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REVISED ESTIMATES

Addendum

PART VI

Temporary posts authorized on a recurrent basis for
the biennium 1986-1987 and approved for the biennium
1988-1989 under the regular budget

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its forty-second session the General Assembly approved a total of 253 recurrent temporary posts (251 for expenditure sections and 2 for income section) for the biennium 1988-1989 under the regular budget (see table in annex for details).
2. When carrying out its review in the context of the implementation of recommendation 15 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ on post reduction, the Post Review Group, established in mid-1987 by the Secretary-General, 2/ used as its basis for review consolidated staffing tables including both established and temporary posts financed under the regular budget. The percentages indicating the resulting profile for each section were based on these consolidated staffing tables.

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3. That approach was justified by the fact that at the same time as the Post Review Group was identifying posts for abolition, most programme managers were engaged in analyses of their work programmes in relation to all existing staff resources, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 41/213. In the streamlining and rationalization process, the tasks assigned to both established and temporary posts were reviewed pari passu. In most cases, those posts that were identified as "temporary recurrent" had been renewed annually, some for as many as five to seven years. Most original mandates that had called for temporary posts had thus become permanent mandates and part of the regular work programmes.

4. Furthermore, the incumbents of temporary posts had not necessarily been assigned exclusively to the duties as initially identified when their posts had been created. Therefore, the rationale for retaining the distinction between established posts and temporary posts has become rather tenuous.

5. It is proposed therefore that all the 253 temporary recurrent posts financed under the regular budget, as listed in the attached table, be converted to established posts (namely, for the Professional and higher categories: 2 Assistant Secretaries-General, 1 D-2, 8 D-1s, 15 P-5s, 18 P-4s, 45 P-3s, and 14 P-2/1s; and for the General Service category: 11 at the principal level and 61 at other levels; and 78 for the local level). This change would not affect the level of appropriations for the biennium or the targeted reductions as of 31 December 1989 as proposed in document A/C.5/43/1.

Notes

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

2/ See A/C.5/43/1, para. 6.

TEMPORARY RECURRENT POSTS APPROVED FOR 1988-1989

Budget section and organizational unit	Professional and above						General Service and other categories				Sub-total					
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Sub-total	Princ. level		Other level	Field Serv.	Trade and Serv.	Local level	Total
1. OVERALL POLICY-MAKING, DIRECTION AND CO-ORDINATION	-	1	-	1	2	2	8	-	14	-	13	-	-	3	16	30
B. Executive direction and management	-	1	-	1	2	2	8	-	14	-	13	-	-	3	16	30
3. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services (including the Division of General Assembly Affairs)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4. Division for Palestinian Rights	-	-	-	1	1	2	7	-	11	-	8	-	-	-	8	19
11. Office of the Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3	4	6
12. Office for Research and the Collection of Information	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	4
2A. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: PEACE-KEEPING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-	2	4	2	1	2	11	1	1	-	-	19	21	32
B. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	2	7
C. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	6	-	-	-	-	19	19	25
2B. DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
A. Policy-making organs Conference on Disarmament	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3. POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION	-	-	1	2	6	4	8	1	22	1	17	-	-	7	25	47
B. Department of Special Political Questions, Decolonization and Trusteeship	-	-	-	1	3	3	4	-	11	-	7	-	-	-	7	18
C. Namibia	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	1	8	1	8	-	-	6	15	23
E. South-East Asia: Political and humanitarian affairs	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	1	3	6
5A. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2

Rubnet section and organizational unit	Professional and above										General Service and other categories				Sub-total	
	ISC	ASC	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Sub-total	Princ. level	Other level	Field Serv.	Trade Serv.	Local level		Sub-total
11. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
13. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4
14. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
19. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT)	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	12
25. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	10
26. LEGAL ACTIVITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	8	-	-	-	-	8	10
C. Office of Legal Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	8	-	-	-	-	8	10
27. PUBLIC INFORMATION	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	7	17	-	4	-	-	-	4	21
A. Department of Public Information, Headquarters	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	7	17	-	4	-	-	-	4	21
28. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	1	11	-	14	-	-	39	53	64
C. Office of Human Resources and Management	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	6	-	7	-	-	-	7	13
G. Administration and common services, Geneva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	6	7
J. Administrative Services, Vienna	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	5
K. Common Services, Nairobi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	39	39	40
29. CONFERENCE AND LIBRARY SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	10	1	3	-	-	-	4	14
B. Programmes of activity	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	2	9	1	3	-	-	-	4	13
C. Programme support	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	-	2	1	6	15	18	45	14	103	11	59	-	-	78	148	251
INCOME SECTION 3. REVENUE-PRODUCING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2
GRAND TOTAL	-	2	1	6	15	18	45	14	103	11	61	-	-	78	150	253