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PART II

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SECTION 3. POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SECTION 3B. DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS I

Overview

TABLE 3B.1. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAMME

*(Thousands of United States dollars)**(1) Regular budget*

| | 1992-1993 revised appropriation | Biennialized base | Resource growth | | Total before recosting | Recosting | 1994-1995 estimates |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | | | Amount | Percentage | | | |
| A. Executive direction and management | | | | | | | |
| 1. Office of the Under-Secretary- General | 1 417.6 | 1 555.6 | 151.1 | 9.7 | 1 706.7 | 178.6 | 1 885.3 |
| 2. Office of the Assistant Secretary-General | 699.0 | 1 269.6 | 152.8 | 12.0 | 1 422.4 | 149.2 | 1 571.6 |
| B. Programme of work | | | | | | | |
| 1. Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking | 4 625.7 | 6 922.0 | 1 202.5 | 17.3 | 8 124.5 | 907.0 | 9 031.5 |
| 2. Security Council and General Assembly affairs | 6 327.6 | 7 413.4 | 243.6 | 3.2 | 7 657.0 | 873.4 | 8 530.4 |
| 3. Disarmament | 8 276.9 | 11 666.2 | 777.9 | 6.6 | 12 444.1 | 1 179.3 | 13 623.4 |
| C. Programme support | 1 948.2 | 2 162.7 | 1 133.0 | 52.3 | 3 295.7 | 299.7 | 3 595.4 |
| Total | 23 295.0 | 30 989.5 | 3 660.9 | 11.8 | 34 650.4 | 3 587.2 | 38 237.6 |

TABLE 3B.1 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

| | 1992-1993 estimated expenditures | Source of funds | 1994-1995 estimated expenditures |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | - | (a) Services in support of: | - |
| | 120.0 | (i) Other United Nations organizations | 570.0 |
| | | (ii) Extrabudgetary programmes | |
| Total (a) | 120.0 | | 570.0 |
| | 1 475.0 | (b) Substantive activities | |
| | | Trust Fund for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme | 1 565.0 |
| | 1 100.0 | Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities | 700.0 |
| | 210.0 | Trust Fund for Public Awareness on Disarmament Issues | 225.0 |
| | 500.0 | Trust Fund for Interest on the Contribution to the United Nations Special Account | 850.0 |
| Total (b) | 3 285.0 | | 3 340.0 |
| | | (c) Operational projects | |
| | 510.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa | 500.0 |
| | 245.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | 200.0 |
| | 405.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific | 400.0 |
| | 2 000.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research | 2 130.0 |
| Total (c) | 3 160.0 | | 3 230.0 |
| Total (a), (b) and (c) | 6 565.0 | | 7 140.0 |
| | | Total costs | 45 377.6 |

TABLE 3B.2. POST REQUIREMENTS

| | <i>Established posts</i> | | <i>Temporary posts</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Extrabudgetary resources</i> | | | |
| | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> |
| Professional category and above | | | | | | | | |
| USG | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| ASG | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| D-2 | 5 | 7 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 7 |
| D-1 | 14 | 12 | - | - | - | - | 14 | 12 |
| P-5 | 22 | 27 | 1 | - | - | - | 23 | 27 |
| P-4 | 27 | 28 | 1 | - | - | - | 28 | 28 |
| P-3 | 16 | 16 | - | - | - | - | 16 | 16 |
| P-2/1 | 7 | 9 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 9 |
| Total | 93 | 101 | 2 | - | - | - | 95 | 101 |
| General Service category | | | | | | | | |
| Principal level | 9 | 11 | - | - | - | - | 9 | 11 |
| Other levels | 54 | 65 | - | - | - | - | 54 | 65 |
| Total | 63 | 76 | - | - | - | - | 63 | 76 |
| Grand total | 156 | 177 | 2 | - | - | - | 158 | 177 |

Overview

3B.1 In March 1992, the Department of Political Affairs was established to develop an enhanced capacity for good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, to collect and analyse pertinent information in order to alert the relevant intergovernmental organs about impending crises, and to carry out mandates decided upon by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other competent organs. The decision to establish the Department was prompted by a statement of the Security Council adopted at a meeting held at the level of Heads of State and Government on 31 January 1992 (S/23500), which invited the Secretary-General to report, *inter alia*, on ways of strengthening and making more efficient, within the framework and provisions of the Charter, the capacity of the United Nations for preventive diplomacy, for peacemaking and for peace-keeping. The initiative of restructuring and streamlining the Secretariat was approved on 2 March 1992 by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/232.

3B.2 The new Department, headed by two Under-Secretaries-General, incorporated most, and in some cases all, of the activities, posts and staff of the following former departments and offices: Office of Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services; Office for Research and the Collection of Information; Department of Political and Security Council Affairs; Department of Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship; and Department for Disarmament Affairs. The Department's work was divided between the two Under-Secretaries-General, each of whom was entrusted with clearly defined geographical and functional responsibilities.

3B.3 The work of the part of the Department headed by the Under-Secretary-General whose regional responsibilities are for the Americas, Asia and Europe comprises three elements. The first is the provision of support to the Secretary-General in the exercise of his responsibilities for peacemaking and preventive diplomacy in the three above-mentioned regions, in accordance with Article 99 of the Charter or under mandates entrusted to him by the General Assembly and the Security Council. The second element is the provision of secretariat services to the General Assembly and the Security Council. The third is disarmament affairs. The activities implemented by this part of the Department fall under programmes 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information, 2, Political and Security Council affairs, 3, General Assembly affairs, and 7, Disarmament, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

3B.4 In March 1993, steps were taken to reorganize this part of the Department of Political Affairs in order to strengthen its capacity in the fields of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, which should be the primary focus of its work. This decision reflected the approach to the maintenance of international peace and security outlined in "An Agenda for Peace" (A/47/277-S/24111), as well as the decisions adopted thereon by principal organs of the United Nations, notably General Assembly resolution 47/120 of 18 December 1992 and a series of statements by the President of the Security Council (S/24728, S/24872, S/25036, S/25184, S/25344, S/25493 and S/25696).

3B.5 Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking (defined in "An Agenda for Peace" as the use of peaceful means to bring hostile parties to agreement) are the most cost-effective ways of maintaining international peace and security and preventing the suffering and destruction that inevitably occur when disputes degenerate into armed conflict. The forthcoming biennium will provide a critical test of the Organization's ability to respond to this challenge.

3B.6 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of this part of the Department in 1994-1995 would be as follows:

| | <i>Regular budget</i> (percentage) | <i>Extrabudgetary</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Executive direction and management | 9.0 | - |
| B. Programme of work | 81.6 | 100.0 |
| C. Programme support | <u>9.4</u> | - |
| Total | <u>100.0</u> | <u>100.0</u> |

A. Executive direction and management

1. OFFICE OF THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

TABLE 3B.3. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE
(Thousands of United States dollars)

| <i>Object of expenditure</i> | <i>1992-1993 revised appropriation</i> | <i>Biennialized base</i> | <i>Resource growth</i> | | <i>Total before recosting</i> | <i>Recosting</i> | <i>1994-1995 estimates</i> |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Percentage</i> | | | |
| Staff costs | 1 254.0 | 1 339.4 | 91.1 | 6.8 | 1 430.5 | 153.4 | 1 583.9 |
| Consultants and experts | - | 38.7 | - | - | 38.7 | 2.2 | 40.9 |
| Travel on official business | 53.4 | 141.4 | - | - | 141.4 | 11.6 | 153.0 |
| Contractual services | - | 0.8 | - | - | 0.8 | - | 0.8 |
| General operating expenses | 42.5 | 38.4 | 60.0 | 156.2 | 98.4 | 8.3 | 106.7 |
| Supplies and materials | 8.9 | (0.7) | - | - | (0.7) | 0.7 | - |
| Furniture and equipment | 58.8 | (2.4) | - | - | (2.4) | 2.4 | - |
| Total | 1 417.6 | 1 555.6 | 151.1 | 9.7 | 1 706.7 | 178.6 | 1 885.3 |

TABLE 3B.4. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs

| | <i>Established posts</i> | | <i>Temporary posts</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Extrabudgetary resources</i> | | | |
| | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> |
| Professional category and above | | | | | | | | |
| USG | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| D-1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| P-3 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| General Service category | | | | | | | | |
| Other levels | 4 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| Total | 4 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| Grand total | 8 | 9 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 9 |

Overview

3B.7 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General provides overall direction, supervision and management of this part of the Department in the implementation of its legislative mandates and its approved work programmes, as described in the introduction to this section. It thus directs, supervises and manages the work of the six main organizational units in this part of the Department of Political Affairs. These are: (a) four regional divisions, which undertake activities related to preventive diplomacy and peacemaking in the Americas, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and West Asia, respectively; (b) the Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs; and (c) the Office for Disarmament Affairs, which includes staff stationed in New York and Geneva, as well as three regional disarmament centres at Kathmandu, Lima and Lomé.

*Resource requirements (at current rates)**Staff costs*

3B.8 The estimated requirements of \$1,430,500 reflect a growth of \$91,100, which is proposed in connection with the continuation in 1994-1995 of the current staffing structure of the office, namely one USG, one D-1, two P-3 and four GS (Other levels) posts and establishment of one General Service (Other levels) post. This additional General Service (Other levels) post is requested in order to provide adequate secretarial support for the Under-Secretary-General and his Professional staff.

Consultants and experts

3B.9 The proposed provision of \$38,700 would be required in the area of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking in order to assist the work of the Department on questions requiring specialized knowledge and expertise, as well as in connection with electronic data-processing-related services.

Travel on official business

3B.10 The estimated requirements of \$141,400 are proposed mainly in connection with the Department's work in the fields of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, which create various requirements for its personnel to travel, such as to obtain on-the-spot information, take part in fact-finding and other missions, and accompany distinguished individuals whom the Secretary-General may appoint to undertake missions for purposes of preventive diplomacy and peace-making; as well

as for travel directly by the Under-Secretary-General and for staff to attend meetings of regional organizations and academic seminars.

Contractual services

3B.11 A small provision of \$800 would be required for printing costs of stationery items for the Under-Secretary-General.

General operating expenses

3B.12 The estimated requirements of \$98,400, reflecting a growth of \$60,000, are proposed mainly in connection with the communication needs of the Office and the Department as a whole, and reflect the high volume of long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles required by the nature of the work involved, as well as increasing electronic data-processing-related expenditures.

2. OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL

TABLE 3B.5. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE
(Thousands of United States dollars)

| <i>Object of expenditure</i> | <i>1992-1993 revised appropriation</i> | <i>Biennialized base</i> | <i>Resource growth</i> | | <i>Total before recosting</i> | <i>Recosting</i> | <i>1994-1995 estimates</i> |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Percentage</i> | | | |
| Staff costs | 674.3 | 1 244.9 | 115.8 | 9.3 | 1 360.7 | 145.8 | 1 506.5 |
| Travel on official business | 11.9 | 11.9 | - | - | 11.9 | 0.6 | 12.5 |
| General operating expenses | 12.8 | 12.8 | 37.0 | 289.0 | 49.8 | 2.8 | 52.6 |
| Total | 699.0 | 1 269.6 | 152.8 | 12.0 | 1 422.4 | 149.2 | 1 571.6 |

TABLE 3B.6. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office of the Assistant Secretary-General

| | <i>Established posts</i> | | <i>Temporary posts</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Extrabudgetary resources</i> | | | |
| | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> |
| Professional category and above | | | | | | | | |
| ASG | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| P-5 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| P-4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| P-3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 5 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| General Service category | | | | | | | | |
| Other levels | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Total | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Grand total | 7 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 8 |

Overview

3B.13 Under authority delegated by the Under-Secretary-General in this part of the Department, the Assistant Secretary-General directly supervises the Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs, which is responsible for activities related to programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, and programme 3, General Assembly affairs, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6/Rev.1). In his capacity as Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General, the Assistant Secretary-General also assists the Under-Secretary-General in discharging his responsibilities in the field of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking in the Americas, Asia and Europe. The Assistant Secretary-General also directly supervises the Department's work related to the follow-up to the Secretary-General's report, "An Agenda for Peace" (A/47/277-S/24111).

*Resource requirements (at current rates)**Staff costs*

3B.14 The estimated requirements of \$1,360,700 reflect a growth of \$115,800 and are proposed in connection with the continuation in 1994-1995 of the current staffing structure of the office, namely one ASG post, one P-5, two P-4, one P-3 and two GS (Other levels) posts and establishment of one General Service (Other levels) post. This additional General Service (Other levels) post is requested in order to provide adequate secretarial support for the Assistant Secretary-General and his Professional staff.

3B.15 The total proposed growth of \$115,800 includes \$91,000 related to the requested establishment of the General Service (Other levels) post and \$24,700 resulting from the delayed impact of the addition in 1992-1993 of one ASG post in the course of the restructuring of the Secretariat.

Travel on official business

3B.16 The proposed provision of \$11,900 at the maintenance level would be required in connection with travel by the Assistant Secretary-General for consultations connected with the work of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

General operating expenses

3B.17 The estimated requirement of \$49,800, reflecting a growth of \$37,000, would be required for communications. These funds would cover the estimated costs of increased long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles in connection with the Office's broad overall responsibilities.

B. Programme of work**1. PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND PEACEMAKING**

TABLE 3B.7. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE
(Thousands of United States dollars)

| <i>Object of expenditure</i> | <i>1992-1993 revised appropriation</i> | <i>Biennialized base</i> | <i>Resource growth</i> | | <i>Total before recosting</i> | <i>Recosting</i> | <i>1994-1995 estimates</i> |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Percentage</i> | | | |
| Staff costs | 4 599.0 | 6 909.3 | 1 018.5 | 14.7 | 7 927.8 | 895.0 | 8 822.8 |
| Consultants and experts | 12.6 | (0.4) | - | - | (0.4) | 0.4 | - |
| Travel on official business | 8.8 | 13.3 | - | - | 13.3 | 1.1 | 14.4 |
| General operating expenses | - | - | 184.0 | - | 184.0 | 10.3 | 194.3 |
| Supplies and materials | 5.3 | (0.2) | - | - | (0.2) | 0.2 | - |
| Total | 4 625.7 | 6 922.0 | 1 202.5 | 17.3 | 8 124.5 | 907.0 | 9 031.5 |

TABLE 3B.8. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme: Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

| <i>Professional category and above</i> | <i>Established posts</i> | | <i>Temporary posts</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Extrabudgetary resources</i> | | <i>Total</i> | |
| | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> |
| D-2 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| D-1 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| P-5 | 6 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 8 |
| P-4 | 6 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 8 |
| P-3 | 6 | 6 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 6 |
| P-2/1 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 28 | 32 | - | - | - | - | 28 | 32 |
| General Service category | | | | | | | | |
| Principal level | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other levels | 12 | 15 | - | - | - | - | 12 | 15 |
| Total | 12 | 15 | - | - | - | - | 12 | 15 |
| Grand total | 40 | 47 | - | - | - | - | 40 | 47 |

Overview

3B.18 Under the direct supervision of the Under-Secretary-General, supported by the Assistant Secretary-General, four regional divisions, for the Americas, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and West Asia respectively, are responsible for activities that relate to subprogrammes 1 and 3 of programme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6/Rev.1). Responsibility for subprogramme 2, Peace-keeping operations, falls under the Department of Peace-keeping Operations.

*Subprogramme 1. Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking**Activities**International cooperation (regular budget)*

(a) Preparation of and participation in negotiations by the Secretary-General, the Under-Secretary-General or the Assistant Secretary-General to prevent, control and resolve conflicts;*

(b) Participation in fact-finding and other missions to areas of actual or potential conflict where the Secretary-General's preventive and peacemaking efforts may be, or are already, engaged;*

(c) Provision of guidance and support to Special Representatives and other distinguished persons appointed by the Secretary-General to assist his preventive diplomacy and peacemaking efforts.*

*Subprogramme 3. Research, collection and analysis of information**Activities**1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)*

(a) Reports to the General Assembly as requested on various questions related to the Americas, Asia and Europe;

(b) Reports to the Security Council as requested on questions relating to the Americas, Asia and Europe.

2. Information material and services (regular budget)

(a) Collection and storage in a computerized database of information relating to potential crisis areas and to countries or situations on which the Secretary-General may require briefing material;*

(b) Assessment and analysis of the information collected, with special reference to the identification of potential crisis areas on which the Secretary-General could be advised to initiate or recommend action;*

(c) Analytical reports, with recommendations, where appropriate, for possible action by the Secretary-General;*

(d) Briefing notes, background papers and talking points for the Secretary-General's official visits and for his meetings at Headquarters;*

* High priority.

(e) Lectures and seminars at Headquarters and elsewhere as required;**

(f) Substantive editing as requested of publications such as the *United Nations Chronicle* and booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, information kits and press releases.**

3. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)*

(a) Coordination and liaison with other units in the Secretariat, especially the other part of the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peace-keeping Operations and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

(b) Liaison and, as required, negotiations with the permanent missions of Member States;

(c) Establishment and maintenance of contacts with regional organizations, research institutions, non-governmental organizations and members of the academic community interested in the regions concerned; and participation in seminars and other events and activities organized by them.

Resources requirement (at current rates)

Staff costs

3B.19 The estimated requirements of \$7,927,800 under this heading reflect a growth of \$1,018,500 and are proposed in connection with the following:

(a) Continuation in 1994-1995 of the current staffing structure of the four regional divisions of the Department of Political Affairs. Currently it provides for 4 D-2, 4 D-1, 6 P-5, 6 P-4, 6 P-3, 2 P-2/1 and 12 GS (Other levels) posts.

(b) Addition of two P-5, two P-4, and three GS (Other levels) posts. Two additional P-5 posts are proposed in the regional divisions in order to enhance the Secretary-General's preventive diplomacy and peacemaking capabilities in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/120 of 18 December 1992 and Security Council presidential statement S/24872. The two P-5 posts would be assigned to the Americas Division and the West Asia Division, respectively, where the incumbents would assist the Secretary-General's preventive diplomacy and peacemaking efforts related to one or more countries within the Division's area of responsibility. As "desk officers" for those countries, the incumbents will also be responsible for early-warning activities, including collection and analysis of information and participation in fact-finding and other missions, with particular emphasis on the identification of potential crises about which the Secretary-General should be advised to initiate or recommend action. Two additional P-4 posts are proposed for the East Asia and Pacific Division and the Europe Division, respectively, in order to enhance the Secretary-General's preventive diplomacy and peacemaking functions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/120 and Security Council presidential statement S/24872. The incumbents would assist and support the Secretary-General's preventive diplomacy and peacemaking efforts related to one or more countries within the Division's area of responsibility. As "desk officers" for those countries, the incumbents would also be responsible for early-warning activities, including collection and analysis of information and participation in fact-finding and other missions, with special reference to the identification of potential crises about which the Secretary-General should be advised to initiate or recommend action. Three General Service (Other levels) posts are proposed in order to provide adequate secretarial services for the Directors and Professional staff members of the four regional divisions.

** Low priority.

Travel on official business

3B.20 The proposed provision of \$13,300 at the maintenance level would be required for travel of staff attending training programmes.

General operating expenses

3B.21 The estimated requirements of \$184,000 relate to the very heavy volume of long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles required for work in the preventive diplomacy and peacemaking fields, as well as for various electronic news services.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS

TABLE 3B.9. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| Object of expenditure | 1992-1993 revised appropriation | Biennialized base | Resource growth | | Total before recosting | Recosting | 1994-1995 estimates |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | | | Amount | Percentage | | | |
| Staff costs | 6 293.3 | 7 395.2 | 190.8 | 2.5 | 7 586.0 | 869.0 | 8 455.0 |
| Travel on official business | 11.5 | 17.1 | - | - | 17.1 | 1.3 | 18.4 |
| Contractual services | 22.5 | 1.1 | - | - | 1.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| General operating expenses | 0.3 | - | 52.8 | - | 52.8 | 3.0 | 55.8 |
| Total | 6 327.6 | 7 413.4 | 243.6 | 3.2 | 7 657.0 | 873.4 | 8 530.4 |

TABLE 3B.10. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme: Security Council and General Assembly affairs

| Professional category and above | Established posts | | Temporary posts | | | | Total | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Regular budget | | Regular budget | | Extrabudgetary resources | | Total | |
| | 1992-1993 | 1994-1995 | 1992-1993 | 1994-1995 | 1992-1993 | 1994-1995 | 1992-1993 | 1994-1995 |
| D-2 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| D-1 | 4 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 3 |
| P-5 | 6 | 7 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 7 |
| P-4 | 11 | 9 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 9 |
| P-3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| P-2/1 | 3 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 4 |
| Total | 27 | 27 | - | - | - | - | 27 | 27 |
| General Service category | | | | | | | | |
| Principal level | 3 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 5 |
| Other levels | 15 | 19 | - | - | - | - | 15 | 19 |
| Total | 18 | 24 | - | - | - | - | 18 | 24 |
| Grand total | 45 | 51 | - | - | - | - | 45 | 51 |

Overview

3B.22 The Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs is responsible for the activities related to programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, and programme 3, General Assembly affairs, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6/Rev.1). Its principal function is to provide secretariat services to these two principal organs of the United Nations.

3B.23 The current biennium has seen an unparalleled increase in the activity of both the General Assembly and, especially, the Security Council and it is believed that this will continue. In the case of the Assembly, the regular session from September to December is now commonly supplemented by resumed sessions during the rest of the year. For example, the Assembly met during 1992 in every month except January and June and in every one of the first five months in 1993, with at least one meeting a week in April. Documentation now totals over 30,000 pages annually. The expansion in the work of the Security Council has been even more striking, as is shown in the following table:

Activity of the Security Council: 1988-1993

| | <i>1988</i> | <i>1990</i> | <i>1992</i> | <i>1993</i> <i>(As at 30 April)</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Formal meetings | 55 | 70 | 133 | 53 |
| Informal consultations | 62 | 80 | 188 | 82 |
| Resolutions | 20 | 37 | 74 | 24 |
| Presidential statements | 8 | 32 | 94 | 39 |

3B.24 There has also been an increase in the number of committees established by the Council to monitor the enforcement of sanctions imposed by it. These now number seven, several of which are extremely active: for instance, in April 1993, an average of over 100 applications were being received daily concerning exports to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

Subprogramme: Security Council affairs

3B.25 The activities under this subprogramme relate to programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6/Rev.1) and are carried out by the Security Council Secretariat Services Branch, the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch and the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch of the Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs.

3B.26 The Security Council is charged with primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. As specified in Article 28 of the Charter, it is so organized as to be able to function continuously. It is authorized, under Article 29 of the Charter, to establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. Such bodies, of either fixed or indeterminate duration, meet as required. The recent expansion in the work of the Security Council and its subsidiary organs is described in paragraph 3B.22.

*Activities**1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)**

(a) Parliamentary documentation: (i) annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly (1994 and 1995); (ii) reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council and the General Assembly in pursuance of legislative decisions, as required; (iii) reports of subsidiary organs of the Security Council to the Council, as required; and (iv) reports of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly covered by this subprogramme to the Assembly, as required;

(b) Substantive services: (i) meetings and consultations of the Council as a whole, meetings of informal working groups of the Council and bilateral and group consultations, as required, the frequency of meetings and consultations being determined by the Council itself (1994 and 1995); (ii) meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Council: the Security Council Committee on the Admission of New Members; the Security Council Committee established by resolution 421 (1977) concerning the question of South Africa; the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia and its Working Group on Article 50 of the Charter; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia. Meetings of these bodies are held as required (1994 and 1995); (iii) annual sessions of the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly (1994-1995); (iv) meetings of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (meets as required), and its Working Group (meets as required at the request of the Special Committee); and (v) meetings of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) (meets as required, generally at least three meetings a year).

2. Published material (regular budget)

Recurrent publications: preparation of studies for the *Répertoire of Practice of the Security Council (11th Supplement, covering the period 1989-1992)* (1994); preparation of studies for *Supplement No. 6 of the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* regarding the application of 44 Articles of the Charter covering the period 1979-1984 (1994); and relevant political chapters for the *Yearbook of the United Nations* (1994 and 1995).

Subprogramme: General Assembly affairs

3B.27 The activities under this subprogramme relate to programme 3, General Assembly affairs, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6/Rev.1) and are carried out by the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch of the Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs.

*Activities**1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)**

(a) Parliamentary documentation: preparation and submission for issuance of all documents relating to the organization of the General Assembly and its provisional and final agendas - the preliminary list of items, provisional agenda, supplementary list of items, list of additional items and the memorandum of the Secretary-General on the organization of the work of the Assembly;

* High priority.

(b) Technical (secretariat) services: planning and organization of activities and services related to the sessions of the General Assembly; planning and organization of services for the plenary meetings of the Assembly and the meetings of its General Committee; assistance to the President of the Assembly on all matters relating to the conduct of the Assembly, including the work of the Main Committees and subsidiary organs; advice to Member States and other delegations, as well as to the President of the Assembly and to officials of other Secretariat units concerned with the work of the Assembly; planning, establishment and coordination of lists of speakers for the general debate and the consideration of agenda items by the Assembly; advice to those responsible for documentation for the Assembly on matters relating to the *Official Records of the General Assembly*; ensuring that Assembly documents prepared by the Secretariat and those emanating from Member States or subsidiary bodies of the Assembly are clear, comprehensible and correct; approval of documents for issuance in accordance with the appropriate legislative mandate; advice to permanent missions on communications distributed as official General Assembly, General Assembly/Security Council or General Assembly/Economic and Social Council documents; and provision of secretariat services to subsidiary bodies of the Assembly and special conferences.

2. *Published materials (regular budget)*

Recurrent publications: annual *Information for Delegations* handbook in connection with regular sessions of the General Assembly; and preparation of relevant sections of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*.

3. *Information materials and services (regular budget)*

Maintenance of a reference system on subsidiary organs of the General Assembly and maintenance of a reference library.

4. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)*

Coordination of activities and services related to the organization of sessions of the General Assembly within the Secretariat, *inter alia*, with the Office of Conference Services, as well as between the Secretariat and delegations, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental bodies; coordination with substantive units and the secretariats of the Main Committees on questions related to the servicing of the Assembly, including scheduling; coordination with substantive units on the establishment of and appointment of members to subsidiary organs of the Assembly; coordination of production of Assembly documents by the Secretariat, including the establishment and maintenance of the schedule of documentation for current and future sessions; and coordination with author departments and offices and with the Office of Conference Services to ensure timely submission, processing and issuance of documentation.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

3B.28 The estimated requirements of \$7,586,000 under this heading are proposed in connection with the following:

(a) Continuation in 1994-1995 of the current staffing structure of the Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs, except for one D-1, which was identified for redeployment during 1992-1993 through the new treatment of vacancies and is now proposed to be abolished;

(b) Establishment of one D-2 post is proposed for the Director of the Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs, who will supervise the four branches that provide secretariat services for the two principal organs of the United Nations. In the reorganization of this part of the Department in March 1993, it was decided that the previous Divisions of Security Council Affairs and General Assembly Affairs should be amalgamated into an Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs which would be directed by a staff member at the D-2 level. The Director also acts, in the absence of the Assistant Secretary-General, as Secretary of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

The increasing frequency of both bodies' meetings makes it necessary for the Office to have at its disposal two senior officials to cover the requirements of both bodies, when they meet concurrently;

(c) Addition of one P-5 post is proposed for the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch to ensure that adequate secretariat services are provided for the various sanctions committees established by the Security Council. The incumbent would serve primarily as Secretary of the Security Council subsidiary bodies and, in that capacity, provide all substantive services at senior level and direct the secretariat work for such bodies. In addition, the incumbent would deputize for the Deputy Director in his/her absence and perform such ad hoc duties as preparation of drafts of studies, briefing and speaking notes, or reports for senior officials of the Secretariat;

(d) Addition of one P-4 post is proposed for the Security Council Secretariat Services Branch to ensure that adequate secretariat services are provided for that body, which now meets almost daily (see para. 3B.23). The incumbent would participate in the organization and supervision of secretariat services required by the Security Council and in the provision of substantive services to the Council, its subsidiary organs and special missions. He/she would also service the political organs of the General Assembly, in particular its Special Political Committee and subsidiary bodies;

(e) Addition of one P-3 post is proposed for the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch to assist it with the drastically expanding workload assigned by the sanctions committees. The incumbent would provide substantive services to the subsidiary organs established by the Security Council, and in particular, to the sanctions committees, and administer secretariat services related thereto;

(f) A new P-2 post is proposed for the Security Council Secretariat Services Branch to assist it with the ever increasing workload assigned by the Council. The incumbent would assist in the provision of substantive services to the Council and its missions, as well as to subsidiary organs of the Council, as assigned;

(g) A new General Service (Principal level) post is proposed for the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch to assist in providing substantive support services for the work of the Branch. In this connection, the incumbent of this senior support post would conduct research and provide to the various sanctions committees information on alleged violations; liaise with governmental entities, non-governmental organizations and other groups on matters relating to the work of the committees; draft correspondence with respect to requests for information and acquisition of required materials; process committee documentation; maintain archival files; and train junior support staff. The incumbent would also serve as chief research resource person for the Branch;

(h) The establishment of five General Service (Other levels) posts is proposed in the Office of General Assembly and Security Council Affairs in order to assist it with the drastically expanding workload generated by the two principal bodies of the United Nations, as indicated above;

(i) Redeployment from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of one General Service (Principal level) post in connection with the transfer to the Department of Political Affairs of responsibility for the General Assembly speakers' list (see para. 3B.27);

(j) Redeployment to the Office of Conference Services of three P-4, one P-3 and one General Service (Other levels) posts in connection with the transfer to that office of the function of editing General Assembly documentation (see para. 3B.27).

3B.29 The net growth resulting from these changes in the staffing structure of the Office is estimated at \$627,800, which is offset in part by a negative growth of \$460,000 resulting from the lapsing of a 1992-1993 non-recurrent staff-related provision for monitoring of Security Council sanctions.

3B.30 Also included in the estimated requirements of \$7,586,000 under the heading "Staff costs" is a provision of \$69,600 for overtime, reflecting a growth of \$23,000. This provision is proposed in connection with the exceptional

increase in the activity of the General Assembly and the Security Council, including the sanctions committees, as described above.

Travel on official business

3B.31 The estimated requirements of \$17,100 under this heading, which are proposed at the maintenance base level, relate to travel by staff for consultations concerning the work of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

General operating expenses

3B.32 The proposed estimates of \$52,800 relate to communications and would be required in connection with the increased use of long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles in relation to the activities of the General Assembly and Security Council.

3. DISARMAMENT

TABLE 3B.11. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

| Object of expenditure | 1992-1993 revised appropriation | Biennialized base | Resource growth | | Total before recosting | Recosting | 1994-1995 estimates |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | | | Amount | Percentage | | | |
| Staff costs | 5 834.4 | 7 666.2 | 558.9 | 7.2 | 8 225.1 | 874.6 | 9 099.7 |
| Consultants and experts | 762.2 | 1 354.0 | 41.3 | 3.0 | 1 395.3 | 108.1 | 1 503.4 |
| Travel on official business | 423.6 | 498.1 | (50.5) | (10.1) | 447.6 | 34.0 | 481.6 |
| Contractual services | 265.1 | 285.9 | (42.3) | (14.7) | 243.6 | 18.4 | 262.0 |
| General operating expenses | 75.9 | 118.7 | 40.9 | 34.4 | 159.6 | 11.5 | 171.1 |
| Supplies and materials | 47.0 | 63.8 | - | - | 63.8 | 5.2 | 69.0 |
| Furniture and equipment | 124.1 | 150.3 | 229.6 | 152.7 | 379.9 | 23.1 | 403.0 |
| Fellowships, grants, contributions | 744.6 | 1 529.2 | - | - | 1 529.2 | 104.4 | 1 633.6 |
| Total | 8 276.9 | 11 666.2 | 777.9 | 6.6 | 12 444.1 | 1 179.3 | 13 623.4 |

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

| | 1992-1993 estimated expenditures | Source of funds | 1994-1995 estimated expenditures |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | | (a) Services in support of: | |
| | - | (i) Other United Nations organizations | - |
| | 120.0 | (ii) Extrabudgetary programmes | 570.0 |
| Total (a) | 120.0 | | 570.0 |
| | | (b) Substantive activities | |
| | 1 475.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme | 1 565.0 |
| | 1 100.0 | Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities | 700.0 |
| | 210.0 | Trust Fund for Public Awareness on Disarmament Issues | 225.0 |
| | 500.0 | Trust Fund for Interest on the Contribution to the United Nations Special Account | 850.0 |
| Total (b) | 3 285.0 | | 3 340.0 |
| | | (c) Operational projects | |
| | 510.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa | 500.0 |
| | 245.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | 200.0 |
| | 405.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific | 400.0 |
| | 2 000.0 | Trust Fund for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research | 2 130.0 |
| Total (c) | 3 160.0 | | 3 230.0 |
| Total (a), (b) and (c) | 6 565.0 | | 7 140.0 |
| | | Total costs | 20 763.4 |

TABLE 3B.12. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme: Disarmament

| | <i>Established posts</i> | | <i>Temporary posts</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Extrabudgetary resources</i> | | | |
| | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> |
| Professional category and above | | | | | | | | |
| D-2 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| D-1 | 4 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 3 |
| P-5 | 8 | 10 | 1 | - | - | - | 9 | 10 |
| P-4 | 7 | 7 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 7 |
| P-3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| P-2/1 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Total | 25 | 28 | 1 | - | - | - | 26 | 28 |
| General Service category | | | | | | | | |
| Principal level | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| Other levels | 14 | 15 | - | - | - | - | 14 | 15 |
| Total | 18 | 19 | - | - | - | - | 18 | 19 |
| Grand total | 43 | 47 | 1 | - | - | - | 44 | 47 |

Overview

3B.33 The end of the cold war and the ensuing transformation in world politics have had a most positive influence on disarmament efforts, resulting in the conclusion of far-reaching disarmament agreements and confidence-building measures. In his report entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold-war era" (A/C.1/47/7), the Secretary-General stressed that the changed international environment had created new opportunities for the pursuit of disarmament, as well as having posed new challenges. A new set of issues had emerged, which demanded the close attention of the Organization. They fell into three broad categories: prevention of the proliferation, in all its aspects, of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, as well as of the destabilizing accumulation of conventional arms; continuation of the dialogue to find solutions to the issues associated with the transfer of dual-purpose technologies so as not to hamper the economic progress of the developing countries; and promotion of confidence-building measures, openness and transparency in all spheres of military activities of States at global, regional and subregional levels.

3B.34 It may be recalled that the General Assembly in its resolution 47/53 D of 15 December 1992 decided, *inter alia*, that the World Disarmament Campaign would be known thereafter as the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme. Therefore, the title "World Disarmament Campaign" has been changed in the text of this fascicle to "United Nations Disarmament Information Programme".

3B.35 Within this programme of work, the distribution of resources among the subprogrammes, as estimated, would be as follows:

| | | <i>Regular budget</i> | <i>Extrabudgetary</i> |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | <i>(percentage)</i> | |
| Subprogramme 1. | Deliberation and negotiation | 29.2 | - |
| Subprogramme 2. | Publications and United Nations Disarmament Information Programme | 27.6 | 35.4 |
| Subprogramme 3. | Monitoring, analysis and studies | 25.4 | 24.1 |
| Subprogramme 4. | Assistance to developing countries on disarmament issues: regional centres; fellowships, training and advisory services | <u>17.8</u> | <u>40.5</u> |
| | Total | <u>100.0</u> | <u>100.0</u> |

Programme of work

Subprogramme 1. Deliberation and negotiation

3B.36 Emphasis in this subprogramme will be given to:

(a) Promoting the provision of assistance to Governments and intergovernmental bodies in the context of their deliberative and negotiating efforts aimed at intensifying and advancing the process of arms limitation and disarmament, particularly with respect to various priority disarmament issues in the post-cold-war era;

(b) Enhancing further the effectiveness and efficiency of follow-up action on the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and other bodies, and on agreements, as may be necessary;

(c) Rationalizing further the documentation needed for the various disarmament bodies.

Activities

1. International cooperation (regular budget)

(a) Depositary services: (i) treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: Conference and its Preparatory Committee (1994 and 1995); (ii) Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (1994); and (iii) other conferences related to multilateral disarmament agreements for which the Secretary-General is a depositary and/or which are requested by the General Assembly, in particular, the convening of a conference of the Consultative Committee of Experts as provided for under paragraph 2 of article V of the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques;

(b) External relations: (i) maintaining liaison with States parties of various multilateral disarmament agreements and monitoring the process of the signature and ratification of those agreements, as required; and (ii) providing general consultative services to States parties in connection with various multilateral disarmament agreements and Member States of intergovernmental bodies, as requested.

2. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

(a) Parliamentary documentation: (i) reports of the First Committee to the General Assembly on each agenda item (1994 and 1995); (ii) reports of the Disarmament Commission to the General Assembly (one in 1994 and one in 1995); (iii) reports of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly (one in 1994 and one in 1995); (iv) reports to the General Assembly with respect to the follow-up and implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the Assembly and other legislative bodies, including compilation and evaluation of replies received from Member States (1994 and 1995); and (v) special reports to the General Assembly, as may be required;

(b) Substantive services: (i) annual sessions of the First Committee of the General Assembly (1994 and 1995), and year-round consultations, as necessary;* (ii) Disarmament Commission (one organizational and one substantive session each in 1994 and 1995; sessions of Commission subsidiary bodies and consultation groups, as required (1994 and 1995), and year-round consultations, as necessary; (iii) Conference on Disarmament (three sessions each in 1994 and 1995; sessions of Conference subsidiary bodies and consultation groups as required, as well as the Ad Hoc Scientific Experts Group, 1994 and 1995);* and (iv) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (provision of substantive support as required, 1994 and 1995).

Subprogramme 2. Publications and United Nations Disarmament Information Programme

3B.37 Emphasis will be given to establishment of a database within the Office for Disarmament Affairs, which will continue to have an impact on the production and dissemination aspects of the information programme.

Activities

1. *Parliamentary services (regular budget)*

Parliamentary documentation: annual reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (1994 and 1995).

2. *Published material (regular budget)*

(a) Recurrent publications: (i) *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* (one issue each year in 1994 and 1995); (ii) *Disarmament: A Periodic Review by the United Nations* (four issues each year in 1994 and 1995); (iii) Topical papers, pursuant to requests of Member States to host conferences on particular issues (approximately five each year in 1994 and 1995); (iv) *Newsletter* (four issues each year in 1994 and 1995); and (v) Expert studies/reports (variable periodicity, dependent upon the specific mandate of the General Assembly);

(b) Non-recurrent publications: ad hoc publications to respond to developments and requests as they occur (three or four each year in 1994 and 1995).

3. *Information materials and services (regular budget/extrabudgetary)*

(a) Special events: (i) pledging conference for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (one each year in 1994 and 1995); and (ii) panel discussion for non-governmental offices on current disarmament issues during the spring session of the Disarmament Commission and during Disarmament Week in October (two each year in 1994 and 1995);

(b) External relations: liaison with the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme constituencies: non-governmental organizations, legislators, academic and research institutes and libraries, professional groups, educators and the interested public, as well as diplomatic and governmental officials;

(c) Press releases as needed.

Subprogramme 3. Monitoring, analysis and studies

3B.38 For the biennium 1994-1995 efforts will be directed at (a) operating and maintaining the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms established by the Secretary-General on 1 January 1992 pursuant to General Assembly resolution

* High priority.

46/36 L of 9 December 1991; (b) operating and maintaining a computerized database for the purpose of the Register as well as for facilitating the exchange of data and information on various aspects of armaments, arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, trends in military spending, new scientific and technological development, the impact of actual reductions in the level of armaments and armed forces on the economy, particularly regarding the conversion of military capacities to peaceful uses, and verification; and (c) analysing and assessing international security and disarmament related developments within and outside the United Nations system, so as to adapt the United Nations to the new post-cold-war challenges and to promote a unified and effective approach within the Organization, thereby facilitating policy formulation and decision-making.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

(a) Parliamentary documentation: reports to the General Assembly containing the data provided by Member States to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (one each year in 1994 and 1995);

(b) Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work: (i) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (one session annually in 1994 and 1995) and report to the General Assembly (one annually in 1994 and 1995); and (ii) other ad hoc expert groups that might be mandated by the General Assembly for 1994 and 1995.

2. Published material (regular budget)

Non-recurrent publications: studies that might be mandated by the General Assembly for 1994 and 1995.

3. Information materials and services (regular budget)

(a) Continued operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development;

(b) Maintenance of the disarmament reference library;

(c) Continued implementation and maintenance of electronic collection, storage and retrieval of international security and disarmament affairs information.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)

(a) Analytical writings; preparing political assessments, research papers and compilations; preparation of background materials, statements and briefs for the Secretary-General;

(b) Coordination with other organs/agencies of the United Nations system on follow-up of recommendations for further work with respect to study reports of ad hoc expert groups mandated by the General Assembly;

(c) Implementation of decisions involving inter-agency and interdepartmental issues such as those taken by the high-level task force on disarmament and development;

(d) Organization of expert meetings and workshops on specialized issues in the field of disarmament and international security;

(e) Maintaining cooperation with research institutes working on arms limitation and disarmament matters and more specifically with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR).

Subprogramme 4. Assistance to developing countries on disarmament issues: regional centres; fellowships, training and advisory services

3B.39 In view of improved international relations, regional and subregional issues have acquired additional urgency and importance in the field of disarmament and international security. The pursuit of regional solutions to regional problems is thus being actively encouraged by the international community. Towards this end, the Office for Disarmament Affairs will continue to organize regional disarmament meetings in cooperation with individual Governments. Efforts will be directed at enhancing opportunities for discussion at the regional and subregional levels, in the areas of conflict resolution, crisis prevention and management, and confidence-building among States.

3B.40 The emergence of new issues in the field of arms limitation, disarmament and security has led to a broader focus for the disarmament fellowship programme. The agenda of lectures will include such topics as regional approaches to disarmament, non-proliferation issues, confidence-building measures, openness and transparency, and preventive diplomacy. In addition, special attention will be given to drafting and speaking exercises to provide the fellows with skills of the kind required in their subsequent diplomatic careers in the field of disarmament and security. The fellows will continue to attend meetings of the Conference on Disarmament and the First Committee of the General Assembly as part of the process of familiarizing themselves with various disarmament forums. In view of the expanded membership of the United Nations and the need to ensure the timely training of young diplomats from new Member States, the number of fellowships awarded yearly has been increased, from 25 to 30.

3B.41 Within the context of this subprogramme the Office for Disarmament Affairs will continue to provide advisory services as requested by Governments or intergovernmental regional organizations and will arrange training workshops on specific disarmament and security issues.

3B.42 An important part in the activities implemented under this subprogramme will be given to the three regional disarmament centres, which would continue to receive in 1994-1995 support from the regular budget in the form of the provision of the services of the three Directors of the centres at the P-5 level. The substantive activities of the centres will continue to be financed from extrabudgetary sources. It may be recalled that at its forty-seventh session the General Assembly had approved a commitment authority for the Secretary-General in the amount of \$150,000 for administrative costs of the centres in 1993. At the same time, the General Assembly took note of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that long-term proposals with respect to these regional centres should be submitted in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Any proposal for support for the administrative costs of the regional disarmament centres in 1994-1995 would be submitted to the Assembly in the context of a further report on the subject.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

(a) Parliamentary documentation: (i) reports to the General Assembly on the activities of the regional centres (one in 1994 and one in 1995); (ii) reports to the General Assembly on the work of the Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (one in 1994 and one in 1995); and (iii) reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme (one in 1994 and one in 1995);

(b) Substantive services: Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (two sessions each year in 1994 and 1995).

2. Operational activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(a) Enhancing opportunities for discussion through the organization of regional seminars/conferences (financed from voluntary contributions) relating to disarmament, confidence-building and international security at the request of Member States and, as appropriate, in cooperation with the regional centres;

(b) Field projects implementing the programme of activities of the regional centres in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia and the Pacific (two conferences/seminars per year per regional centre financed from voluntary contributions);

(c) Bulletins, study series, ad hoc publications, maintenance of reference libraries and dissemination of information materials to constituents in the respective regions;

(d) Disarmament fellowship programme composed of 30 fellows who are trained in Geneva, Vienna and New York, and in various countries hosting study visits (1994-1995);

(e) Training workshops at the regional or subregional level for government officials (advisory services), particularly from developing countries (one each year in 1994 and 1995).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

3B.43 The estimated requirements of \$8,225,100 under this heading reflect a growth of \$558,900 and are proposed in connection with the continuation in 1994-1995 of the current staffing structure of the Office, including reclassification of the D-1 post of the Director of the Office to the D-2 level and the addition of one P-5, one P-2 and one General Service (Other levels) post and conversion of one temporary P-5 post to established status.

3B.44 The post of the Director of the Office for Disarmament Affairs is proposed for reclassification to the D-2 level in view of the importance attached to disarmament by Member States, as reflected in resolution 47/54 G of 8 April 1993. The Director provides advice to the Secretary-General on the complex issues of disarmament and international security and on his behalf carries out the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary-General under the Charter and in the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and other legislative organs of the United Nations on disarmament matters, and represents the Secretary-General in this area as required. The Director also provides overall policy direction, management, leadership, supervision and guidance for all programmes of the Office for all matters of organizational, administrative and substantive nature in the related areas of responsibilities.

3B.45 The addition of one P-5, one P-2 and one General Service (Other levels) post is proposed in connection with the Arms Register. It will be recalled that, in its resolution 47/52 L of 15 December 1992, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient resources were made available for the United Nations Secretariat to operate and maintain the Register. Detailed requirements relating to the operation and maintenance of the Register, including staff requirements, that is, one P-5, one P-2 and one General Service (Other levels) posts, were outlined in document A/C.5/47/50. The P-5 post would be assigned to the Arms Register, Data Collection and Analysis Branch with responsibility for coordinating the maintenance and day-to-day operation of the Arms Register and for participating in the evaluation of the operation of the Register and its further development; the incumbent of the P-2 post would assist with these functions, particularly with respect to the preparation of an annual report on the Register and the maintenance of archives; the incumbent of the General Service (Other levels) post would assist in the day-to-day operation of the Register, including electronic collection, storage and retrieval of and research on data related to the Register.

3B.46 It is also proposed to convert the P-5 post of the Director of the Disarmament Regional Centre in Asia and the Pacific to established status. In this connection it should be recalled that in its resolution 44/117 F of 15 December 1989, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to establish, as soon as practicable, the post of Director at each of

the regional centres so as to ensure the effective functioning of the centres. As the last to be phased in, a temporary P-5 post for the Director was established at Kathmandu for the biennium 1992-1993. In recognition of the important work being carried out in the Asia/Pacific region, as well as in equalizing the situation among all the centres, the conversion to established status is now requested.

Consultants and experts

3B.47 The proposed requirements of \$1,395,300 under this heading reflect a growth of \$41,300 and include the following provisions:

(a) \$276,600 for consultants in connection with research, drafting and editing of the *Disarmament Yearbook*; implementation of disarmament studies, as mandated by the General Assembly; meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, sessions of the Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa; and in connection with the preparation of background papers for the Conference on Disarmament;

(b) \$1,118,700 for ad hoc expert groups, reflecting a growth of \$41,300. This provision would be required for the travel and subsistence of 24 members of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters; sessions of the Group of Experts on the Register; studies on disarmament that the General Assembly may wish to authorize for the biennium 1994-1995; and for travel and subsistence of members of the Standing Advisory Committee.

Travel on official business

3B.48 The total estimated provision under this heading (\$447,600, including \$173,000 for travel of representatives and \$274,600 for travel of staff), reflects a negative growth of \$50,500 owing to the lapsing of non-recurrent provisions in 1992-1993 and would be required in connection with the travel of governmental and non-governmental participants in regional conferences and seminars planned for the biennium. Costs relating to travel of staff pertain to the Director, both in a representational capacity on behalf of the Secretary-General and in his own right; other staff, particularly in connection with attendance at disarmament seminars, workshops and regional conferences; and the implementation of disarmament studies.

Contractual services

3B.49 It is estimated that \$243,600 would be required for external printing in connection with the publications programme of the Office for Disarmament Affairs as outlined under subparagraph (a), Recurrent publications, of activity 2, Published material, of subprogramme 2, Publications and United Nations Disarmament Information Programme.

General operating expenses

3B.50 The estimated provision of \$159,600, which reflects a growth of \$40,900, includes \$60,200 for regular maintenance and servicing of the office automation equipment of the Office; \$94,100 for communications and \$5,300 for official functions. The growth of \$40,900 is fully attributable to the estimated requirements in communications to cover costs of long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles necessary for the implementation of the work programme of the Office, and reflect an increase in regional activities, as well as work related to the Arms Register.

Supplies and materials

3B.51 It is estimated that \$63,800 would be required mainly for electronic data-processing equipment of the Office for Disarmament Affairs.

Furniture and equipment

3B.52 The estimated provision of \$379,900 reflects a growth of \$229,600 and is proposed in connection with the operation of the Arms Register. These funds would be used to develop and enhance the computerized system at the base of the Arms Register, and include the acquisition of the appropriate hardware and software in order to operate and maintain the Register properly.

Fellowships, grants, contributions

3B.53 The estimated requirements of \$1,529,200 at the maintenance base level include \$1,089,200 for the disarmament fellowships programme and \$440,000 for the subvention to UNIDIR. The requirements for the disarmament fellowship programme relate to: (a) lecturers' fees and travel (\$30,000); (b) stipends and terminal allowance for 30 fellows (\$525,000); (c) travel of fellows (\$335,000); (d) travel of programme coordinator and assistant (\$55,000); (e) other resource requirements such as interpretation, production of training materials and books (\$40,000); (f) consultant services and temporary assistance during peak periods (\$24,000); (g) implementation of the training courses at the regional and subregional levels (\$80,200).

C. Programme support

TABLE 3B.13. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE
(Thousands of United States dollars)

| Object of expenditure | 1992-1993 revised appropriation | Biennialized base | Resource growth | | Total before recosting | Recosting | 1994-1995 estimates |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | | | Amount | Percentage | | | |
| Staff costs | 1 694.0 | 1 881.2 | 137.0 | 7.2 | 2 018.2 | 228.0 | 2 246.2 |
| Consultants and experts | 26.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Travel on official business | 9.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Contractual services | - | 25.0 | (1.2) | (4.8) | 23.8 | 1.2 | 25.0 |
| General operating expenses | 94.7 | 120.1 | 140.4 | 116.9 | 260.5 | 14.6 | 275.1 |
| Supplies and materials | 27.8 | 40.1 | - | - | 40.1 | 2.4 | 42.5 |
| Furniture and equipment | 96.3 | 96.3 | 856.8 | 889.7 | 953.1 | 53.5 | 1 006.6 |
| Total | 1 948.4 | 2 162.7 | 1 133.0 | 52.3 | 3 295.7 | 299.7 | 3 595.4 |

TABLE 3B.14. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme: Programme support

| | <i>Established posts</i> | | <i>Temporary posts</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Regular budget</i> | | <i>Extrabudgetary resources</i> | | | |
| | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> |
| Professional category and above | | | | | | | | |
| D-1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| P-5 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| P-4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| P-3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 4 | 5 | 1 | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| General Service category | | | | | | | | |
| Principal level | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Other levels | 7 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 8 |
| Total | 9 | 10 | - | - | - | - | 9 | 10 |
| Grand total | 13 | 15 | 1 | - | - | - | 14 | 15 |

Overview

3B.54 Programme support is provided by the Executive Office, which is responsible for administrative management, financial and personnel planning, and the development of related policies for this part of the Department. It supplies all relevant support services and advises the Office of the Under-Secretary-General on questions of policy decisions with respect to budget preparation and implementation; personnel recruitment and management, including staff relations; and organizational procedures and work methods, including technological innovation.

*Resource requirements (at current costs)**Staff costs*

3B.55 The estimated requirements of \$2,018,200 include provision for the continuation in 1994-1995 of the current staffing structure of the Office, conversion of one temporary P-4 post to established status and a growth of \$91,100 for the establishment of one General Service (Other levels) post and \$45,900 for delayed impact of a new P-4 temporary post established in 1992-1993.

3B.56 The General Service post would be required in connection with the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Department's integrated computerized database systems. Situated in the Executive Office, the incumbent of the post would assist in establishing and implementing procedures for these databases, ensuring the integrity and security of the systems and organizing and maintaining the various data collections. In respect of the P-4 post, it should be recalled that a request for a new P-4 post to help establish and maintain the computerized data system of the former Office for Research and the Collection of Information was included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The post was provided on a temporary basis. The Department of Political Affairs is undertaking an extensive programme of computerization. In order to continue to enhance the Department's computerized programmes, particularly with respect to an early warning system for preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, and the Arms Register, as well as assuring the provision of technical analysis on the design and functioning of the databases and their future development, a permanent staff member is needed. Accordingly, conversion of the temporary post to established status is now requested.

Contractual services

3B.57 The estimates under this heading (\$23,800) reflect a negative growth of \$1,200 and relate to the across-the-board reduction for external printing explained in part I.

General operating expenses

3B.58 The estimated requirements of \$260,500 under this heading include an amount of \$256,300 for rental and maintenance of office automation equipment for which a growth of \$140,400 is requested, a provision of \$4,000 for communications and a provision of \$200 for hospitality.

Supplies and materials

3B.59 It is estimated that a provision of \$40,100 at the resource maintenance level would be required in connection with the purchase of library books and publications, and for subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, as well as for office supplies, including electronic data-processing-related supplies and materials.

Furniture and equipment

3B.60 The estimated requirements of \$953,100, reflecting a growth of \$856,800, relate to the acquisition and replacement of hardware and software, networking and other related electronic data-processing needs of the Department in the areas of preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and servicing of the Security Council and the General Assembly. As part of an overall departmental modernization programme, which includes both database systems and individual work stations, specialized equipment, such as servers, scanners and software upgrades, as well as personal computers, printers and laptops are required.