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Table 19.1

(in thousands of United States dollars)

Revised appropriation 1978-1979	Estimated additional requirements					Total revised estimate
	Inflation	Rates of exchange	Decisions of policy-making organs	Other changes	Total	
6 608.2	78.3	43.7	93.8	(272.1)	(56.3)	6 551.9

Table 19.2

Regular budget: distribution of revised estimates by programme  
(in thousands of United States dollars)

Programmes	Revised appropriations 1978-1979	Estimated additional requirements						Total 1978-1979 revised estimates
		Inflation	Rates of exchange	Decisions of policy-making organs	Redeployment	Other changes	Total	
1. Members of the Court	2 838.4	67.5	2.0	93.8	-	(18.9)	144.4	2 982.8
2. Registry	2 962.1	10.8	35.0	-	-	(193.0)	(147.2)	2 814.9
3. Administration and common services	807.7	-	6.7	-	-	(60.2)	(53.5)	754.2
Total	6 608.2	78.3	43.7	93.8	-	(272.1)	(56.3)	6 551.9

Table 19.3

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, furniture and equipment	Other	Total
1. Members of the Court	144.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	144.4
2. Registry	(151.2)	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	(147.2)
3. Administration and common services	-	-	(64.8)	-	15.7	(4.4)	-	(53.5)
Total	(6.8)	4.0	(64.8)	-	15.7	(4.4)	-	(56.3)

## SECTION 19. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

### A. Members of the Court (Increase: \$144,400)

#### Honoraria and related costs

19.1 Net additional requirements under this heading are estimated at \$144,400. Of this amount, \$2,000 is attributable to variations in the rates of exchange and \$67,500 to inflation. The latter amount relates to additional payments which became payable in application of the cost-of-living supplement system, effective 1 January 1978 (\$6,000 per member of the Court) and 1 January 1979 (\$7,500). These cost-of-living adjustments were in accordance with the recommendations in the Secretary-General's report to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly and endorsed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.3). To some extent the increase reflected in the present report had been taken into account in the preparation of the budget for 1978-1979. However, its full extent could not be determined at that stage.

19.2 Additional requirements attributable to decisions of policy-making organs are estimated at \$93,800 and concern the retirement of four judges in 1979 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/305 (\$83,700) and the appointment of an ad hoc judge for the Aegean Sea Continental Shelf case (\$10,100), in accordance with the Statute of the International Court of Justice and General Assembly resolution 32/214.

19.3 The net surplus shown under other changes in table 19.2 above (\$18,900) mainly reflects the reduction of pension payments due to the death of the widows of two former judges.

### B. Registry

19.4 A net surplus of \$147,200 is anticipated under this heading. A total of \$359,400 was saved as a result of shorter periods of private meetings than planned and consequential savings in respect of interpretation and translation services (\$162,500), of the difference between actual and standard net salary and common staff costs (\$141,500 and \$51,200, respectively), and of reduced requirements under overtime and night differential expenses (\$4,200). These savings were offset, however, by additional requirements in a total amount of \$212,200 which resulted from the use of the Court's new building involving additional secretaries, typists, messengers, telephonists and other services (\$197,400), the increase in the salaries of General Services staff in the Hague by 6.7 per cent effective 1 January 1979 (\$10,800) and from the need for additional travel (\$4,000).

C. Administration and common services

19.5 External printing requirements are estimated at \$160,000, which results in savings amounting to \$64,800. Further savings of \$5,000 are expected in respect of the acquisition of library books and binding. These savings are partly offset by additional requirements for equipment (\$600) and general operating expenses in connexion with the use of the new building of the Court (\$15,700). This results in an unexpended balance of \$53,500 under this programme.