field advisers was largely due to delays in the recruitment of industrial field advisers which resulted in the curtailment of the original travel schedule.

Chapter VIII. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises

16.10 The surplus of \$13 167 under this chapter was largely due to the fact that the general increase in the cost of contractual maintenance services which occurred in Austria in 1971 was not applied to UNIDO to the extent that had been anticipated as well as to strict control over the use of utilities.

Chapter X. Publications programme and contractual reproduction services

Table 16-4

	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
(i) Printing	179 500	136 768	42 732
(ii) Contractual translations and typing	41 000	44 645	(3 645)
(iii) Contractual reproduction of documents	60 000	88 203	(28 203)
(iv) Internal reproduction supplies	31 000	38 396	(7 396)
TOTAL	311 500	308 012	3 488

16.11 The surplus of \$42 723 in respect of printing was largely due to the ability to obtain greater utilization of the common services arrangements of UNIDO and IAEA. This, however, resulted in deficits of \$7 396 in respect of internal reproduction supplies, \$28 203 in respect of contractual reproduction of documents and \$3 645 in respect of contractual translations for a net surplus of \$3 488.

Chapter XI. Headquarters Planning and Administrative Management

16.12 The surplus of \$21 467 under this chapter resulted mainly from delays in the planning of the permanent headquarters which did not permit consultants services to be commissioned before the end of the year as originally planned.

PART VIII

SPECIAL MISSIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Section 17. Special missions

	US dollars
Appropriation	8 133 100
Expenditures and obligations	8 143 134
Deficit	(10 034)

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO)	5 779 400	5 824 451	(45 051)
II. United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)	1 246 500	1 264 628	(18 128)
III. United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (UNCURK)	302 800	305 141	(2 341)
IV. United Nations Supply Depot in Pisa	147 100	133 911	13 189
V. United Nations Council for Namibia and Commissioner for Namibia	235 000	244 673	(9 673)
VI. <u>Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts</u> established under resolution 2 (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights	33 000	19 340	13 660
VII. Special Committee on <u>Apartheid</u> . .	13 400	12 468	932
VIII. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	95 500	90 376	5 124
IX. United Nations Representative for India and Pakistan	-	-	-
X. United Nations Middle East Mission	153 900	165 923	(12 023)

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Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
XI. Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories	70 000	27 271	42 729
XII. Special Mission of the Security Council established under resolution 294 (1971) - Senegal	42 500	38 294	4 206
XIII. Special Mission of the Security Council to the Republic of Guinea	14 000	14 525	(525)
XX. Miscellaneous claims and adjustments for prior years . .	-	2 133	(2 133)
TOTAL	8 133 100	8 143 134	(10 034)

17.1 The major elements which have given rise to the total net deficit of \$10 034 under this section are explained by chapter below.

Chapter I. United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO)

17.2 The shortage of \$45 051 was due to the unforeseen fact that two internationally recruited staff members were separated from UNTSO in 1971, giving rise to additional expenses on account of separation indemnities, travel and removal costs.

Chapter II. United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)

17.3 The deficit of \$18 128 under this chapter was due mainly to the emergency situation which occurred as a result of the outbreak of hostilities in the mission area, and the consequential need to evacuate personnel and their families.

Chapter III. United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (UNCURK)

17.4 The deficit of \$2 341 under this chapter related to the costs of separation in 1971 of eight local staff members, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in their first report on the budget estimates for 1972. 2/

2/ Ibid., Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/8408), para. 285.

Chapter IV. United Nations Supply Depot in Pisa (UNSD)

17.5 The surplus of \$13 189 under this chapter arose mainly as the result of the fact that the assignment in Pisa of the Administrative Officer, who was scheduled to be replaced in 1971, was extended beyond the end of the year; additionally the home leave travel of two administrative and technical staff members and their families did not take place. As a result, savings were realized in respect of common staff costs (\$4 100) and travel of staff (\$5 100). The balance of the savings were achieved in respect of the shipment of personal effects of the staff members concerned and under various other headings.

Chapter V. United Nations Council for Namibia and Commissioner for Namibia

17.6 The deficit of \$9 673 under this chapter was due to additional costs incurred in respect of the separation of two staff members which had not been projected for 1971.

Chapter VI. Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts established under resolution 2 of the Commission on Human Rights

17.7 A surplus of \$13 660 was realized under this chapter, principally in respect of the travel and subsistence of members of the Group which cancelled its August 1971 meeting and shortened the duration of both the January and June-July meetings. In addition, three members of the Group did not attend the meeting at Headquarters in June-July 1971.

Chapter VIII. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

17.8 Of the surplus of \$5 124 achieved under this chapter, approximately \$2 400 was due to lower costs than anticipated of printing the publications contemplated in the field of decolonization; the balance was attributable to savings in respect of travel by members of the Special Committee on visiting missions.

Chapter X. United Nations Middle East Mission

17.9 The activities of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General were carried out over a longer period than originally projected when the budget estimates were prepared, giving rise to additional commitments amounting to \$12 023.

Chapter XI. Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories

17.10 The budget estimates for 1971 under this chapter were originally based on the 1970 expenditures, which included a field mission of six weeks' duration, the hearing of 146 witnesses and the transcription of 45,000 pages of testimony.

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The surplus of \$42 729 was due to the Committee's decision to reduce costs in 1971 by having only a two-week field mission, hearing 39 witnesses and having minutes taken rather than the more costly transcription of all the testimony.

Chapter XII. Special Mission of the Security Council established under
resolution 294 (1971) - Senegal

17.11 Savings amounting to \$4 206 were realized under this chapter since the Special Mission did not remain in the field as long as originally anticipated, thus reducing subsistence and other miscellaneous costs.

PART IX

OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Section 18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

	US dollars
Appropriation	4 781 000
Expenditures and obligations	4 779 615
Surplus	1 385

Table 18-1

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations		Surplus (deficit)
		\$	\$	
I. Salaries	3 339 700	3 335 468	4 232	
II. Common staff costs	895 000	895 638	(638)	
III. Travel on official business	184 000	182 459	1 541	
IV. Public information activities	34 000	32 738	1 262	
V. Hospitality	9 300	9 300	-	
VI. Permanent equipment	46 000	43 290	2 710	
VII. General expenses	251 000	262 875	(11 875)	
VIII. Contractual printing	22 000	17 847	4 153	
TOTAL	<u>4 781 000</u>	<u>4 779 615</u>	<u>1 385</u>	

18.1 The total expenditures under this section were kept within the appropriation. Deficits were incurred under chapters II and VII of the section, but these were offset by surpluses achieved under the other chapters.

18.2 Of the deficit of \$11 873 under chapter VII, \$5 079 was related to rental and maintenance of premises and \$4 816 to the rental and maintenance of equipment. The deficit of \$5 079 was due essentially to the unexpected necessity to move the Bangui Branch Office to new premises and to the need to rent two additional rooms for the Branch Office in Kampala to provide office space for a UNESCO associate expert assigned to that office to assist with educational problems of refugees in East Africa. The deficit of \$4 816 in respect of the rental and maintenance of equipment is resulted from the increased costs of maintenance and operation of vehicles in Africa and to the cost of repairing two cars involved in serious accidents.

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18.3 The surplus of \$4 153 under chapter VIII (Printing) was due to the fact that the booklet on the 1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol was printed internally at the Palais des Nations, without additional costs to section 18 and the postponement of the publication of the booklet on asylum of refugees.

18.4 A general account of the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner in 1971 is provided in the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly. 3/ A more detailed performance report on the assistance activities of the Office in 1971 will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

3/ Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712).

PART X

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Section 19. International Court of Justice

	<u>US dollars</u>
Appropriation	1 499 100
Expenditures and obligations	1 495 998
Surplus	3 102

Chapter	Appropriation	Expenditures and obligations	Surplus (deficit)
	\$	\$	\$
I. Salaries and expenses of Members of the Court	741 200	735 584	5 616
II. Salaries, wages and expenses of the Registry.	633 500	635 109	(1 609)
III. Common services	102 400	106 528	(4 128)
IV. Permanent equipment	22 000	18 777	3 223
TOTAL	<u>1 499 100</u>	<u>1 495 998</u>	<u>3 102</u>

19.1 During 1971 the Court met for five months, up to mid-June, holding 25 public sittings devoted to the Security Council's request for an advisory opinion on the Legal Consequences for States of the Continued Presence of South Africa in Namibia (South West Africa) notwithstanding Security Council resolution 276 (1970), and 50 private meetings devoted either to deliberation of that case, to the election of the Chamber of Summary Procedure and committees or to budgetary and administrative matters. The Advisory Opinion itself was delivered on 21 June 1971. On 30 August the Court received from the Government of India an Application against Pakistan, constituting an Appeal relating to the Jurisdiction of the ICAO Council, and, on 22 December, the Memorial in the same case. On 24 December the Indian Government appointed a judge ad hoc. Owing to the nationality of the President of the Court (Pakistan), the Vice-President has been presiding over this case. The five Members of the Court who constitute the Committee for the Revision of the Rules met for two weeks in August. The President of the Court, following requests under the terms of the relevant instruments, appointed the chairman of two international arbitral tribunals.

19.2 An amount of \$5 616 remained unspent under chapter I for the following reasons: (a) the special allowance of \$45 payable to the Vice-President for every day he acts as President was paid only 21 days out of the allowable maximum of 100, resulting in savings of \$3 555; (b) there was a saving of \$1 245 in respect of pension payments owing to the death of a widow; (c) an amount of \$900 remained unspent in respect of annual journeys and journeys on leave of the Members of the Court; and (d) there was a minor deficit of \$84 in respect of miscellaneous supplies and services.

19.3 The net deficit of \$1 616 under chapter II resulted from extra expenditures amounting to \$6 580 incurred in respect of established posts salaries and JSPF contributions, offset in part by savings in respect of temporary assistance (\$4 060), travel on official business (\$520), travel on home leave (\$340), and other minor savings amounting to \$44. The increased expenditure in respect of established posts salaries and JSPF contributions is explained by the upward movement of the post classification for The Hague during the year (from class 2 to class 4), and by the revision in the local General Service salary scales.

19.4 The net deficit of \$4 128 under chapter III is due to the following factors: (a) the dollar cost of the contribution to the Carnegie Foundation, fixed in local currency, rose by \$810; (b) more publications were distributed than anticipated, resulting in additional costs amounting to \$2 920; (c) the higher dollar equivalent of postage costs, coupled with higher postal rates and an increased volume of mail, resulted in a net deficit of \$560 in respect of postal expenses; (d) the above deficits were partly offset by minor surpluses amounting to \$162 in other general expense accounts.

19.5 The net surplus of \$3 223 under chapter IV results from savings in respect of the purchase of new furniture and office equipment (\$3 400), partly reduced by a deficit of \$177 in the provision for the Court's Library.

ESTIMATES OF INCOME

	1971		Increase (Decrease)
	Approved estimate	Actual income	
	\$	\$	\$
PART I. INCOME FROM STAFF ASSESSMENT			
<u>Income section 1. Income from staff assessment</u>	22 300 000	22 814 264	514 264
TOTAL, PART I	22 300 000	22 814 264	514 264
PART II. OTHER INCOME			
<u>Income section 2. Funds from extra-budgetary accounts</u>			
I. United Nations Development Programme: contribution towards administrative and operational services costs of the United Nations as a participating organization .	1 987 200	1 924 976	(62 224)
II. Voluntary funds for the Programme of the High Commissioner for Refugees	523 000	523 090	90
III. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund .	65 200	66 380	1 180
Total, Income section 2	2 575 400	2 514 446	(60 954)
<u>Income section 3. General income</u>			
(i) Rental income	270 000	286 321	16 321
(ii) Reimbursement for staff services furnished to specialized agencies and others	1 095 900	1 009 643	(86 257)
(iii) Income from bank interest	40 000	58 619	18 619
(iv) Sale of used equipment	63 000	78 618	15 618
(v) Refund of prior years' expenditure . . .	225 000	237 692	12 692
(vi) Contributions from non-Member States . .	2 142 000	2 142 022	22
(vii) Revenue from television and similar services	415 000	132 401	(282 599)
(viii) Reimbursement for part of the construction costs of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile	120 000	64 000	(56 000)

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	1971		
	Approved estimate	Actual income	Increase (Decrease)
	\$	\$	\$
<u>Income section 3. General income (continued)</u>			
(ix) Refund of the Organization's contribution to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in respect of participant withdrawals	350 000	470 261	120 261
(x) Miscellaneous income	100 000	105 332	5 332
Total, Income section 3	4 820 900	4 584 909	(235 991)
<u>Income section 4. Revenue-producing activities</u>			
I. United Nations Postal Administration	2 138 100	1 935 730	(202 370)
II. Sale of publications	57 300	177 888	120 588
III. Visitors' Services (Headquarters/Geneva)	(86 800)	(167 192)	(80 392)
IV. Souvenir/gift shops and catering services	390 600	425 934	35 334
- Royalties from medals	60 000	40 000	(20 000)
Total, Income section 4	2 559 200	2 412 360	(146 840)
TOTAL, PART II	9 955 500	9 511 715	(443 785)

Income section 1. Income from staff assessment

1. The increased income from this source is due to changes of salary scales of all categories of staff implemented in that year and at different dates; thus, a more precise forecasting of the actual level of income has been difficult.

Income section 2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts

2. Based on 1970 actual experience relating to reimbursement received from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) attributable to Special Industrial Service (SIS) projects funded from the UNDP technical assistance component, an increase of \$112 800 was estimated in the supplementary estimates for 1971. However, the actual outcome was somewhat short of the forecast.

Income section 3. General income

3. Significant decrease occurred in respect of television income (\$282 599) due principally to a change of the accounting method. Heretofore, accounts receivable are treated as actual income received, now only actual cash receipts are recorded as income. Another minor factor was that the contract with National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) to telecast the United Nations produced series - International Zone - was not renewed. Had the previous accounting method been maintained, the income in 1971 from television income in general would have reached an amount of \$374 000, that is to say, a shortfall of some \$40 000 compared to the original estimate for that year. It is expected that the balance of some \$242 000 could be reflected in the income estimates for 1972 and thereafter. During the course of 1972, it is proposed to initiate detailed studies with respect to this source of income. Lesser amount of income was received by services rendered through New York Computing Centre than initially forecast. Another shortfall occurred in the reimbursement payment by the Chilean Government regarding the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile. This matter has been actively pursued, in order to avoid a recurrence of this situation in future years.

Income section 4. Revenue-producing activities

4. Net income under this section was \$146 840 less than the approved estimate.

5. While revenue from the sale of publications under chapter II and net income from the Souvenir Shop and Gift Centre under chapter IV exceeded the approved estimates; net income from the sale of United Nations postage stamps fell short by \$202 370 and the projected loss from the operation of the Visitors' Services under chapter III was \$80 392 greater than had been anticipated. In the case of the United Nations Postal Administration, gross revenue was \$25 998, or 0.7 per cent, below the approved estimate while expenses charged against revenue exceeded the approved estimate by \$176 372, or 11.8 per cent. It should be noted, however, that expenses charged against revenue increased from \$1 646 556 in 1970 to only \$1 668 272 in 1971, or an increase of only 1.3 per cent despite increases in salary scales authorized as from 1 October 1970 and 1 July 1971. With regard to the Visitors' Services, decreased revenue results from the declining number of visitors; at Headquarters, the number fell from 937 910 in 1970 to 873 941 in 1971, while in Geneva, the figures were 146 370 in 1970 and 135 850 in 1971. Measures were taken to minimize expenses charged against revenue, and these were reduced at Headquarters from \$1 001 621 in 1970 to \$911 173 in 1971 despite the increases in salary scales mentioned above and a corresponding increase in guides and dispatchers salaries which also came into effect on 1 July 1971.
