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Introduction

1. The Human Rights Council, in its resolution 8/1 of 18 June 2008, requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Conference Services Division (now the Division of Conference Management) at the United Nations Office at Geneva to assess the situation concerning delays in submission of documents to the Council, including those relating to the universal periodic review, and in particular the delays in the translation of documents into the six official languages of the United Nations, and to report back to the Council at its ninth session with proposals for adequate measures to address these problems. The Office of the High Commissioner and the Division of Conference Management have jointly reviewed the situation and the factors contributing to the issue. The first chapter of the present report reflects the conclusions regarding requirements to adequately support the meetings and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

2. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Department of Public Information to make an assessment of the situation pursuant to the Council's affirmation that it would consider favourably the adoption of a decision on the webcasting of all public proceedings of its various working groups, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-selectivity and to report back to the Council at its ninth session with proposals for adequate measures, including the necessary resources to establish a permanent capacity for webcasting. Chapter II of this report presents the assessment of the Department of Public Information on the overall requirements for its services in respect of the Council and its machinery, including press and all media coverage.

I. CONFERENCE SERVICING

A. Background

3. With the establishment of the Human Rights Council, the pattern of conferences at the United Nations Office at Geneva became extremely dynamic and demanding in terms of services. The many activities of the Council and its mechanisms make advance planning of meetings difficult and they severely complicate the even distribution over the year of the overall conference workload. Furthermore, several new human rights mandates have been approved by the General Assembly, generating an additional workload for both meetings servicing and document processing. A summary of the new activities of the Human Rights Council machinery is included in annex I.

B. Human Rights Council activities

4. In addition to the 10 weeks of meetings that the Human Rights Council held pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, the Council can hold, as summarized in the non-paper of the Facilitator on the Council's methods of work and rules of procedure (A/HRC/4/122), the following activities:

- Open-ended organizational meetings at the beginning of each Council year to consider the agenda, set the annual programme of work and other procedural issues

- Organizational meetings before and, if necessary, during each Council session to discuss organizational and procedural issues particular to that session (convened by the President of the Council)
- Informative consultations/meetings on prospective resolutions or decisions (organized by the President of the Council or convened by main sponsors)
- Interactive dialogues, panel debates, seminars and round tables
- Consultations before the holding of special sessions; and
- Special and ad hoc sessions

5. Since the establishment of the Human Rights Council, the Division of Conference Management has provided the following documentation services for the Council: a total of 3,469 original pages processed in 2006;¹ 7,921 pages processed in 2007; and 5,140 pages processed (through 30 June) in 2008. Summary records for all plenary and organizational meetings of the Council were provided in 2006 and 2007. In order to release some capacity to compensate the lack of funding provided for the universal periodic review documents, it was informally agreed that summary record coverage for meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies not be provided in 2008. For 12 weeks of meetings, this measure saved the equivalent of 2,700 pages and 180 days of translator time. The meetings were recorded and, if resources become available, these summary records will be produced retroactively, though with a considerable delay.

C. Universal periodic review activities

6. At the first session, the Human Rights Council determined, in its decision 1/103, to establish an intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group to develop the modalities of the universal periodic review mechanism, and that the working group shall have at its disposal 10 days (or 20 3-hour meetings) of fully serviced meetings. This working group met, as envisioned, in 2007. Pursuant to resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 on institution-building of the Human Rights Council, the entitlement of the working group was extended from two weeks to three sessions of two weeks each. The same resolution made provision for the documentation related to the universal periodic review. These entitlements were approved by General Assembly resolution 62/219 of 22 December 2007.

1. Assessment of documentation

7. The universal periodic review working group has held two sessions in 2008, from 7 to 18 April and from 5 to 16 May. As outlined in Council resolution 5/1, for each State under review three pre-session documents (limited to a combined total of 40 pages) and a report on the

¹ As well, 5,868 original pages were submitted in 2006 for the former Commission on Human Rights.

outcome of the review were to be submitted. (Resolution 5/1 did not provide details regarding the report of the outcome of the review. In April 2008, the President of the Council provided additional details about these reports, but did not define their length.) Sixteen State party reports were examined at each of the first two sessions, and reports on each State were presented to the Council at its eighth session.

Table 1
Documents processed for the universal periodic review

Sessions	Pre-session pages forecast	Additional pre-session pages processed	Total pre-session pages submitted	Outcome reports	Total (No. of pages)
First universal periodic review session	594	620	1 214	419	1 637 ² (66 documents)
Second session	555	640	1 195	452	1 648 ³ (65 documents)
Report submitted to the Human Rights Council			1 001		1 001 (55 documents)

A detailed explanation of the documents submission for the two universal periodic review sessions is submitted in annex IV.

8. Documentation to be submitted for the third session (to be held in December 2008) of the universal periodic review is forecast to comprise 1,038 standard pages (48 documents) for the pre-session, 467 pages (16 documents) for the session itself, and 285 pages (17 documents) for the post-session, making a total of 1,790 pages and 81 documents. It is anticipated that future sessions will follow this documentation pattern.

2. Costs of the documentation

9. The pre- and post-session universal periodic review documents for the first two sessions of the working group in 2008, together with the pre-session documents submitted to the Council (1,001 estimated standard pages), comprise a total of 186 documents, amounting to 4,286 estimated standard pages of text. Based on the actual number of estimated standard pages submitted for translation into the six official languages, as well as reproduction and distribution during the first two sessions of the working group (i.e., excluding the 1,001 pages of universal

² Includes four pages of corrigenda.

³ Includes one page of corrigenda.

periodic review-related reports produced for the Council), estimated costs to date amount to US\$ 3,857,249.⁴ The estimated costs for the third annual session of the working group will add another US\$ 2,481,827.

10. The statement of financial implications concerning resolution 5/1, dated 15 June 2007, estimated that universal periodic review conference-servicing costs under section 2, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, would total US\$ 3,847,300 per year. This was to have covered the three annual sessions of the universal periodic review, a total of 60 meetings with interpretation services in six languages, as well as a total of 1,120 estimated standard pages of documents to be translated into six official languages. It was subsequently recognized that these documentation requirements were incorrectly stated; the figures included in the statement of financial implications were for one session only. Thus, the actual forecast should have been three times higher: a total of 3,360 estimated standard pages for three sessions. (It should also be noted that this estimate has proven to be low, given that nearly that amount has already been submitted for the first two sessions.) These revised documentation forecasts would result in substantially higher estimated costs under section 2. Unfortunately, it was too late to insert the changes in the report to the General Assembly, and thus the amount of US\$ 3,847,300 was presented as the requirements. The final General Assembly budget review allocated only US\$ 874,000 for the full servicing of three 2008 sessions of the universal periodic review working group, a reduction of 77 per cent from the initial figure and only 11 per cent of the amount actually required for 2008.

3. Additional considerations

11. The back-to-back scheduling of the first two sessions of the universal periodic review working group exacerbated the difficulties that the Division of Conference Management experienced in processing the voluminous documentation. Similar difficulties were created for the timely submission of those documents for processing. None of the deadlines were met, which increased the pressure on its already overstretched resources of the Division. Furthermore, differing interpretations regarding the approved document lengths resulted in a much larger volume of documentation than planned (resolution 5/1 provided for 40 pages of pre-session documentation for each State under review, whereas actual submissions averaged 75 estimated standard pages for each State). The same situation applied to post-session documentation. Outcome reports of the universal periodic review working group for the States under review were not expected to exceed 10 pages each, whereas the actual outcome reports averaged 27 pages in length. In total, therefore, while the Division had planned to process 1,600 estimated standard pages for the two universal periodic review sessions, more than twice that volume was submitted.

12. Meeting deadlines for the issuance of documentation is challenging even in ordinary circumstances when meetings overlap, or when reports arising out of one meeting are used as input for another. The outcome of both universal periodic review working group sessions was

⁴ This amount covers the translation in six languages of 3,285 original estimated pages submitted for the first two sessions of the universal periodic review, as well as their reproduction and distribution workload.

scheduled for discussion at the eighth session of the Human Rights Council in June 2008, yet the opening of the Council session came only six weeks after the end of the first working group session and two weeks from the end of the second. Therefore, these documents could not ipso facto meet the 10-week deadline.

13. Temporary staff is recruited to assist with translation of documentation for anticipated periods of peak workload as forecast from the 10-week submission deadline. However, those temporary resources are contracted for a specific period. As a result, when documentation is submitted late, these additional resources are not fully in phase with the excess workload. Such was the case for the universal periodic review working group documentation. In this context, it should be noted that there is a limited supply of experienced translators, editors and interpreters in Geneva due to the heavy competition with the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization and other Geneva-based organizations, not to mention the European institutions, which reserve conference-servicing staff two to three years in advance. This depletes the local and European freelance markets during certain periods of the year. The usual lead time for recruiting freelance translation staff is several months, thus making it very difficult to accommodate changing schedules and the late submission of documents with temporary staffing.

14. Finally, it should be noted that the backlog of summary records to be translated for official meetings has grown each year from 1998 to the present. The backlog includes drafting records for 97 meetings (not including the 2008 Human Rights Council meetings) and more than 87,000 pages (including only summary records pending from 1998-2007) remain to be translated - the equivalent of having 131 translators and revisers work for one full year. The continuing growth in this backlog reflects the inadequacy of the existing capacity in the Languages Service to meet the ever-increasing workload.

4. Additional human rights conference activities

15. The Human Rights Council has been generating new mandates since its inception. In nearly all cases, the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to accommodate these new activities from within existing resources. This was the case of the working group on the review of mandates (which was allotted 20 working days of meetings), and the working group on the agenda (which was allotted 10 working days of meetings), as well as the high-level task force on the implementation of the right to development (to which Council resolution 4/4 assigned two additional working days of meetings). The same applies to the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/156, adopted on 18 December 2007, requests the Secretary-General to provide the resources necessary, from within existing resources of the United Nations, for the Committee to meet for two separate sessions in 2008, the first session to be of two consecutive weeks' duration and the second session to be of one week's duration.

16. As shown in detail in annex I, several new human rights bodies and activities have been established since 2006, all of which produce large additional volumes of documentation (including summary records, in some cases) to be processed, for which commensurate resources have not been allocated. As from early 2009, two new treaty bodies, namely the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances will also require full conference services.

17. The Durban review process, which includes sessions of the Preparatory Committee, an open-ended intergovernmental working group and five regional conferences, is scheduled to take place in 2008 and 2009. Although mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/220, there has been no budgetary provision approved for the required conference services. The report of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (see A/C.5/62/21, para. 15) suggests that the additional requirements represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations under the proposed programme budget to be still approved by the General Assembly. Although this process can be considered a one-time ad hoc requirement, the resource implications are enormous, and it can be anticipated that similar such ad hoc events will continue to be added to the United Nations Office at Geneva calendar in the future.

II. INFORMATION SERVICES

A. Press, radio and television requirements

18. The United Nations Information Service provides press, radio, television and photo coverage of United Nations issues and events in Geneva. This involves preparing press releases in English and French of all public meetings of the Human Rights Council, including those of its major subsidiary bodies, producing television news reports and features for distribution to national and international broadcasters and television news agencies, producing radio news reports and programmes for dissemination through United Nations Radio New York, and providing photos for United Nations and media publication.

19. To carry out these duties throughout the year, the Service's staff is augmented by temporary collaborators and its permanent production capacity is increased through the rental of additional equipment as required. Traditionally, sufficient funding was allocated under relevant budgetary lines to cover human rights meetings, including the six-week session of the then-Commission on Human Rights.

20. With the advent of the Human Rights Council, there was a major increase in the number of regularly scheduled meetings requiring coverage. Existing resources are thus insufficient to recruit temporary English- and French-language press officers; English-, French- and Spanish-language radio producers; English-language television producers; as well as cameramen, radio engineers and photographers to service the additional meetings.

21. In keeping with the Organization's zero-growth budget policy for the 2008-2009 biennium, the Information Service in Geneva was instructed, along with the Department of Public Information as a whole, to limit its resource request to the same level as in previous bienniums. The additional funding required for the various information coverage aspects of the Human Rights Council, as requested by the Council in its decision 3/104, was included in a separate, comprehensive report to the General Assembly (A/62/125). However, the General Assembly approved no additional budgetary allocation to the Department for this purpose.

B. Webcasting requirements

22. To highlight the newly created Human Rights Council during its inaugural high-level segment, the webcasting of Council proceedings, including live broadcasts as well as archived video by date and speaker, was initiated in consultation with OHCHR and the Host Government. It quickly became apparent that this service met a crucial need for a higher level of transparency and openness in the Council's work.

23. Provision of webcasting service to the Human Rights Council comprises the following elements:

- (a) Filming of individual speakers and television coverage of that work;
- (b) Encoding and live transmission coverage via the Internet;
- (c) Logging and timing of the individual speakers and archiving of that information;
- (d) Online publishing of webcast video and development and maintenance of the Human Rights Council Webcast website.

24. Since webcasting was an innovation in Geneva and no provision had been made in the programme budget 2006-2007, the costs of webcasting the Council's sessions were originally met through a combination of the existing resources of the Department of Public Information, OHCHR, the Division of Administration of the United Nations Office at Geneva and a voluntary contribution from the Host Government. Providing this service involved the recruitment of temporary staff and rental of equipment in Geneva, as well as the travel of United Nations webcast staff of the Department of Public Information from New York. This arrangement created a number of challenges.

25. A particular difficulty is presented when the Council decides to convene special sessions to address emergency human rights situations, one of the new prerogatives of that reformed body of which it has already made extensive use; it has held seven special sessions to date. In the absence of permanent staff and webcasting facilities in Geneva, it is often difficult and extremely expensive to provide staff and equipment on short notice for the webcasting of the special sessions. Moreover, the Council's first two years have been characterized by frequent scheduling changes. This has created difficulties relating to recruitment and procurement procedures, travel arrangements and staff assignments in New York, commitments vis-à-vis temporary staff and credibility with local suppliers. It has also added to the cost of the service itself.

26. As was the case with additional information costs, a more stable situation had been expected for 2008-2009. Proposals for financing webcasting in Geneva were submitted in the overall report (A/62/125) to the General Assembly on Human Rights Council financing. A phased approach was suggested, involving the provision of resources for temporary staff and equipment through the end of 2009 and a technical study during that period resulting in the establishment of a permanent Webcast Section with the staff posts, permanent equipment and the operating budget needed to service the Human Rights Council and other entities in Geneva. However, the General Assembly allocated no additional funds.

27. Because of the difficulties faced by the Department of Public Information in absorbing these costs, and given the balance of the voluntary contribution earmarked to support webcasting of Human Rights Council proceedings, a temporary division of financial responsibilities for webcasting was agreed until the establishment of a permanent capacity. This involved having the Department cover costs of the television coverage component and the actual webcast transmission of regular Council sessions on the Internet, with OHCHR financing the recruitment of webcast assistants to prepare speaker-by-speaker archives of the sessions and the travel and replacement costs for a New York-based webcast producer. OHCHR also continues to cover from voluntary contributions all the costs associated with special sessions of the Council.

28. As the Human Rights Council's working methods have developed, there have been an increasing number of ad hoc requests for webcasting of other meetings. In the first half of 2008, this became a critical issue in relation to the new centerpiece of the Council's work, the universal periodic review, as well as for the Durban Review Conference's preparatory committee process. The Department of Public Information was asked to webcast the universal periodic review meetings, creating a precedent given that working group meetings do not usually receive such coverage at Headquarters. A statement from the President of the Council indicated that the Council would "consider favourably the adoption of a decision on the webcasting of all public proceedings of its various working groups", and this was echoed by the Council in its resolution 8/1. The financing for these sessions has also been covered entirely from voluntary contributions.

29. The number of meetings requiring webcasting, the sporadic addition of requests, the frequent schedule changes and the uncertain funding have had an adverse effect on the production work of the Radio and Television Section. While the limited staff and facilities are fully involved with webcasting, there is little capacity for news and feature production. Services to broadcasters have been reduced as well.

30. Webcasting of the Human Rights Council alone is expected to involve 26 weeks of meetings a year. The OHCHR secretariat has been asked to explore the feasibility of webcasting the proceedings of all the treaty bodies as well, a request indicative of a growing demand for webcasting of other major activities at the United Nations Office at Geneva. For the moment, except in rare cases in which special financing is available, these services cannot be provided.

31. It is thus apparent that a permanent webcast capacity for the United Nations Office at Geneva is urgently needed.

1. The television coverage component

32. Since its inception, the proceedings of the Council have been filmed with television broadcast quality cameras, and the coverage has been used for news production, occasional live broadcasts and webcasting. Although this quality of coverage is expensive and higher than the requirements specifically for webcasting, the use of a single system for both broadcast and webcast purposes is in line with practice at United Nations Headquarters where the proceedings of major organs are filmed in their entirety with broadcast-quality cameras. Unlike at United Nations Headquarters, however, conference rooms in Geneva are not equipped with fixed television cameras. For this reason, it has been necessary to rent the equipment needed for Council for broadcast and webcast coverage and to hire temporary staff.

33. A remote camera system is being installed in Conference Room XX of the Palais des Nations, which is presently under renovation. This has been designated as the standing location for Human Rights Council meetings, and the suitability of that system for webcast purposes is being explored. The viability of the system will be tested later this year.

34. However, to ensure a year-round ability to provide high-quality broadcast and webcast coverage, a major investment in cameras and production equipment and facilities will be required. The purchase of fixed camera coverage equipment would coincide with major technological changes in the television industry. Standard definition facilities are giving way to the sharper quality “high-definition”, or HD, equipment. The new fixed-camera coverage installation will necessitate a change in the whole television production line from standard-definition to high-definition equipment.

2. The webcast component

35. Whatever option is selected for filming, a permanent webcasting capacity will require the creation of a well-staffed and equipped webcast section to handle the transmission and archiving of the meetings. For the Human Rights Council alone, this is expected to involve 26 weeks of meetings a year. As noted above, there is a growing demand for the webcasting of other major activities at UNOG as well, including possibly human rights treaty bodies. For the moment, except in rare cases in which special financing is available, these services cannot be provided.

36. In order to meet these requirements, the creation of a permanent webcast structure is envisaged to enable the simultaneous coverage of two events: e.g. the Human Rights Council and press conferences or briefings in English, French and the original language of the speaker. Coverage of any other meetings, bodies or events would only be possible when the Council is not in session. It should also be noted that webcasting of treaty body meetings would require additional infrastructure at the Palais Wilson, where most of those meetings are held, as well as more staff and equipment at the Palais des Nations.

37. The proposed study on a permanent webcasting capacity at the United Nations Office at Geneva, referred to in the report of the Secretary-General on budgetary matters (A/62/125) submitted to the General Assembly in 2007, remains the best way to accurately determine the actual needs for the establishment of such a capacity. In the absence of the Assembly’s approval of the funding for the Human Rights Council webcast requirements, DPI identified with some difficulty other resources to conduct that essential study, which is now being initiated. This will entail a detailed examination of the facilities and equipment that are already available, including the proposed facilities in Conference Room XX at the Palais des Nations as well as a determination of additional equipment and staffing needs. After a thorough analysis of these elements a final proposal, including the resources required, will be presented for consideration by the General Assembly.

III. CONCLUSION

38. **It is an unassailable fact that the demand for conference services for the Human Rights Council and its machinery is growing. In recognition of the increase of some 508 meetings per year, permanent posts for one full extra team of interpreters (20 posts) at the United Nations Office at Geneva were authorized by the General Assembly**

in December 2007 for the 2008-2009 biennium (see A/62/125 and A/62/563/Add.1). At the same time, resources for contractual translation were doubled - offset by a cut in temporary assistance for meetings - and five senior reviser posts were authorized to provide quality control for outsourced translations. However no similar provisions were approved by the General Assembly to address the concomitant increase in requirements for referencing, editing, translating and typing of over 10,000 additional pages⁵ of related reports mentioned in annex I, in addition to estimated 3,079 standard pages by which the universal periodic review mechanism in 2008 is expected to exceed the estimates prepared for its sessions. Similarly, no provision has been made for additional drafting and in-house translation of summary records.

39. Experience has shown that current Division of Conference Management document-processing capacity cannot meet the documentation requirements of the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary machinery. The lack of sufficient permanent conference capacity does not allow for the required flexibility and timeliness in accommodating urgent and unforeseen requests for meetings and processing of documentation. Additional staff resources, provisionally estimated at approximately US\$ 7,500,000 per year, are accordingly urgently required to enable the Division to ensure the appropriate level of support required by the Human Rights Council.

40. At the same time, there are inadequate resources for the necessary editing of documents prior to submission, which is a critical element of the timely documentation chain. The establishment of editor posts in OHCHR is accordingly required to address this aspect of the process.

41. The Human Rights Council also requires significantly more media services than its predecessor body. To increase public awareness and understanding of its work, the provision of an adequate level of resources for information work is indispensable. Webcasting has been identified by the Council as a vital component in communication about its role and functioning. Effective and continuous delivery of webcasting and all media services require stable, permanent personnel and facilities. In order to provide these services, the Department of Public Information will require additional infrastructure of approximately US\$ 2,500,000, supplemented by related staff and other recurring costs of approximately US\$ 1,700,000.

42. A report detailing these resource requirements will be prepared for submission to the General Assembly during its sixty-third session.

⁵ These figures include also 2,146 pages forecast for the Durban Review process.

ANNEXES

Annex I

List of mandated additional meetings at UNOG during the period 2006-2007-2008-2009

No.	Title	Legislative Authority	Servicing Parameters	Number of additional meetings per year	Number of additional pages of documents per year	Budgetary and resource implications for DCM	Balance of funds/resources allocated/not allocated to DCM
1	Human Rights Council (with "as required" conference servicing entitlement)	A/RES/60/251 A/62/125 A/62/7/Add.25	- Interpretation: 6 languages - Summary records - Documents: 6 languages	100 additional meetings (A/62/125) + 10 wks already budgeted for the HRC (6 wks from the former Commission of Human Rights + 4 weeks of the new HRC)	2,000 pages	US\$3,792,100.-- + Additional permanent staff needed.	US\$3,792,100.-- + 20 new posts for Interpretation + 5 new Senior Reviser posts were allocated. No posts for translators, editors and conference officers were allocated.
2	Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group	HRC resolutions 5/1 A/62/125 A/62/7/Add.26	- Interpretation: 6 languages - Documents: 6 languages	60 meetings	2,500 pages	US\$3,800,000.-- + Additional permanent staff needed.	US\$874,000.-- only were allocated. No additional posts were allocated as per A/62/563/Add.1
3	Ad Hoc Committee to elaborate complementary standards in the field of racism	A/RES/61/236 A/61/448 A/61/530 A/61/530/Add.1 A/61/592/Add.2	- Interpretation: 6 languages - Documents: 6 languages	20 meetings	50 pages	US\$225,908.--	No funds/resources received by DCM.
4	OP-CAT-Sub-Committee against Torture and first Meeting of States Parties	A/RES/61/236 A/61/448 A/61/530 A/61/530/Add.1 A/61/592/Add.2	- Interpretation: 4 languages - Documents: 4 languages - Summary records	32 meetings	1,700 pages	US\$4,052,760	No funds/resources received by DCM.

No.	Title	Legislative Authority	Servicing Parameters	Number of additional meetings per year	Number of additional pages of documents per year	Budgetary and resource implications for DCM	Balance of funds/resources allocated/not allocated to DCM
5	*Durban Review Process (Conference itself, Regional Preparatory Meetings and Preparatory Committee Meetings). <i>*All these activities are for 2007/2008/2009 only.</i>	A/RES/62/220 A/C.5/62/21 A/61/448 A/61/530 A/61/530/Add.1 A/61/592/Add.2 A/RES/62/143	- Interpretation and documentation for Conference and Preparatory Committee: 6 languages. - Interpretation and documentation for Regional Preparatory Meetings: 3 languages, depending on the region	120 meetings	1,100 pages	US\$4,895,900.--	No funds/resources received so far by DCM.
6	*Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference <i>*Activity for 2008/2009 only</i>	PC.1/10 A/62/375 A/RES/62/143 A/C.5/62/21 A/62/7/Add.28	- Interpretation: 6 languages - Documents: 6 languages	20 meetings	1,046 pages	US\$1,625,700.--	No funds/resources received by DCM.
7	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and its Working Groups	A/62/433 A/C.5/62/15	- Interpretation for the Committee: 6 languages. - Parallel meetings with interpretation for 7 w/d. - Summary records. - Documents for the Committee: 6 languages. For the Working Groups: - 3 languages for interpretation and documents	114 meetings	No pages to be translated by UNOG. As per agreement with NY, all the documentation and SRs are processed by NY. UNOG is responsible for reproduction/ distribution of documents only.	US\$2,059,100.--	US\$2,059,100.-- were allocated to DCM in accordance with confirmation received from DGACM on 24 December 2007 to cover meeting services, reproduction and distribution of documents.
8	Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (to meet as from 2009)	A/RES/61/106 A/62/439/Add.5 A/C.5/61/15	- Interpretation: 6 languages - Documents: 6 languages - Summary Records	20 meetings. (Sign interpretation will also be needed.)	1,500 pages. Documentation in Braille is also needed.	US\$3,954,400.-- for 2009 only. - Interpretation for sign language needed. - Documentation in Braille needed.	US\$3,954,400.-- still to be allocated to DCM.

No.	Title	Legislative Authority	Servicing Parameters	Number of additional meetings per year	Number of additional pages of documents per year	Budgetary and resource implications for DCM	Balance of funds/resources allocated/not allocated to DCM
9	Committee on Enforced Disappearances (to meet as from 2009)	A/RES/61/177 A/61/530	- Interpretation: 6 languages. - Documents: 6 languages. - Summary Records	22 meetings	220 pages	US\$1,024,000.--	US\$1,024,000.-- still to be allocated to DCM.
				Total of additional meetings with services per year: 508 meetings.	Total of additional pages of documentation to be processed per year: 10,116 pages.	Total of budgetary and resource implications for DCM: - US\$25,429,868.--; - Additional permanent staff needed; - Interpreters for sign language needed; - Processing of documentation in Braille needed.	Total of funds/resources allocated: - US\$6,725,200.--. Total of funds/resources to be allocated for 2009 in connection with the conference activities of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances: - US\$4,978,400.--. Total of additional permanent staff allocated: - 20 new posts for interpreters; - 5 new Senior Reviser posts. NOT allocated: - US\$13,726,268.--; - posts for translators/revisers and editors; - posts for conference support staff.

Annex II

List of mandated additional meetings for human rights activities during the period 2006-2007 to 30 June 2008

Title	Meetings with interpretation			Of which Meetings with SRs			Submitted in original language (in pages) ^A			Translation/revision (in pages) ^{A,B}			Text processing (in pages) ^A			Reproduction (1000 of page impressions)			Distribution (1000 of items)		
	2006	2007	2008*	2006	2007	2008*	2006	2007	2008*	2006	2007	2008*	2006	2007	2008*	2006	2007	2008*	2006	2007	2008*
Human Rights Council from 16 May 2006 (a)	111	114	82	98	100		3,469	7,921	5,140	3,581	20,656	14,729	8,673	39,284	24,337	4,392	20,481	13,659	1,719	740	
Commission on Human Rights 1 Jan 2006 to 15 May 2006	21	0	0				5,868	0	0	14,092	0	0	25	0	0	1,853	0	0		0	
TOTAL Human Rights Council	132	114	82	98	100	0	9,337	7,921	5,140	17,673	20,656	14,729	8,698	39,284	24,337	6,245	20,481	13,659	1,719	740	
Other bodies							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
HRC/Open-ended WG on the Review of the Mandates	21	28	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
HRC/Open-ended WG on Universal Periodic Review	12	9	35				0	0	3,284	0	0	12,859	0	0	19,777	0	0	4,372			
HRC/Ad Hoc Committee on Standards	0	0	9				0	0	6	0	0	31	0	0	62	0	0	16			1,101
HRC/Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference	0	13	15				0	43	13	0	235	93	0	427	231	0	302	188			
HRC/Intergovernmental WG of the Durban Preparatory Committee	0	0	4				0	0	4	0	0	22	0	0	41	0	0	12			
OP-CAT/Sub Ctee on Prevention of Torture	0	27	20				0	293	183	0	425	252	0	712	303		29	13			
CEDAW	0	6	40				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1,113			
Total Other bodies (b)	33	83	123	0	0	0	0	336	3,490	0	660	13,257	0	1,140	20,414	0	331	5,715	0	0	
TOTAL Human Rights Council+Other bodies	165	197	205	98	100	0	9,337	8,258	8,631	17,673	21,316	27,986	8,698	40,424	44,751	6,245	20,812	19,374	1,719	740	1,101
CHR/Commission on Human Rights (Year)	21	0	0				0	0	0	14,647	1	229	26,572	2	349	14,738	66	132			
HRC/WG on the Agenda of the Human Rights Council	0	17	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0			
TOTAL Commission on Human Rights (c)	21	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,647	1	229	26,572	2	349	14,738	103	132	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL HRC+Other bodies+CHR (a+b+c)	165	214	205	98	100	0	9,337	8,258	8,631	18,228	21,317	28,215	35,245	40,426	45,100	19,130	20,915	19,505	1,719	740	1,101

^AOne page =330 words

^BTranslation/Revision data for May and June 2008 are estimated, based on figures declared by Translation Section
* as 30 June

Annex III

Number of meetings with interpretation

	2006	2007	2008 end June	2008 vs 2007	2008 vs 2006	July Dec 2008
Human rights council	111	114	82	72%	74%	32
UPR	12	9	35	389%	292%	20
Review Mandates	21	28				
Rules and Proc		17				
Prep-com Durban rev		13	15	115%		30
Cttee on standard			9			10
Arbitrary detention	31	32	8	25%	26%	24
African Descent		8	8	100%		
National Institution	3	6	5	83%	167%	
W/G Rights to Development	8	13	6	46%	75%	10
Slavery Fund		1				8
Indigenous Population Fund	9	7	6	86%	67%	
Torture Fund	1	1	1	100%	100%	1
Tech coop Fund	2	2	1	50%	50%	
Covenant Social and cultural	16	16	20	125%	125%	
w/g durban prog	18	15	8	53%	44%	
involuntary disap	8	4	1	25%	13%	30
mercenaries	10	11	9	82%	90%	10
CHR	21					
HRC sub-commission	30					
HRC sub-commission Minorities	4					
W/G on Situation	5	6	10	167%	200%	
Slavery	4					
W/G Indigenous Population	8	3				
W/G Communication	16	10	9	90%	56%	10
W/G Durban Prep-com			4			
Social Forum	4					12
Human Rights Cttee	61	62				50
Chairp of HR	9	9	10	111%	111%	
Human Rights Cttee - Communication	20	18	2	11%	10%	
Rights of Indigenous	13					
OHCHR	69	33	12	36%	17%	
Child	126	92	61	66%	48%	28
CEDAW		6	34	567%		30
CEDAW prep W/G			6			
CERD	61	60	30	50%	49%	48
Cat	61		39		64%	20
ECO, Soc, cult Rights	60		27		45%	30
Migrants workers	20	20	20	100%	100%	10
Chairp Treaty bodies	10	9	10	111%	100%	
Child Cttee prep W/g	35	26	18	69%	51%	30
ECO, Soc, cult Rights Pre-sess W/G	15	17	9	53%	60%	10
OP-CAT Sub-com		27	20	74%		12
OP-CAT stat Part	1	1				
Foru on Minorities issues						4
	903	696	535	77%	59%	469

Annex IV

Details of UPR documentation submitted to DCM

A. First UPR session

The 16 States under review were: Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Finland, India, Indonesia, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Tunisia and the United Kingdom. The details of the review of these States are as follows:

(a) Pre-session documents

The 47 pre-session⁶ documents submitted comprised three sets:

- First set: 15 national reports (South Africa eventually decided not to submit a national report, amounting to a total of 534 estimated standard pages (ESP, comprising 330 words) with an average of 35.6 ESP per report versus the 20 page maximum as stated in Resolution 5/1, which thus should have amounted to 300 ESP. **DCM processed 234 additional estimated standard pages.**
- Second set: 16 compilations of information by the substantive secretariat, amounting to a total of 355 ESP with an average of 22.18 ESP per report versus the 10 page maximum as stated in Resolution 5/1, which should have amounted to 160 ESP. **DCM processed 195 additional estimated standard pages.**
- Third set: 16 summaries of information provided by relevant stakeholders, amounting to a total of 325 ESP with an average of 20.31 ESP per report versus the 10 page maximum as stated in Resolution 5/1, which should have amounted to 160 ESP. **DCM processed 165 additional estimated standard pages.**

⁶ This paper emphasizes the different kinds of documentation (pre-, in- and post-session) because different deadlines apply to them. Repeated General Assembly resolutions stipulate that, except in special cases, pre-session documents should be submitted for processing and translation no later than ten weeks before the beginning of the session at which they are to be discussed, and made available to delegations in all relevant languages six weeks before the opening of the session. In-session documentation is supposed to be translated within 48 hours of submission (24 hours at Headquarters, which operates night and weekend shifts for the purpose). Post-session documentation is not normally subject to such rigorous time limits except where the outcome of one meeting (generally of a subsidiary body) is treated as input for another; in that case, the 10/6-week rule applies.

To summarize: The actual submission was 1,214 ESP
The original submission should have been 620 ESP
Pages exceeding the mandate 594 ESP

In addition to the above, three corrigenda representing 4 ESP were submitted.

(b) Outcome reports

16 outcome reports were presented at the end of the working group session and treated as post-session documents, amounting to a total of 419 estimated standard pages with an average of 26.18 ESP per report. No page limitation was mentioned in Resolution 5/1.

The total estimated standard pages received for this first session was thus 1,637.

Sessions	Dates	No. of pre-session docs	No. of post session docs	Corr. docs	Total docs	Total of words	Total ESP
1st UPR session	7-18/4/2008	47	16	3	66	540 137	1 637

B. Second UPR session

The 16 States under review were: Benin, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, France, Japan, Mali, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Romania, Tonga, Ukraine and Zambia. The details of the review of these States are as follows:

(a) Pre-session documents

The 48 pre-session documents consisted of three sets:

- First set: 16 national reports, amounting to a total of 520 ESP with an average of 32.5 ESP per report versus the 20 page maximum as stated in Resolution 5/1, which should have amounted to 320 ESP. **DCM processed 200 additional estimated standard pages.**
- Second set: 16 compilations of information by the substantive secretariat, amounting to a total of 366 ESP with an average of 22.8 ESP per report versus the 10 page maximum. as stated in Resolution 5/1, which should have amounted to 160 ESP. **DCM processed 206 additional estimated standard pages.**
- Third set: 16 summaries of information provided by relevant stakeholders, amounting to a total of 309 ESP with an average of 19.3 ESP per report versus the 10 page maximum as stated in Resolution 5/1, which should have amounted to 160 ESP. **DCM processed 149 additional estimated standard pages.**

To summarize: The actual submission was 1,195 ESP
The original submission should have been 640 ESP
Pages exceeding the mandate 555 ESP

In addition, one estimated standard page corrigendum was submitted.

(b) Outcome reports

16 outcome reports were presented at the end of the working group session and treated as post-session documents, amounting to a total of 452 estimated standard pages with an average of 35.6 ESP per report. No page limitation was mentioned in Resolution 5/1.

The total estimated standard pages received for this second session was 1,648.

Sessions	Dates	No. of pre-session docs	No. of post sessions docs	Corr. docs	Total docs	Total of words	Total ESP
2nd UPR session	5-16/5/2008	48	16	1	65	543 809	1 648
