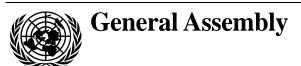
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Part III International justice and law

# **Section 7 International Court of Justice**

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<sup>\*</sup> A summary of the approved programme budget will subsequently be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/64/6/Add.1).



## **Overview**

#### Table 7.1 **Estimates of expenditure**

Proposal submitted by the International Court of Justice	\$48,754,100°
Revised appropriation for 2008-2009	\$45,127,700
<sup>a</sup> At 2008-2009 rates.	

Table 7.2 **Proposed staffing resources** 

Posts	Number	Level
Regular budget		
Proposed posts for the biennium 2010-2011	113	1 ASG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 5 P-5, 13 P-4, 18 P-3, 19 P-2/1, 6 GS (PL), 49 GS (OL)
New posts	8	1 P-3, 6 P-2, 1 GS (OL) under Registry
Reclassification	1	P-4 to P-5 under Registry
Conversion from temporary to established post	4	1 P-4, 3 P-3 under Registry
Approved for the biennium 2008-2009	105	1 ASG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 4 P-5, 14 P-4, 17 P-3, 13 P-2/1, 6 GS (PL), 48 GS (OL)

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level).

- 7.1 Regulation 2.14 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations provides that the programme budget proposals of the International Court of Justice should be prepared by the Court, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and that those proposals should be submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General, together with such observations as he may deem desirable. The proposals of the Court are hereby submitted.
- 7.2 The International Court of Justice, composed of 15 judges elected by the General Assembly and the Security Council, is one of six principal organs of the United Nations and is the principal judicial organ of the Organization. It functions in accordance with its Statute, which is an integral part of the Charter of the United Nations. The Court decides, in accordance with international law, disputes which are submitted to it by States, and may give advisory opinions on any legal question at the request of bodies authorized to make such a request by the Charter or in accordance with its provisions. A total of 192 States are parties to the Statute of the Court, and 67 of them have recognized the Court's jurisdiction as compulsory in accordance with Article 36, paragraph 2, of its Statute. In addition, more than 300 bilateral and multilateral treaties grant the Court jurisdiction in the resolution of disputes arising from their application or interpretation. The Court submits annual reports to the General Assembly, the most recent of which is contained in document A/63/4.
- 7.3 Neither the activities of the Court nor those of the Registry are covered in the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011. The Court must at all times be able to exercise the functions entrusted to it if the terms and intent of the Charter are to be respected. The Court notes that, although it is inherently impossible to forecast its main workload indicators (e.g., the number of cases that will be pending before the Court in 2010-2011 and the number of new proceedings that will be instituted, including incidental proceedings in pending cases), it has made an effort to assess its

- requirements for the biennium 2010-2011 against the background of the Court's workload for the current and previous bienniums.
- An assessment of the estimated requirements of the International Court of Justice for the biennium 2010-2011 needs to be measured against the background and complexity of the Court's workload. At the time of the submission of the 2010-2011 budget, the Court was seized of 13 cases submitted from around the world, with varied subject matter. The submission of preliminary objections, in several of these cases, can lead to two separate sets of proceedings, each involving the submission of written pleadings and the holding of oral hearings leading to separate judgments, thereby further affecting the Court's caseload. The number of pleadings could also increase as a result of the raising of counterclaims by a respondent or the intervention of a State in a pending case. In addition to addressing the cases on its docket, the Court must be prepared to examine, with priority over other matters, all requests it receives for the indication of provisional measures.
- 7.5 In compliance with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/7 and Corr.1), elements of results-based budgeting for non-judicial functions of the Registry, which were introduced initially in the biennium 2006-2007, are included in the present proposals.
- 7.6 The overall level of resources requested for the International Court of Justice for the biennium 2010-2011 amounts to \$48,754,100 before recosting, reflecting growth of \$3,626,400 (8.0 per cent). The growth reflects the effect of the delayed impact of the four new posts (1 P-5 and 3 P-2) approved for the biennium 2008-2009, an increase relating to the proposed establishment of eight new posts (1 P-3 Special Assistant to the Registrar, 6 P-2 Law Clerks, and 1 General Service (Other level) Telecommunications Technician), the proposed reclassification of one P-4 post of the Chief of Library to the P-5 level to head the new Documentation Department, which combines the Archives, Indexing and Distribution Division and the Library Division, and the conversion of four temporary posts (3 P-3 and 1 P-4) to established posts. The growth is also attributable in part to increased requirements under general temporary assistance and other staff costs, compensation of judges, pensions of former judges, official staff travel, contracts for external translation and data-processing services, rental of premises and other operating requirements.
- 7.7 The percentage distribution of resources under this section is as shown in table 7.3. The distribution of resources is summarized in table 7.4, and post requirements are set out in table 7.6.

Table 7.3 **Percentage distribution of resources by component** 

Component	Regular budget
A. Members of the Court	27.3
B. Registry	58.1
C. Programme support	14.6
Total	100.0

 Table 7.4
 Resource requirements by component

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

	2006-2007	2008-2009 -	Resource growth		Total		2010-2011
Component			Amount	Percentage	before recosting	Recosting	estimate
A. Members of the Court	11 785.9	12 209.4	1 115.4	9.1	13 324.8	(8.5)	13 316.3
B. Registry	21 237.6	26 502.4	1 817.1	6.9	28 319.5	(142.6)	28 176.9
C. Programme support	5 224.7	6 415.9	693.9	10.8	7 109.8	(362.7)	6 747.1
Total	38 248.1	45 127.7	3 626.4	8.0	48 754.1	(513.8)	48 240.3

 Table 7.5
 Regular budget resource requirements by component

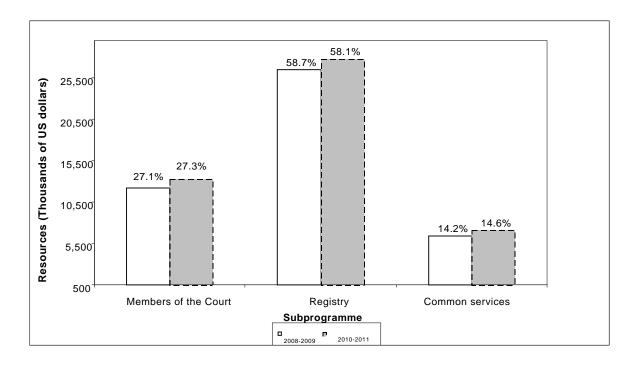


Table 7.6 **Post requirements** 

	Establis regula		Temporary posts					
	budget posts		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary <sup>a</sup>		Total	
Category	2008- 2009	2010- 2011	2008- 2009	2010- 2011	2008- 2009	2010- 2011	2008- 2009	2010- 2011
Professional and above								
ASG	1	1	_	_	_	_	1	1
D-2	1	1	_	_	_	_	1	1
D-1	1	1	_	_	_	_	1	1
P-5	4	5	_	_	_	_	4	5
P-4/3	19	23	12	8	_	_	31	31
P-2/1	13	19	_	_	_	_	13	19
Subtotal	39	50	12	8	_	_	51	58
General Service								
Principal level	6	6	_	_	_	_	6	6
Other level	45	46	3	3	_	_	48	49
Subtotal	51	52	3	3	_	_	54	55
Total	90	102	15	11	_	_	105	113

#### A. Members of the Court

#### Resource requirements (before recosting): \$13,324,800

- 7.8 The conditions of service and compensation of the members of the Court are subject to review by the General Assembly every three years. In its decision 62/547, the General Assembly decided to set, effective 1 April 2008, the annual net base salary, inter alia, of the members of the International Court of Justice at \$158,000, with the corresponding post adjustment per multiplier point equal to 1 per cent of the net base salary, to which would be applied the post adjustment multiplier for the Netherlands, taking into account the adjustment mechanism as proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 77 of his report on conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials (A/62/538).
- 7.9 In its resolution 63/259, the Assembly decided that the emoluments, pensions, and other conditions of service for the members of the International Court of Justice and the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda shall next be reviewed at its sixty-fifth session, including options for defined benefit and defined contribution pension schemes, and in this regard, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that, in that review, full advantage is taken of the expertise available within the United Nations.
- 7.10 In accordance with the provisions of section IV of General Assembly resolution 59/276, a provision of \$400,000 is maintained in the regular budget to accommodate the recurring requirements for ad hoc judges. This provision will be supplemented, as the need arises, by commitments entered into under the provisions of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses to be adopted by the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

 Table 7.7
 Resource requirements

	Resources (thousands of U.	Posts		
Category	2008-2009	2010-2011 (before recosting)	2008-2009	2010-2011
Non-post	12 209.4	13 324.8	_	_
Total	12 209.4	13 324.8	_	_

7.11 Requirements relating to the members of the Court, totalling \$13,324,800, reflecting an increase of \$1,115,400, will cover honoraria and other entitlements of the judges, and pensions of former judges and surviving spouses. The increase of \$1,115,400 is attributable mainly to the changes in the number of judges and surviving spouses who will be in receipt of pensions and the additional provision for compensation of ad hoc judges due to the increased number of cases brought before the Court for which the parties are entitled to choose a judge of their nationality under Article 31, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Statute of the Court.

## **B.** Registry

#### Resource requirements (before recosting): \$28,319,500

7.12 Since the Court is both a judicial body and an international institution, its Registry must provide judicial support and also act as an international secretariat. The Registry provides legal, diplomatic, linguistic and other technical support for the Court. It is responsible for administration, conference services, computerization, archives, distribution and documentary and library services, and is also the regular channel for communications to and from the Court. The Registrar and Deputy Registrar are elected for a term of seven years and may be re-elected. The staff of the Registry is appointed by the Court in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 2, of its Statute.

Table 7.8 Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

**Objective of the Organization**: To serve the needs of the Court in an efficient and effective manner.

Exp	pected accomplishments of the Registry	Indicators of achievement		
(a)	Timely issuance of reports	(a) (i) Percentage of reports, summaries of decisions, and press releases issued within established deadlines		
		Performance measures		
		2006-2007: 100 per cent		
		Estimate 2008-2009: 100 per cent		
		Target 2010-2011: 100 per cent		

(ii) Reduced delay in issuing Yearbooks

Performance measures

2006-2007: 18 months' delay

Estimate 2008-2009: 10 months' delay

Target 2010-2011: 6 months' delay

(b) Increased public awareness and understanding of the work of the Court

(b) Increased number of visits to the Court's website

Performance measures

2006-2007: 2,329,224 visits

Estimate 2008-2009: 2,500,000 visits

Target 2010-2011: 2,750,000 visits

(c) Availability of effective visitors' services

(c) Maintenance of number of visitors to the Court (university students and faculty, members of law societies, diplomatic community, etc.)

Performance measures

2006-2007: 5,659

Estimate 2008-2009: 5,700

Target 2010-2011: 5,700

(d) Improved and increased accessibility to library resources

(d) (i) Maintenance of number of the Court's library material (books, journals, etc.) that are bar-coded

Performance measures

2006-2007: 5,250

Estimate 2008-2009: 8,000

Target 2010-2011: 8,000

(ii) Maintenance of number of books, periodicals and other material of the Court that are indexed

Performance measures

2006-2007: 8,520

Estimate 2008-2009: 9,000

Target 2010-2011: 9,000

(e) Reduction in backlog in issuing *Pleadings*, *Oral Argument, Documents* series

(e) Increased number of printed pages of the series

Performance measures

2006-2007: 2,208

Estimate 2008-2009: 3,000

Target 2010-2011: 3,600

(f) Strengthened staff-management relations

(f) Maintenance of percentage of staff appraised under the Performance Appraisal

System

Performance measures 2006-2007: 80 per cent

Estimate 2008-2009: 95 per cent

Target 2010-2011: 95 per cent

#### **Outputs**

- 7.13 The following outputs will be delivered during the biennium 2010-2011:
  - (a) Annual reports of the Court to the General Assembly: reports for 2009-2010 (A/65/4) and 2010-2011 (A/66/4);
  - (b) Drafting of chapters on the International Court of Justice for the *Yearbook of the United Nations*: for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 editions;
  - (c) *ICJ Yearbooks*: manuscripts, in the two official languages of the Court, of the *Yearbooks* for 2009-2010 (No. 64) and 2010-2011 (No. 65);
  - (d) Summaries of decisions: summaries of judgments and advisory opinions of the Court, as well as of certain important orders, intended for the legal/academic community;
  - (e) Website of the Court: further development of the website using dynamic technology and daily management and supervision of its content;
  - (f) Press releases: press releases concerning the Court's activities to the local, national and international press;
  - (g) Information material: finalization of a film on the Court for educational purposes, updating of the leaflet on the Court, fact sheets (approximately 10-15), and creation of press kit and flyer on the Court;
  - (h) Public sittings: efficient organization of the Court's public sittings and liaison with the parties during those sittings;
  - Visits: organization of visits of Heads of States and members of Government; reception of a
    great number of diplomatic, legal and academic visitors, students and journalists, individually
    or in groups; and tours for visitors of judges;
  - (j) Protocol activities: contacts with the authorities of the host Government and with international organizations (especially in the Peace Palace and elsewhere in The Hague)

- concerning events attended by members of the Court and the Registrar, as well as other matters in the field of relations with the host country;
- (k) Applications, special agreements, requests, written pleadings and verbatim records of oral proceedings, records of private meetings of the Court, judgments, advisory opinions, orders and the Court's regular publications;
- (1) Electronic archiving: scanning and indexing records of the Court.

Table 7.9 **Resource requirements** 

	Resources (thousands of U	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		
Category	2008-2009	2010-2011 (before recosting)	2008-2009	2010-2011
Post	24 000.1	25 629.6	105	113
Non-post	2 502.3	2 689.9	_	_
Total	26 502.4	28 319.5	105	113

- 7.14 The resources indicated in table 7.9 will provide for the continuation of the existing 105 posts (51 Professional and above and 54 General Service), augmentation of the existing staffing resources by the addition of eight new posts (1 P-3, 6 P-2, 1 General Service (Other level)), the reclassification of a P-4 post to the P-5 level, and the non-post requirements including general temporary assistance, temporary assistance for meetings, hospitality, consultants, and official travel. The increase in post requirements relates to the delayed impact of the four new posts approved in the biennium 2008-2009 and the proposed new posts and reclassification. The conversion of temporary to established posts entails no additional costs.
- 7.15 The proposed new P-3 post for a Special Assistant to the Registrar will assist the Registrar in carrying out tasks such as the preparation of official and diplomatic correspondence, researching and drafting papers and briefing notes, as well as following up on communication with parties to cases and, more generally, parties to the Statute of the Court, negotiation with the host country and coordination with Headquarters and other United Nations entities. The proposed six additional P-2 Law Clerk posts are requested to provide judges with dedicated support and assistance. The proposed new General Service (Other level) post of Telecommunications Technician would be responsible for implementing, administering, upgrading and supporting the telecommunication infrastructure. The reclassification of the P-4 post of the Chief of Library to the P-5 level is proposed for the head of the Documentation Department resulting from the merger of the Archives, Indexing and Distribution Division and the Library Division, to enable the Court to pool the resources of the two Divisions and improve efficiency and provide a knowledge-management environment.
- 7.16 The International Court of Justice also proposes the conversion of four temporary posts (1 P-4 and 3 P-3 posts) to established posts in view of the continuing need for qualified translators. The increase in non-post resources relates largely to other staff costs, particularly the provision for after-service health insurance.

## C. Programme support

#### Resource requirements (before recosting): \$7,109,800

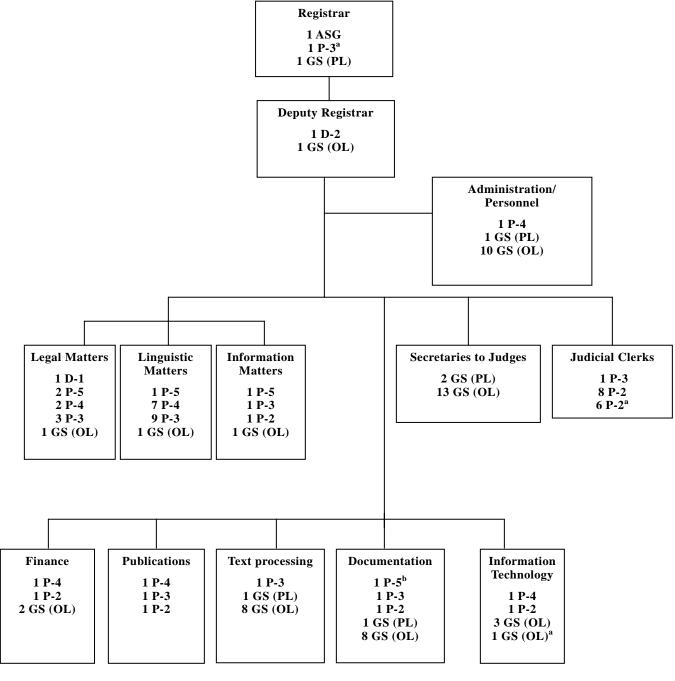
7.17 The provisions under programme support relate to the common service requirements of the International Court of Justice and its Registry, including, in particular, the contribution of the United Nations to the Carnegie Foundation for the use of the Peace Palace. It will be recalled that the most recent supplementary agreement, effective 1 July 2006, was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/238, and was to remain unchanged for at least five years. A review of the supplementary agreement will be undertaken and any revisions to the agreement that would take effect in 2011 will be addressed in accordance with established procedures.

Table 7.10 Resource requirements

	Resources (thousands of U	Posts		
Category	2008-2009	2010-2011 (before recosting)	2008-2009	2010-2011
Non-post	6 415.9	7 109.8	_	_
Total	6 415.9	7 109.8	_	_

7.18 The resources indicated in table 7.10 will provide for the Court's operating requirements, including contractual services, general operating expenses, supplies and materials and furniture and equipment. The overall increase in the requirements under programme support reflects an increase under general operating expenses due primarily to the requirements for rental of temporary storage space for the Court's publications outside the Peace Palace until the completion of an assessment on the viability of suitable space within the premises of the Peace Palace, supplies and materials primarily for academic books and subscriptions to additional electronic resources in order to provide modern up-to-date services, and furniture and equipment required for the renovation of the Great Hall of Justice and the Press Room, which are in the process of being renovated by the Carnegie Foundation with the financial participation of the Government of the Netherlands, including electronic equipment; partially offset by a decrease under contractual services, due mainly to the introduction of such measures as resolving a major part of the backlog and improving internal processes, for the printing of documents.

# International Court of Justice Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2010-2011



Abbreviations: GS, General Service; OL (Other level); PL, Principal level.

a New posts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Reclassification.

## Annex

# Workload indicators, 2010-2011

- A.7.1 In the case of the International Court of Justice, it is inherently impossible to forecast the main workload indicators (number of cases pending before the Court and number of new proceedings instituted, including incidental proceedings in pending cases). Unlike, for instance, the International Criminal Tribunals established by the Security Council, where new proceedings are instituted by an organ of the Tribunal itself (the Office of the Prosecutor), the International Court of Justice has no control over the number and timing of new proceedings. New cases are brought before the Court by States, and advisory opinions are requested of the Court by organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies, all of whom may do so at any time, without prior notice to the Court. Where a case is pending before the Court, it is not possible to foresee in advance whether and when incidental proceedings (requests for provisional measures, preliminary objections, counter-claims, requests for intervention) may be instituted. Historically, there have been significant variations in the number of new proceedings commenced in a given year, although in recent times there has been an upward trend in the Court's caseload.
- A.7.2 In terms of workload, the institution of new proceedings (including incidental proceedings) in a given year usually requires the deployment of resources over several years. The workload in 2010-2011 will thus be affected by proceedings instituted in previous years.

Table A.7.1 Workload indicators

Description	2006-2007	2008-2009 (estimate)	2010-2011 (estimate)	Unit
Department of Legal Matters				
		15 <sup>a</sup>		
		(as at 31 March	2	
Number of cases pending	11	2009)	Unforeseeable <sup>a</sup>	Number
New proceedings instituted (including incidental proceedings)	3	Unforeseeable <sup>b</sup>	Unforeseeable <sup>b</sup>	Number
Judgments, advisory opinions and substantive orders (in particular on incidental proceedings)	7	6	Unforeseeable	Number
Cases disposed of	42 <sup>c</sup>	5	Unforeseeable	Number
Procedural orders	9	10 <sup>d</sup>	10 <sup>d</sup>	Number
				1,4111001
Case-related letters received	395	450 <sup>d</sup>	450 <sup>d</sup>	Number
Case-related letters prepared	1 176	1 300 <sup>d</sup>	1 300 <sup>d</sup>	Number
Case-related distributions prepared	494	$600^{d}$	600 <sup>d</sup>	Number
Provisional verbatim records of Court				
meetings prepared	195	200 <sup>e</sup>	200 <sup>e</sup>	Number
Provisional verbatim records	718	750	750	Pages
Rules Committee distributions prepared	39	45	45	Number
Research memorandums and papers	200	200	200	Number
Speeches of the President	15	15	15	Number
Indexes to ICJ Reports	1	3	2	Number

Description	2006-2007	2008-2009 (estimate)	2010-2011 (estimate)	Unit
Department of Linguistic Matters				
Translation				
Documents directly related to the Court's judicial activities	10 114 120	13 800 000	13 800 000	Words
Documents not directly related to the Court's judicial activities	1 326 262	1 200 000	1 200 000	Words
Interpretation				
Public sittings of the Court	98	80	80	Number
Private meetings of the Court	159	198	198	Number
Committee meetings	35	24	24	Number
Department of Information Matters				
Publications prepared ( <i>Yearbook</i> , annual report, <i>Yearbook of the United Nations</i> , coffee-table book)	1 560	2 930	1 540 <sup>f</sup>	Pages
Documents prepared for the Court's website	232 <sup>g</sup>	100	125	Number
Press releases (issued/expected) <sup>h</sup>	150	150	150	Number
Internal distributions prepared (hard copy and e-mail)	68	70	70	Number
Summaries of Court decisions	7	8	8	Number
Other internal documents (seating plans, minutes of visits, minutes of meetings, memos and notes, checklists and standard operating procedures, press documents)	184	200	210	Number
Letters (including invitations to solemn	ooai	220	100	
sittings in honour of visiting VIPs)	802 <sup>i</sup>	320	400	Number
Faxes	146	130	130	Number
Queries/document requests by e-mail	24 422	20 000	20 000	Number
Queries/document requests by telephone	3 451	4 000	4 000	Number
Official visits (Heads of State, Heads of Government, other VIPs)	8	5	4	Number
Visitors (universities, law societies, diplomats, etc.)	5 659	5 700	5 700	Number of persons
Archives, Indexing and Distribution Division				
Electronic archiving of documents				
Number of documents distributed	866	952	1 032	Number
Outgoing mail (including case-related mail)	5 676	5 460	5 500	Number
Incoming mail (including case-related mail)	2 672	3 556	4 300	Number

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Finance Division	
Payroll:	
- Established and biennial posts 100 105 11	
- Freelance interpreters 142 160 16	
	Number Number
Personnel contracts pre-audited 272 285 32	
, ,	20 Individuals
Invoices processed 1 412 1 800 1 80	
	Number Number
Travel claims processed 159 210 21	0 Number
Information Technology Division	
Workstations installed/serviced 160 180 18	
	7 Number
Incidents/service requests (average) 1 626 1 412 1 30	Number
Network accounts maintained (average) 170 185 20	Number
Visitors to the website 2 329 224 2 500 000 2 750 00	00 Number

#### Section 7 International Court of Justice

Description	2006-2007	2008-2009 (estimate)	2010-2011 (estimate)	Unit
<b>Publications Division</b>				
Applications	280	300	400	Pages
Decisions of the Court (judgments, orders)	2 130	3 100	2 800	Pages
Indexes	150	280	300	Pages
Bound volumes (collation and printing)	3 580 <sup>e</sup>	3 400 <sup>e</sup>	2 500 <sup>e</sup>	Pages
Volumes of the Pleadings Series	2 208 (+ 1 000 <sup>f</sup> )	3 000	3 600	Pages
Annuaires	804	840	760	Pages
Yearbooks	756	820	720	Pages
Bibliographies	156	640	640	Pages
List of members of the Court	12	24	24	Pages
Acts and documents of the Court (bilingual)	292	n.a.	n.a.	Pages
Catalogues and price list	_	120	170	Pages
Addenda to catalogues	_	16	16	Pages
Illustrated book on the Court (English and French)	320	n.a.	n.a.	Pages
Colloquium booklet	100	n.a.	n.a.	Pages
Reprints/questions and answers	1 972	800	800	Pages
Ad hoc publications	_	_	400	Number
•				Estimated
Number of requests to printer for estimates	43	40	40	requests
Personnel Division				
Staffing table (established and biennial posts)	100	105	114	Posts
Contracts (personnel)	285	320	370	Number
Recruitment (processing of curricula vitae)	1 100	1 250	2 000	Number
Personnel actions (dependency and education grant claims, family status, rental subsidy, home leave actions, etc.)	630	700	1 000	Number
Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) documents (agendas, supporting documents and special reports)	15	15	17	Number
Letters (insurance, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, acknowledgements)	670	750	950	Number
Processing of leave requests and reports	3 150	3 500	3 600	Number

(Footnotes on following page)

#### (Footnotes to Table A.7.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> It is impossible to foresee what other cases might be filed during this period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Incidental proceedings are difficult to forecast.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Including one case withdrawn before the opening of the written proceedings.

d These figures could increase as a result of the institution of new proceedings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Subject to possible future arrangements regarding the preparation of provisional verbatim records by Linguistic Department.

The backlog in the publication of Yearbooks should be resolved by 2010-2011.

g The launch of the Court's new website in April 2007 generated a good deal of additional work for the Department.

h Generally produced by the Department in the two official languages of the Court.

i 2006 was a particularly busy year owing to the sixtieth anniversary of the Court.

The reason for this considerable increase lies in two factors: the new library software has been fully operational since October 2007, and in May 2008, the new post of Indexer was filled.