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Arabic language services

Report of the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

Paragraph 7, table, under heading 'Translation Division'

Subparagraph (a), line 2: the last figure in the right-hand column should read 8

Subparagraph (b), line 2: for Service read Section and replace the last figure in the right-hand column by 2

Paragraph 9

Lines 1 and 2: for as part of the Language Division of the United Nations in Geneva read in Geneva

Line 4: for Unit read Section

Paragraph 15

For the existing text substitute

15. In the case of the Arabic Typing Unit at Headquarters, an Arabic conference typists examination was completed in mid-September 1980. After screening, 1,130 of the some 1,500 applicants were invited to sit for a typing and grammar test on 19 May in 18 Arabic-speaking countries and in Geneva, London, Paris, Montreal, New York and Vienna. Of those candidates, 45 passed and subsequently were given a verbatim dictation test and an interview in August 1980. Thirty-six candidates were finally considered eligible for appointment. The 25 established posts which were

available for that purpose as of 1 September will be filled in due course by persons to be selected from applicants who had passed previous examinations and were already working for the Organization on a short-term basis, as well as from the candidates who had successfully passed the most recent examination. When this report was written 20 typists had been recruited on a temporary basis for the duration of the current session of the General Assembly, two were expected to report for duty soon, and it was hoped that the balance might be recruited in time to ensure that the Unit would operate at full strength during the current session of the General Assembly. There are no vacancies in Geneva.
