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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Programme budget performance of the United Nations  
for the biennium 1982-1983

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Section 26. Legal Activities

## LEGAL ACTIVITIES

## SECTION 26. Legal Activities

Table 26.1

(in thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular Budget						
Revised appropri- ation 1982-1983	Estimated additional requirements					Total revised estimate
	Inflation	Rates of exchange	Decisions of policy- making organs	Other changes	Total	
13 061.8	(69.0)	1.7	-	(271.6)	(338.9)	12 722.9
(2) Extrabudgetary resources						
Previously estimated expenditures 1982-1983	Source of funds					Revised estimate
	(a) Services in support of:					
809.1	(i) Other United Nations organizations					609.8
159.3	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes					192.4
-	(b) Substantive activities					-
968.4	Total, (2)					802.2
14 030.2	Total (1) and (2)					13 525.1

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Table 26.2

## Regular budget: distribution of revised estimates by programme

(in thousands of United States dollars)

Programmes	Revised appropriations 1982-1983	Estimated additional requirements					Total 1982-1983 revised estimates
		Inflation	Rates of exchange	Decisions of policy- making organs	Redeployment and other changes	Total	
<b>A. Policy-making organs:</b>							
1. International Law Commission	1 293.6	(3.5)	-	-	13.9	10.4	1 304.0
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	180.9	(0.5)	0.1	-	59.0	58.6	239.5
3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal, including its secretariat	404.5	(1.3)	-	-	33.6	32.3	436.8
<b>Total, A</b>	<b>1 879.0</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>1 980.3</b>
<b>B. Office of Legal Affairs:</b>							
1. Executive Direction and Management	1 964.7	(11.1)	-	-	150.7	139.6	2 104.3
2. International Trade Law Branch	1 620.1	4.0	1.6	-	(47.0)	(41.4)	1 578.7
3. Depositary functions of the Secretary-General and registration and publication of treaties	3 321.8	(32.8)	-	-	(387.3)	(420.1)	2 901.7

Table 26.2 (continued)

Programmes	Revised appropriations 1982-1983	Estimated additional requirements					Total 1982-1983 revised estimates
		Inflation	Rates of exchange	Decisions of policy- making organs	Redeployment and other changes	Total	
4. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	217.8	(2.1)	-	-	-	(2.1)	215.7
5. Codification Division	2 046.1	(10.5)	-	-	(31.0)	(41.5)	2 004.6
6. General Legal Division	2 012.3	(11.2)	-	-	(63.5)	(74.7)	1 937.6
<b>Total B</b>	<b>11 182.8</b>	<b>(63.7)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(378.1)</b>	<b>(440.2)</b>	<b>10 742.6</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>13 061.8</b>	<b>(69.0)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(271.6)</b>	<b>(338.9)</b>	<b>12 722.9</b>

Table 26.3

Regular budget: distribution of estimated additional requirements  
by programme and by main object of expenditure

(in thousands of United States dollars)

Programmes	Salaries and common staff costs	Travel	Printing	Other contractual services	General operating expenses	Supplies, materials, and furniture, equipment	Other	Total
<b>A. <u>Policy-making organs</u></b>								
1. International Law Commission	-	(54.7)	65.1	-	-	-	-	10.4
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	-	(6.0)	64.6	-	-	-	-	58.6
3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal, and its Secretariat	22.0	6.5	9.8	(6.0)	-	-	-	32.3
<b>Total, A</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>(54.2)</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>(6.0)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101.3</b>
<b>B. <u>Office of Legal Affairs:</u></b>								
1. Executive Direction and Management	65.6	(19.3)	87.1	-	3.8	-	2.4	139.6
2. International Trade Law Branch	(64.2)	4.5	-	-	18.3	-	-	(41.4)
3. Depositary Functions of the Secretary-General and Registration and Publication of Treaties	(181.2)	-	(255.5)	-	14.1	2.5	-	(420.1)

Table 26.3 (continued)

Programmes	Salaries and common staff costs	Travel	Printing	Other contractual services	General operating expenses	Supplies, materials, furniture, and equipment	Other	Total
4. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2.1)	(2.1)
5. Codification Division	(66.7)	-	25.2	-	-	-	-	(41.5)
6. General Legal Division	(74.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(74.7)
<b>Total B</b>	<b>(321.2)</b>	<b>(14.8)</b>	<b>(143.2)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>(440.2)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>(299.2)</b>	<b>(69.0)</b>	<b>(3.7)</b>	<b>(6.0)</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>(338.9)</b>

SECTION 26. LEGAL ACTIVITIES

A. Policy-making organs

I. Programme developments

International Law Commission

26.1 By its resolution 36/39 the General Assembly approved the increase in the membership of the Commission from 25 to 34 members. In this regard, at its thirty-fourth session the Commission met for the first time with its increased membership. The Commission carried out its work as described in paragraph 26.4 of the proposed programme budget for 1982-1983; it also established a Working Group on the topic "Draft Code of Offenses against the Peace and Security of Mankind" and presented its conclusions to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

26.2 The Commission carried out its work essentially as described in paragraph 26.8 of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. It decided to request Governments and interested international organizations to submit comments on the Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes and the Draft Convention on International Cheques before 30 September 1983 and to postpone a final decision on this item to its seventeenth session.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal and its Secretariat

26.3 It is expected that the Tribunal will have rendered 40 judgements by the end of the current biennium.

II. Revised budget estimates

Salaries and common staff costs (Increase: \$22,000)

26.4 Additional requirements under this heading are attributable to a lower vacancy rate than that assumed in the standards with resulting shortfalls under established posts (\$13,600) and common staff costs (\$4,700). Increases under General temporary assistance and overtime (\$1,200) and (\$2,500) respectively, are due to the extended sessions of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

Travel (Decrease: \$54,200)

26.5 This decrease represents the net effect of (a) less than full participation by members in the sessions of the International Law Commission (decrease: \$54,700); (b) cancellation of a session of one of the Working Groups of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law scheduled to be held in New York and the holding of three sessions of ad hoc groups in Vienna instead of elsewhere as initially planned (decrease: \$6,000); and (c) additional requirements in respect of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (\$6,500) because of extended sessions due to its workload.

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External printing (Increase: \$139,500)

26.6 Additional requirements of \$139,500 relate to the publication of the Yearbook of the International Law Commission (\$65,100); the Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (\$64,600); and the United Nations Administrative Judgements (\$9,800). This account is administered globally by the Publications Board and it is to be noted that overall savings are reported in annex IV, attached to the main body of the present document (see also para. 26.10 below).

Honoraria (Decrease: \$6,000)

26.7 Less than full participation by members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal accounts for the unexpended balance of \$6,000.

B. Office of Legal Affairs

Salaries and common staff costs (Decrease: \$321,200)

26.8 The net decrease under this heading is attributable to (i) lower requirements under established posts (\$167,300) and common staff costs (\$154,700) due to higher than anticipated vacancy rates in the Codification Division, the International Trade Law Branch and the General Legal Division; (ii) a decrease under temporary posts in the Treaty Section due to recruitment difficulties (\$13,900); and (iii) savings under overtime (\$2,500) and ad hoc expert group (\$14,800) due to the fact that only two sessions of the ad hoc expert group on industrial contracts were held instead of the three sessions planned; these are offset in part by additional requirements for consultants (\$28,300).

Travel (Decrease: \$14,800)

26.9 In connection with its resolution 37/11 on the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in respect of State Property, Archives and Debts the General Assembly approved an appropriation of \$25,500 for the payment of travel and subsistence to representatives of liberation movements who would attend the Conference in Vienna in 1983. As not all representatives attended the conference a savings of \$19,300 has been recorded. These are partly offset by additional requirements of \$4,500 due to increased travel of staff of the International Trade Law Branch.

External Printing (Decrease: \$143,200)

26.10 The net decrease of \$143,200 under external printing includes, inter alia savings of \$37,500 attributable to the publication of 97 volumes of the Treaty Series instead of the 100 volumes as had been assumed in the programme budget for the current biennium. In this connection, it is recalled that this matter had also been reported on in document A/C.5/38/46, submitted to the General Assembly at its current session. However, inasmuch as this account is part of the external printing and binding provision, which in accordance with paragraph 3 of General



Assembly resolution 36/240 A is administered as a unit by the Publications Board, the aforementioned item as well as the remaining net balance of the decrease after consideration of additional requirements in respect of the English and Spanish versions of volume II of Supplement No. 5 of the Repertory of Practice (\$87,100) and the United Nations Legislative Series (\$25,200) have been included in the account rendered by the Board as contained in annex IV attached to the main body of the present document.

General operating expenses (Increase: \$36,200)

26.11 The additional requirements of \$36,200 under general operating expenses relate to (i) the rental and maintenance of word processing equipment for the Treaty Section (\$14,100) and the International Trade Law Branch (\$18,300) and (ii) long distance telephone calls (\$2,200) and group hospitality (\$1,600) for a reception hosted by the Legal Counsel during the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in respect of State Property, Archives and Debts, held in Vienna in 1983.

Supplies and materials (Increase: \$2,500)

26.12 Additional requirements under this heading relate to word processing.

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