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Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213:
programmatic and budgetary aspects - update of the
progress report of the Secretary-General (A/42/234)

Report of the Secretary-General

INTRODUCTION

1. In presenting his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, the Secretary-General made clear that his proposals were based upon and reflected the organizational structures of the Secretariat as they were at the end of 1986, despite changes that he had already initiated and others that were anticipated in response to General Assembly resolution 41/213 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations. This approach was necessitated by the need to adhere to the established process of budget preparation, including the need to meet the deadline for the presentation of the proposed programme budget to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) and the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). The preparation of the budget proposals was begun before the General Assembly had completed its consideration of the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, 1/ from which stem the various changes and reforms initiated and envisaged.

2. In his progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234), the Secretary-General has outlined a number of reforms that he has already initiated in response to this resolution. During their consideration of the proposed programme budget, CPC and ACABQ were informed in broad terms of the implications of these reforms for organizational units, their functions and the resources assigned to them. CPC recommended that the Secretary-General provide the General Assembly, through the Committee's resumed session, with updated information

on the implementation of its resolution 41/213, including both programmatic and budgetary aspects, and deferred full approval of certain budget sections to its resumed twenty-seventh session. ACABQ, in its first report on the proposed programme budget for 1988-1989, 2/ recommended that Member States should be kept informed of the progress of reform through an update of the Secretary-General's progress report, to which might be annexed details of the budgetary implications of reforms already implemented on the initial estimates for the biennium 1988-1989. 3/ The present report gives fuller and more detailed programmatic and budgetary information on reforms already implemented, and outlined in the progress report of the Secretary-General, as they relate to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

3. The budget proposals as currently presented reflect a virtually unchanged number, level and distribution of posts within the Secretariat, but take account of the goal of staff reductions set by the General Assembly through application of higher than usual turnover rates throughout the budget - 12.5 per cent for the Professional and higher categories and 7.5 per cent for General Service and related categories. It is the intention of the Secretary-General to achieve staff and other cost reductions in an orderly manner consistent with reforms being instituted, but the exact details of these reductions are difficult to quantify at a stage where the reform process has only just begun. Further changes are anticipated as a result of the work of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council studying the structure and functioning of the intergovernmental machinery in the economic and social fields and of internal reviews. These reviews, such as those in the Department of Administration and Management, the Department of Public Information and in the economic, humanitarian and social sectors, including human rights, will not all be completed in 1987. Their results in programmatic and budgetary terms will, however, be reflected appropriately in revised estimates to be submitted during 1988. Consequently, and in order to maintain the integrity and coherence of the budget presentation, the changes to the Secretary-General's proposals which are outlined below follow the same principles as the initial presentation and do not involve any net change in the overall level of the proposed budget. Information is given only for those sections of the proposed programme budget affected by reforms outlined in the progress report of the Secretary-General or included in the proposed agenda of the resumed session of CPC. Changes are cross-referenced between sections affected and summary tables are annexed, indicating the net proposed shift of resources between budget sections as well as the revised proposed programme budget on a section-by-section basis. To avoid repetitions, details of proposed redeployments of resources are given under the sections from which these resources are to be taken.

SECTION 1. OVERALL POLICY-MAKING, DIRECTION AND CO-ORDINATION

4. Reform measures undertaken by the Secretary-General in response to General Assembly resolution 41/213, as outlined in his progress report (A/42/234), affect subsections 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of section B (Executive direction and management) of section 1 and also involve the creation of a new Office for Research and the Collection of Information. The detailed resource implications of these changes for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 are outlined below.

Subsection 1.B.2. Executive Office of the Secretary-General

[See also: subsection 1.B.12, para. 16]

5. Consolidation of research and information functions for the political area in the new Office for Research and the Collection of Information will entail redeployment of two Professional (one P-4 and one P-3) and one General Service (other level) post.

Subsection 1.B.3. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services (including the Division of General Assembly Affairs and the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services)

[See also: section 8, para. 40, and subsection 1.B.10, para. 12]

6. Responsibility for the technical secretariat servicing of the intergovernmental and related meetings and special conferences have been assigned to a new Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services in this Office from the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters, which has been discontinued. The following subprogrammes will be included under paragraph 1.74, subparagraph (d):

(d) Technical secretariat servicing of intergovernmental and related meetings in the economic and social fields:

Subprogramme 1. Meetings servicing

Programme elements:

- 1.1 Preparatory work and technical secretariat services for intergovernmental and related meetings (approximately 60) and special conferences (including informal meetings and consultations, which may far exceed the number of formal meetings)
- 1.2 Preparation of reports on, and monitoring of, developments, resolutions and decisions of intergovernmental bodies

Subprogramme 2. Programme, calendar and documents planning and editorial control

Programme elements:

- 2.1 Programme and calendar planning
- 2.2 Documents planning, control and monitoring
- 2.3 Editorial control

Transfer of these functions will involve redeployment to this section of most of the resources included under section 8 of the proposed programme budget for 1988-1989.

7. Responsibility for co-ordination of all United Nations drug-related programmes has been transferred from the Under-Secretary-General to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. This will not, however, involve any redeployment of resources.

Subsection 1.B.6. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for
Special Political Questions

[See also: section 3, para. 25]

8. The responsibilities of this Office have been consolidated into the new Department for Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship. Consequently, all resources related to this programme, namely, three Professional and higher level posts (one USG, one D-2 and one P-3) and three General Service (other level) posts, as well as \$65,800 under other objects of expenditure, would then be redeployed to section 3 (Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization). This subsection would then be deleted.

Subsection 1.B.7. Unit for Special Economic Assistance Programmes

[See also: section 3, para. 25]

9. Administration of these programmes will henceforth be the responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), except in cases of political sensitivity where other arrangements may be appropriate. Pending overall review of arrangements in this area, however, and to maintain a consistent approach to presentation of this transitional programme budget, it is proposed that resources related to this Unit, namely, six Professional and higher level posts (one established D-2, one temporary D-1, three temporary P-5 and one temporary P-4) and seven temporary General Service (other level) posts, as well as \$444,400 under other objects of expenditure, would then be redeployed to section 3 (Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization). This subsection would then be deleted.

Subsection 1.B.8. Office for Field Operational and External
Support Activities

[See also: subsection 1.B.12, para. 16, and
section 28, para. 44]

10. The work of this Office relating to the dissemination of information is to be carried out by the new Office for Research and the Collection of Information, under subsection 1.B.12, and its other functions have been integrated into the Department of Administration and Management. As a result, it is proposed that four

Professional and higher level posts (one ASG, one P-5, one P-4 and one P-2/1) and four General Service (other level) posts be redeployed to the new Office together with \$45,400 under other objects of expenditure and nine Professional and higher level posts (one D-2, two P-5, two P-4, one P-3 and three P-2/1) and 12 General Service (other level) posts together with \$13,000 under other objects of expenditure be redeployed to section 29D (Office of General Services, Headquarters). This subsection would then be deleted.

Subsection 1.B.9. Office of the Director-General, United Nations
Office at Geneva

[See also: section 23, para. 41]

11. The Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva has assumed supervisory responsibility for human rights activities. Provision of resources for these activities has been made under section 23 (Human Rights) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. No revisions are proposed for this subsection.

Subsection 1.B.10. Office of the Director-General, United Nations
Office at Vienna

[See also: subsection 1.B.3, para. 7, and section 6, para. 37]

12. The Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna has assumed responsibility for United Nations activities on social policy and development. Provision for these activities will be made under a new section 6B in part IV (Economic, social and humanitarian activities) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 to which resources will be redeployed from section 6 (Department of International Economic and Social Affairs). The Director-General has also assumed responsibility for co-ordination of all United Nations drug-related programmes for which provision is made in section 20 (International drug control). No revisions are proposed for this subsection.

Subsection 1.B.12. Office for Research and the Collection
of Information

[See also: subsection 1.B.2, para. 5; section 1.B.8,
para. 10; subsection 2A.B, para. 18;
section 3, para. 26, and section 27,
para. 42]

13. The Secretary-General is charged with responsibilities relating to the maintenance of international peace and security under Article 99 of the Charter of the United Nations as well as through specific political tasks mandated to him by the Security Council and the General Assembly. In carrying out these tasks, a key instrument is the regular and effective provision, analysis and dissemination of

relevant information. Such information allows the Secretary-General to monitor actual and potential threats to peace and to provide the Security Council and the General Assembly with a sound and timely basis for their deliberations.

14. In order to improve the effectiveness of this work, the Secretary-General has established the Office for Research and the Collection of Information to rationalize and consolidate information activities in the political area as recommended in General Assembly resolution 41/213. The Office will be responsible for the collection and maintenance of current information, developing and co-ordinating research and assessment of global trends originating in different political departments and for undertaking ad hoc research, in co-ordination with other departments, for the immediate needs of the Secretary-General. It will also receive, consolidate and distribute political information from media sources and from United Nations information centres for use by the Secretary-General and his senior staff.

15. The Office brings together functions previously performed by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the Office for Field Operational and External Support Activities in section 1, as well as the Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization in section 3, the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs in section 2A and the Department of Public Information in section 27. This consolidation of functions brings together aspects of work covered by different programmes of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 and will be reflected in an integrated manner in the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995. A programmatic presentation follows, it being understood that the results of the Office's work are for internal use and will not, therefore, be "final outputs" in the strict sense:

Subprogramme 1. Information, research, assessment and early warning

(a) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/39/6), paras. 4.62-4.65; Charter, Article 99; General Assembly resolution 41/70.

(b) Programme elements:

1.1 Collection and presentation of information

This activity involves the maintenance of current information in data systems; the co-ordination and integration of internal data sources and of other data banks in the United Nations system and elsewhere related to political questions to ensure comprehensive availability of relevant unclassified information; and contacts with research institutions, associations and universities to keep abreast of research relating to issues of peace and security and periodic preparation of information summaries.

1.2 Co-ordination and development of research and assessment

This activity involves developing and co-ordinating assessment of global trends originating in different political departments; co-ordination of the regular preparation of country, regional, subregional, and issue-related studies in

consultation with offices dealing with negotiation and conflict resolution functions; and research and assessment, undertaken in co-ordination with other departments, for the immediate needs of the Secretary-General.

1.3 Early warning

This activity involves the provision of early warning of developing situations requiring the attention of the Secretary-General and the monitoring of factors related to possible refugee flows and comparable emergencies and the preparation of plans for possible responses.

Subprogramme 2. News distribution and briefing of United Nations information centres

(a) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6), para. 9.8 and (A/39/6), para. 1.12.

(b) Programme elements:

2.1 Dissemination of information

This activity involves the receipt, consolidation and distribution of unclassified political information from the media and from United Nations information centres on developments related to peace and security, for use by the Secretary-General and his senior staff and the preparation for the Secretary-General of summaries of global media commentary on international developments.

2.2 Briefing of United Nations information centres

This activity involves the provision of information on major political developments at the United Nations to United Nations information centres.

Subprogramme 3. Programme support

(a) Reference: This subprogramme does not fall within the programme structure of the medium-term plan.

(b) Programme elements:

3.1 Programme formulation and management

3.2 Editorial and drafting services

This activity involves the substantive preparation and editing of official statements, messages and reports of the Secretary-General.

16. The staffing required to carry out this programme of work has been the subject of internal review and the positions proposed have been duly classified. The resulting staffing table comprises 21 Professional and higher level posts and

21 General Service posts. When these requirements were set against the initial staffing proposals for the departments and offices affected by the transfer of functions to the Office for Research and the Collection of Information, a total of 15 Professional and higher level posts (one ASG, one D-2, one D-1, three P-5, five P-4, two P-3 and two P-2/1) and 21 General Service (other level) posts were identified for redeployment. The situation as regards the six Professional posts at the appropriate level not yet identified will be kept under close review and results will be reported at a later stage. In the mean time, the Office will begin the biennium with the reduced level of staffing indicated above.

**SECTION 2A. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS;
PEACE-KEEPING ACTIVITIES**

17. Reform measures undertaken by the Secretary-General in response to General Assembly resolution 42/213, as outlined in his progress report (A/42/234), affect subsections B, C and D of section 2A. Programmatic and budgetary aspects of these changes are outlined below.

Subsection 2A.B. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs

[See also: subsection 1.B.12, para. 15; subsection 2A.C, para. 22, and section 2B, para. 24]

18. As mentioned above, changes in the political sector include the establishment, under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, of the Office for Research and the Collection of Information, which will rationalize and consolidate information activities in the political area as recommended in General Assembly resolution 41/213. As part of this consolidation, the functions relating to the provision of information by the Section for Co-ordination and Political Information of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs, as referred to in subparagraph 2A.11 (g) of the proposed programme budget, would be transferred to the new Office for Research and the Collection of Information (section 1), together with three Professional posts (one P-4, one P-3 and one P-2/1) and four General Service (other level) posts. In addition, the title of section 2A.B.1 would be revised to read "Executive direction and management: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs (including the Section for Co-ordination and Executive Management)".

19. In order to permit the consolidation of servicing for General Assembly agenda items related to zones and regions of peace and co-operation, the Secretary-General decided to assign the primary responsibility for servicing the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean to the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. This decision has programmatic implications for programme element 2.3 (Peace, security and co-operation in the sea and ocean areas) of subprogramme 2 (Service for Political and Security Affairs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. Outputs (iii) and (iv) will be deleted and a new programme element 2.4 will be added.

20. The Secretary-General has also indicated that most aspects of the work on maritime matters have been consolidated into the Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. The text of programme element 2.3 of section 2A.B should be amended in order to reflect this delineation of responsibility more clearly. The new proposed texts for programme elements 2.3 and 2.4 are as follows:

2.3 Regional security, co-operation and zones of peace

Output:

(i) Substantive servicing of two sessions of the First Committee of the General Assembly (second semesters, 1988 and 1989) on the following questions: (a) zone of peace and co-operation of the South Atlantic; (b) Antarctica; and (c) strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

(ii) Reports of the First Committee to the General Assembly on the above questions (three reports annually, second semesters, 1988 and 1989);

(iii) Approximately six reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly as required by legislative action (three reports annually, second semesters, 1988 and 1989).

Intermediate activity:

(i) Preparation of analytical studies and periodic assessments on political and security aspects of developments related to regional security and zones of peace for the Secretary-General and other senior Secretariat officials (approximately 30 during the biennium, both semesters);

(ii) Advisory services to Member States on the issues pertaining to regional security and zones of peace, as required;

(iii) Participation in and reports to international meetings, symposia and seminars covering political issues relating to regional security and zones of peace (approximately four meetings and reports during the biennium, both semesters).

2.4 Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean

Output:

(i) Substantive servicing of at least two sessions annually of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (1988 and 1989);

(ii) Reports of the Committee to the General Assembly (fourth quarter, 1988 and 1989);

(iii) Substantive servicing of the Committee's Working Group established in 1986;

(iv) Reports of the Working Group to the Committee;

(v) Preparation for and substantive servicing of the Conference on the Indian Ocean (should it be decided to hold the Conference during the biennium 1988-1989).

This involves a related revision of section 2B, Disarmament affairs activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. These programmatic changes do not entail any redeployment of resources.

Subsection 2A.C. Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

[See also: subsection 2A.B, para. 20, and section 6, para. 33]

21. As mentioned above, the Secretary-General has decided to consolidate most of the activities related to maritime matters in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea, now renamed the Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. The functions performed by the Ocean Economics and Technology Branch of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (section 6) would, therefore, be transferred to this section together with related resources, except for those related to maritime resources in development and maritime inputs to the World Economic Survey. Accordingly, activities to implement programme 1 (Law of the sea affairs) and most of programme 2 (Economic and technical aspect of marine affairs) of chapter 25 (Marine affairs) of the medium-term plan for 1984-1989 (A/37/6/Add.1) would be consolidated in this section. The current programme of activity would become "2. Programmes of activity (a) Law of the sea affairs" and a new programme of activity comprising the bulk of activities currently provided for under programme 3 (Economic and technical aspects of marine affairs) of section 6 would be included as follows:

(b) Economic and technical aspects of ocean affairs

Subprogramme 1. Promotion of planning and management of the resources of coastal areas and exclusive economic zones

(a) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), paras. 25.35-25.39.

(b) Programme elements:

1.1 Economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs

Intermediate output: Contribution to a report to the Economic and Social Council on economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs (third quarter, 1989).

1.2 Approaches to coastal and marine resources assessment and development

Output: Technical publication: Criteria and methodologies for marine resource planning and management (fourth quarter, 1989).

1.3 Engineering techniques and technologies for coastal area development in developing countries

No final output. This activity consists of identification of and research and analysis on a selected number of current engineering approaches to coastal construction and other developmental activities and an assessment of promising new technologies such as laminated ferro concrete construction, leading to a sales publication in the biennium 1990-1991.

1.4 Natural hazards in the coastal area

Output: Technical publication: An assessment of the impact of natural hazards on coastal area planning (fourth quarter, 1989).

Subprogramme 2. Marine resources development in the global economy

(a) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), paras. 25.40-25.48.

(b) Programme elements:

2.1 Marine minerals

Output: Technical publications: (a) resource search methodology for EEZ unconsolidated deposits and its applications (third quarter, 1989); (b) financial analysis of a nodule mining venture (third quarter, 1988); (c) the regulatory framework of manganese nodule development (third quarter, 1989); and (d) review of activities of public and private entities in sea-bed mineral development (fourth quarter, 1989).

2.2 Information and data

Output: Information and advisory service on marine resources development.

Subprogramme 3. Marine and coastal technologies

(a) Reference: medium-term plan 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), paras. 25.49-25.52.

(b) Programme elements:

3.1 Marine technology infrastructure

No final output. This activity consists of the preparation of input to documentation for Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on marine technology infrastructures, including intermediate activities of the United Nations as lead agency for a project in this field within the framework of the Task Force on Science and Technology for Development of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) (second quarter, 1989).

3.2 Acquisition of marine technologies

No final output. This activity consists of an ad hoc expert group meeting, organized jointly with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, on the acquisition of marine surveying technologies for development of offshore resources in Latin America, from which a publication will be prepared in the biennium 1990-1991.

Subprogramme 4. Programme support

(a) Reference: This subprogramme does not fall within the programme structure of the medium-term plan.

(b) Programme elements:

4.1 Programme formulation and management

4.2 Programme co-ordination

4.3 Substantive support for statutory bodies

Output: Substantive servicing of: (a) two meetings of the Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution (second quarter, 1988 and 1989); and (b) one session of a subsidiary body of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (to be determined).

4.4 Support for marine activities

Operational activities: (a) substantive inputs to activities dealing with economic and geologic mineral resource assessment, including training courses funded from extrabudgetary sources within the framework of the joint United Nations/IOC programme on ocean science in relation to non-living resources; (b) substantial support for technical co-operation projects, such as Project YEM/84/T01, Preparatory Assistance for the Establishment of an Oceanographic Institute Phase I (Yemen Arab Republic), as a co-operating agency jointly with UNESCO; and (c) substantive inputs to and participation in international and regional intergovernmental and expert conferences, seminars and workshops dealing with subjects falling within the mandate of the programme.

22. In addition, responsibility for factual reporting on developments in the sea and ocean area will rest with the Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea rather than the Department for Political and Security Council Affairs. This delineation of responsibility, which is also reflected in programmatic changes under section 2A.B, does not entail any redeployment of resources.

Subsection 2A.D. Special missions

[See also: section 28, para. 44]

23. Among the reform measures implemented by the Secretary-General is the integration of the work of the Office for Field Operational and External Support Activities, other than dissemination of information, into the Department of Administration and Management under the Office of General Services. As programmes 3 (United Nations Supply Depot at Pisa) and 4 (Administrative and technical staff (communications personnel)) of section 2A.D have been administered by the Office for Field Operational and External Support Activities, it is also proposed that the functions and resources relating to them be transferred to section 28D (Office of General Services, Headquarters). This will involve redeployment of 1 Professional (1 P-5), 8 Local Level and 31 Field Service posts, together with \$285,200 under other objects of expenditure from section 2A.D to section 28D of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

SECTION 2B. DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

[See also: section 2A.B, paras. 19 and 20]

24. In order to permit the consolidation of servicing for General Assembly agenda items related to zones and regions of peace and co-operation, the Secretary-General has decided to assign the primary responsibility for servicing the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean to the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. This decision has programmatic implications both for that Department and for the Department for Disarmament Affairs. Under Section 2B.B (Department for Disarmament Affairs) of the proposed programme budget for 1988-1989 programme element 1.4 "Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean" of subprogramme 1 "Deliberation and negotiation" should be reformulated to read:

1.4 Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean

Intermediate activity:

Contributing to substantive servicing of at least two sessions annually of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, of sessions of its Working Group and of the Conference on the Indian Ocean, should it be decided to hold the Conference during the biennium 1988-1989.

SECTION 3. POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION

[See also: section 1.B.6, para. 8; section 1.B.7, para. 9;
and section 1.B.12, para. 15]

25. As indicated in his progress report (A/42/234), the Secretary-General has consolidated the responsibilities of the Office for Special Political Questions and the Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization into the new

Department for Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship, which also provides secretariat support for the Commissioner for Namibia and service for the United Nations Council for Namibia. This will also involve redeployment to this section of all resources currently provided for in subsection 1.B.6 (Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions). In addition, and as indicated above, resources provided under subsection 1.B.7 (Unit for Special Economic Assistance Programmes) should also be redeployed to this section pending the completion of the review of arrangements in this area.

26. The new Office for Research and the Collection of Information consolidates research and information functions in the political area, including some of those previously carried out by the Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization. The continuing review of the work of the new Department for Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship has helped to identify certain posts that can be suitably redeployed to the new Office. Consequently, it is proposed that 6 Professional and higher level posts (one D-2, one D-1, two P-5 and two P-4) and 10 General Service (other level) posts be so redeployed.

SECTION 5A. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT
AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

[See also: section 8, para. 40]

27. Among the measures taken by the Secretary-General was the discontinuance of the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters and the transfer of its functions to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services and the Office of the Director-General.

28. It is proposed that the functions and related resources concerned with technical secretariat services for intersecretariat meetings, other than editing and reproduction of documentation, will be transferred to section 5A under the heading International co-operation for economic and social development, new part D, Intersecretariat co-ordination machinery as follows:

Subsection 5A.D. Intersecretariat co-ordination machinery

29. As a practical measure to facilitate inter-agency co-ordination, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation has been designated to serve, as well, as Secretary and Chairman of ACC and its Organizational Committee, respectively.

30. With regard to the intersecretariat co-ordination machinery, the Assistant Secretary-General provides a central point of reference in the United Nations for matters relating to the technical servicing of inter-agency affairs. The Assistant Secretary-General establishes and follows up the programme of work of ACC and draft

reports related to it and to its Organizational Committee and monitors their implementation. The Assistant Secretary-General will, through his Office, provide technical secretariat services, other than editing and reproduction of documentation, for ACC and the Organizational Committee as well as the two subsidiary bodies - the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Programme Matters, CCSQ(PROG)), which deals with programming and related matters; and the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities, CCSQ(OPS)).

31. Specific tasks include preparatory work and technical secretariat services for approximately 20 intersecretariat meetings, excluding informal meetings and consultations that may far exceed the number of formal meetings; and the preparation of reports on monitoring of developments and decisions of intersecretariat bodies.

32. The Secretary-General has also decided that the heads of the Centre for Transnational Corporations and the Centre for Science and Technology for Development will report to him through the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs, and that with regard to the Centre for Science and Technology for Development, he would recommend that General Assembly resolution 34/218 (United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development) be amended accordingly. Consequently, it is proposed that paragraph 5A.4(b) (iii) be deleted from section 5A.

SECTION 6. DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

[See also: subsection 1.B.10, para. 12; subsection 2A.C, para. 21, and section 28, para. 43]

33. The reform measures undertaken by the Secretary-General in response to General Assembly resolution 41/213 affect section 6 (Department of International Economic and Social Affairs) in a number of ways. Most aspects of the work on maritime matters have been consolidated into section 2A.C (Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea), which has involved the transfer of most activities under subsection 6.B.3 (Economic and technical aspects of marine affairs) to that Office. Consequently, it is proposed that eight Professional and higher level posts (one D-1, one P-5, one P-4, three P-3 and two P-2/1) and three General Service (other level) posts, together with \$109,200 under other objects of expenditure, be redeployed to section 2A.C of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

34. The following functions of the Ocean Economics and Technology Branch would remain in the Department under programme 1 (Global development issues and policies), for which a new programme element would be added to subprogramme 6 as follows:

Subprogramme 6. Monitoring and assessment of emerging trends and problems

New Programme element 6.5 Monitoring of global economic trends and emerging issues in marine sectors

Output:

(i) Report to the Economic and Social Council on economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs (to be prepared in collaboration with the Office of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea) (third quarter, 1989);

(ii) Technical publication: Comparative economies of nickel production from land-based laterite deposits and sea-bed polymetallic nodules (second quarter, 1989);

(iii) Information and data on marine mineral resources relating to global economic development;

Intermediate output

Contribution of the ocean sector to development: Activity consisting of research and analysis building upon preliminary work already completed and leading to a sales publication in the 1990-1991 biennium. Work will focus on questions of methodology and ocean sector definition and will require extensive collection of statistics and data from national sources.

Three Professional posts (one P-5, one P-4 and one P-2) and two General Service (other level) posts, as well as \$11,500 for other objects of expenditure, have been retained in the Department to carry out these functions.

35. Functions previously performed by the Office for Programme Planning and Co-ordination under subsection 6.C.1 relating to programme planning, monitoring and evaluation have been consolidated in the Department of Administration and Management under section 28. This will involve transfer to section 28 of all activities under programme 1 (Programme planning) of subsection 6.C.1, as well as output (iii) of programme element 1.1 (Cross-organizational review and programme analysis) of programme 2 (Co-ordination). As functions of the Office concerned with co-ordination have remained in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the rest of programme 2 will remain in section 6.

36. This will also involve redeployment from section 6 to section 28 of 16 Professional and higher level posts (one ASG, one D-2, two D-1, four P-5, five P-4 and three P-3) and 10 General Service (other level) posts as well as \$105,700 under other objects of expenditure.

37. Activities on global social development issues are now the responsibility of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. Consequently, it is proposed that programme 5 (Global social development issues) of section 6 be transferred to a new section 6B (Activities on global social development issues) in part IV (Economic, social and humanitarian activities) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. All resources related to this programme,

namely, 52 Professional and higher level posts (1 ASG, 2 D-2, 4 D-1, 9 P-5, 18 P-4, 7 P-3 and 11 P-2/1) and 38 General Service posts (6 Principal level and 32 Other level), as well as \$947,900 under other objects of expenditure, would then be redeployed to the new section. It should be noted that the review on the possible redeployment of other programme responsibilities and resources in this area has not yet been completed and will be reported on at a later stage.

38. The heads of the Centre for Transnational Corporations and the Centre for Science and Technology for Development will report to the Secretary-General through the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs. This will have no budgetary implications.

39. Following the reallocation of various responsibilities to other budget sections, section 6, which presently contains the resources for the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, will become section 6A.

SECTION 8. OFFICE OF SECRETARIAT SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS

[See also: subsection 1.B.3, para. 6, and section 5A, para. 28]

40. One of the reform measures outlined by the Secretary-General in his progress report (A/42/234) is the transfer of most of the functions of the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters to section 1, subsection 1.B.3 (Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services, including the Division of General Assembly Affairs and the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services). The remainder have been transferred to section 5A (Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation) under the heading International co-operation for economic and social development, new part D, Intersecretariat co-ordination machinery. This will involve redeployment of 20 Professional and higher level posts (one ASG, one D-2, one D-1, four P-5, six P-4, six P-3 and one P-2/1) and 17 General Service posts (2 principal level and 15 other level), as well as \$367,900 under other objects of expenditure, to the new Division under section 1 and one Professional (one P-5) and one General Service (other level) post, as well as \$54,000 for other official travel of staff, to section 5A. The Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters has been discontinued and this section will be deleted.

SECTION 23. HUMAN RIGHTS

[See also: section 1.B.9, para. 11]

41. As indicated above, supervisory responsibility for human rights activities has been assumed by the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. A review of the staffing structure of the Centre for Human Rights and of the allocation of relevant programme activities and related resources is being undertaken and its results will be reported to the General Assembly in due course. In the mean time, no functions or resources are proposed for redeployment from this section.

SECTION 27. PUBLIC INFORMATION

[See also: section 1.B.12, para. 15]

42. The Office for Research and the Collection of Information under section 1 consolidates functions relating to political research and information, including the briefing of United Nations information centres. The transfer of this function will entail redeployment of two General Service (other level) posts from section 27 to section 1.

SECTION 28. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

[See also: subsection 1.B.8, para. 10, and
section 6, paras. 35-36]

43. The Department has been kept under review with the aim of simplifying the structure of administrative and support services; reducing the duplication of effort and strengthening the line of authority and suppressing higher hierarchical levels, with the aim of achieving greater efficiency. The results of these reviews would be reflected in the context of revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly during 1988. In the mean time, under the measures announced by the Secretary-General in response to General Assembly resolution 41/213, functions relating to programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation have, as recommended, been brought together under a coherent structure. This has involved transfer to the Department of related functions from section 6 (Department of International Economic and Social Affairs), together with the requisite resources.

44. Another measure has been the integration of the work of the Office for Field Operational and External Support Activities, other than information dissemination, into the Department of Administration and Management under the Office of General Services. Resources should, therefore, be redeployed from subsection 1.B.8 (Office for Field Operational and External Support Activities) and from subsection 2A.D (Special Missions), namely the United Nations Supply Depot at Pisa and administrative and technical staff (communications personnel), since the staff and activities in the latter two organizational units have been under the administration of the Office for Field Operational and External Support Activities. A separate Division for Field Operational and External Support Activities will then be created under section 28D, adding a new programme which will be reflected in due course in the medium-term plan proposals for 1990-1995.

45. The new Division would provide, in close co-operation and co-ordination with the Office of the Under-Secretaries-General for Special Political Affairs, administrative and logistic support to special missions, peace-keeping operations, relief operation missions and other such field missions as the Secretary-General may decide. The Division would be organized to discharge its responsibilities as follows:

(a) A Field Service Unit charged with administrative responsibility for staff members in the Field Service category;

(b) A Peace Forces Administrative Section responsible for providing administrative, budgetary, financial, personnel and logistics support to force-level peace-keeping missions such as the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) and the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP);

(c) The Missions Administrative Section to provide the same type of support to established observer missions such as the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO) and the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP); in addition, the Missions Administrative Section would provide administrative support to visiting missions authorized by the Security Council and meetings organized by other bodies, including the Special Committee against Apartheid;

(d) The United Nations Supply Depot in Pisa as a central stocking area for equipment and supplies;

(e) Administrative and technical staff who are essentially Field Service communications staff (radio operators and radio technicians) assigned to the United Nations Office at Geneva, the United Nations Environment Programme at Nairobi, the United Nations station at Lusaka and the headquarters of the regional commissions.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

2/ Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/42/7).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/42/6).

Annex

SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1. Sections with budgetary implications of measures implemented thus far in response to General Assembly resolution 41/213

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Secretary-General's original proposed programme budget 1988-1989</u>	<u>Secretary-General's revised proposed programme budget 1988-1989</u>	<u>Total increase/ decrease</u>
1. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination	41 947.5	43 749.9	1 802.4
2A.B. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	10 942.7	10 391.0	(551.7)
2A.C. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea	5 889.4	7 067.8	1 178.4
2A.D. Special missions	52 827.6	48 777.6	(4 050.0)
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	30 301.7	31 326.6	1 024.9
5A. Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	3 627.9	3 886.1	258.2
6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	54 477.3	-	(54 477.3)
6A. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	-	40 651.8	40 651.8

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Secretary-General's original proposed programme budget 1988-1989</u>	<u>Secretary-General's revised proposed programme budget 1988-1989</u>	<u>Total increase/ decrease</u>
6B. Activities on global social development issues	-	9 772.1	9 772.1
8. Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters	4 209.3	-	(4 209.3)
27. Public information	75 869.6	75 745.0	(124.6)
28. Administration and management	<u>344 108.2</u>	<u>352 833.3</u>	<u>8 725.1</u>
Total	<u>624 201.2</u>	<u>624 201.2</u>	<u>-</u>

Table 2. Revised proposals for the biennium 1988-1989

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Secretary-General's original 1988-1989 proposed programme budget estimates</u>	<u>Secretary-General's revised proposed programme budget 1988-1989</u>
1. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination	41 947.5	43 749.9
2a. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs; peace-keeping activities	82 448.4	79 025.1
2B. Disarmament affairs activities	075.7	9 075.7
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	30 301.7	31 326.6
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	1 188.0	1 188.0
5A. Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	3 627.9	3 886.1
5B. Regional Commissions Liaison Office	653.9	653.9
6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	54 477.3	-
6A. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	-	40 651.8
6B. Activities on global social development issues	-	9 772.1
7. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development	19 810.4	19 810.4
8. Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters	4 209.3	-
9. Transnational corporations	9 599.5	9 599.5
10. Economic Commission for Europe	30 156.6	30 156.6

<u>Section</u>	<u>Secretary-General's original 1988-1989 proposed programme budget estimates</u>	<u>Secretary-General's revised proposed programme budget 1988-1989</u>
11. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	33 362.9	33 362.9
12. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	40 486.8	40 486.8
13. Economic Commission for Africa	44 023.0	44 023.0
14. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	33 015.9	33 015.9
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	65 805.8	65 805.8
16. International Trade Centre	12 274.8	12 274.8
17. Centre for Science and Technology for Development	4 037.7	4 037.7
18. United Nations Environment Programme	10 611.2	10 611.2
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)	8 408.5	8 408.5
20. International drug control	6 977.8	6 977.8
21. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	36 672.6	36 672.6
22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	6 300.7	6 300.7
23. Human rights	14 242.8	14 242.8
24. Regular programme of technical co-operation	31 147.1	31 147.1
25. International Court of Justice	11 191.3	11 191.3
26. Legal activities	16 132.2	16 132.2
27. Public information	75 869.6	75 745.0
28. Administration and management	344 108.2	352 833.3

<u>Section</u>	<u>Secretary-General's original 1988-1989 proposed programme budget estimates</u>	<u>Secretary-General's revised proposed programme budget 1988-1989</u>
29. Conference and library services	309 201.9	309 201.9
30. United Nations bond issue	3 459.6	3 459.6
31. Staff assessment	268 504.0	268 504.0
32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	<u>18 041.8</u>	<u>18 041.8</u>
Total	<u><u>1 681 372.4</u></u>	<u><u>1 681 372.4</u></u>