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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S BULLETIN

To: Members of the staff

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

Pursuant to the reorganization of the Outer Space Affairs Division announced in ST/SGB/131/Amend.36, effective immediately, specific functions shall be assigned as follows:

Outer Space Affairs Division

Office of the Chief

Committee Services, Reports and Research Section

Provides the substantive secretariat for the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee and their working groups, maintains liaison with and assists the Legal Sub-Committee in its work as may be required;

Assists the Committee in carrying out the responsibility entrusted to it by the General Assembly to serve as the "focal point" for international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space and keeps the Committee and its subsidiary bodies informed of activities carried out by international organizations in this field;

Compiles and disseminates information on national and international activities of States, maintains the United Nations registry of launchings of space objects, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1721 B (XVI), and maintains the Division's library;

Advises the Secretary-General on important political developments in outer space affairs through reports and analytical surveys as necessary.

Space Application Section

Implements the recommendations of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary bodies in the field of space applications. This responsibility comprises in particular:

(a) The organization of panels hosted by Member States on various aspects of space technology;

(b) The administration of offers from Member States advanced in space research and technology of fellowships and other education and training opportunities to developing countries;

(c) The compilation and preparation of assessments of the potential use of outer space technology for development;

(d) Liaison with officials or agencies designated by Member States as points of contact with the United Nations on programmes of space application;

Gathers information and compiles reports as required on the current state of space technology in the field of survey of earth resources by satellite, monitoring and controlling of the environment, space communications and education and training in the practical applications of space technology as well as on possible future developments of outer space technology in general;

Gathers information and compiles reports required by the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee and the working groups in their respective fields of space applications.

In carrying out its functions, the Section will work in close co-operation with the concerned units of the Secretariat and the interested programmes and agencies.

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