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Part II Political affairs

Section 6 Peaceful uses of outer space

(Programme 5 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017)**

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*** The present report does not contain an annex on follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the oversight bodies, given that no such recommendations are outstanding.



Overview

Table 6.1 **Financial resources**

(United States dollars)

Appropriation for 2014-2015	8 159 600
Changes in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 (further reductions)	(58 200)
Proposal of the Secretary-General for 2016-2017 ^a	8 101 400

^a At 2014-2015 revised rates.

Table 6.2 **Post resources**

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Level</i>
<i>Regular budget</i>		
Approved posts for the biennium 2014-2015	23	1 D-2, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 7 P-4, 4 P-3, 3 P-2/1, 5 GS (OL)
Proposed for the biennium 2016-2017	23	1 D-2, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 7 P-4, 4 P-3, 3 P-2/1, 5 GS (OL)

Overall orientation

- 6.1 The purpose of the programme is the promotion of international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space for economic, social and scientific development, in particular for the benefit of developing countries. The legislative authority and direction of the programme is drawn from relevant General Assembly resolutions and the decisions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which was established in 1959 by the Assembly in its resolution 1472 A (XIV).
- 6.2 The main responsibilities carried out by the Office for Outer Space Affairs under the programme are: provision of substantive secretariat services to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary bodies; implementation of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (resolutions 2601 A (XXIV) and 37/90); implementation of the programme of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) (resolution 61/110); discharging of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General under United Nations treaties and principles on outer space and related resolutions (resolutions 1721 B (XVI), 2222 (XXI), 2345 (XXII), 3235 (XXIX), 47/68, 59/115 and 62/101); and coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system (resolution 3234 (XXIX)). In addition, the Office also serves as the executive secretariat of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems and its Providers' Forum (resolutions 61/111 and 64/86).
- 6.3 The Programme on Space Applications is mandated to promote greater cooperation and build capacity in space science and technology. The priorities of the Programme include building indigenous capability in the areas of basic space sciences, basic space technology and human space technology and promoting the global navigation satellite system and integrated space technology applications in the areas of global health, disaster management, climate change, humanitarian assistance, environmental monitoring and natural resource management.
- 6.4 The UN-SPIDER programme was established to provide universal access to all types of space-based information and services relevant to disaster management to support the full disaster management cycle. UN-SPIDER serves as a gateway to space-based information for disaster management support,

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and charts: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); NRL, non-reimbursable loan; RB, regular budget; XB, extrabudgetary.

a bridge to connect the disaster management and space communities and a facilitator of capacity-building and institutional strengthening, in particular for developing countries.

- 6.5 The International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems was established to promote cooperation, as appropriate, on matters of mutual interest related to civil satellite-based positioning, navigation, timing and value added services.
- 6.6 The priorities and plans of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, the Programme on Space Applications, UN-SPIDER and the International Committee, are reviewed and approved annually by the Committee and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution entitled "International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space".
- 6.7 The Office is also responsible for assisting States in building or enhancing their capacity in space law, strengthening efforts at the national, regional and global levels, including among entities of the United Nations system and international space-related entities, to maximize the benefits of the use of space science and technology and related applications and promoting and raising awareness of the benefits of space to humankind, particularly through the commemoration of historical milestones and celebrations such as World Space Week and the International Day of Human Space Flight.

Overview of resources

- 6.8 The overall resources proposed for the biennium 2016-2017 for this section amount to \$8,101,400 before recosting, reflecting a net decrease of \$58,200 (0.7 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2014-2015. The resource changes are in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 (further reductions). The proposed reductions will not have an impact on the full and effective implementation of the mandate.
- 6.9 The distribution of resources is reflected in tables 6.3 and 6.4.

Table 6.3 **Financial resources by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

			<i>Resource changes</i>								<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
	<i>2012-2013 expenditure</i>	<i>2014-2015 appropriation</i>	<i>Technical adjustment (non-recurrent, biennial provision of posts)</i>	<i>New mandates and inter-component changes</i>	<i>Further reductions in line with resolution 69/264</i>	<i>Efficiencies in line with resolution 69/264</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Total before recosting</i>	<i>Recosting</i>	
Programme of work	8 305.5	8 159.6	–	–	(58.2)	–	(58.2)	(0.7)	8 101.4	24.3	8 125.7

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	<i>2012-2013 expenditure</i>	<i>2014-2015 estimate</i>	<i>2016-2017 estimate</i>
Programme of work	1 572.5	1 384.1	1 537.0
Total	9 878.0	9 543.7	9 662.7

Table 6.4 Post resources

Category	Established regular budget		Temporary						Total	
			Regular budget		Other assessed		Extrabudgetary			
	2014-2015	2016-2017	2014-2015	2016-2017	2014-2015	2016-2017	2014-2015	2016-2017	2014-2015	2016-2017
Professional and higher										
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-5	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2
P-4/3	11	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	11
P-2/1	3	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3
Subtotal	18	18	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	18
General service										
Other level	5	5	–	–	–	–	2	2	7	7
Subtotal	5	5	–	–	–	–	2	2	7	7
Total	23	23	–	–	–	–	2	2	25	25

Resource changes in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 (further reductions)

- 6.10 Resource changes of \$58,200 are proposed in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264 under non-post items. The proposed decrease of \$58,200 relates mainly to other staff costs, travel of staff and contractual services, taking into account the anticipated impact of the approved standards of accommodation for air travel and further efficiencies that the Office plans to bring about in 2016-2017.

Extrabudgetary resources

- 6.11 Projected extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2016-2017 in the amount of \$1,537,000 would complement resources from the regular budget to finance various activities relating to the Programme on Space Applications, the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems, UN-SPIDER and the Human Space Technology Initiative. These include technical advisory services, training, workshops, seminars, field projects, publications, the preparation and distribution of booklets, the organization of special events to promote the benefits of space applications and celebrate major space-related milestones and the enhancement of the website of the Office and the UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal.
- 6.12 The Office receives both cash and in-kind contributions, which continue to play a primary role in the delivery of its training and capacity-building activities, where such contributions constitute as much as two thirds of the total cost. In-kind resources are provided primarily by host countries and institutions for workshops, seminars and training courses organized under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications and UN-SPIDER, and for the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems. In-kind contributions would provide for staff resources, office space, facilities and equipment, meeting facilities and local logistical and transportation needs, and costs for interpretation services and room and board for participants from developing countries, when required. Many Governments and space-related institutions actively support the activities by providing the services of the experts and specialists, both in the short term and in the long term, in specific thematic areas free of charge. In addition, the costs associated with travel, accommodation and time released from their duties are covered entirely by the respective

institutions. The voluntary cash contributions, together with the regular budget of the Office, will cover international travel of participants, in particular those from developing countries, to workshops, training courses and meetings of experts, as well as local expenses of the participants not covered by the host countries. Cash and in-kind contributions are also used to provide seed money for activities undertaken as a result of the capacity-building and training activities and, occasionally, to obtain consultant services in order to augment the expertise of the Office in providing technical advisory services requested by Governments to enhance their own capacity in developing space policy, legislation or technical expertise. The continued availability of extrabudgetary resources will have a large impact on the Office's ability to provide the expected current level and range of capacity-building opportunities to developing countries.

Other information

- 6.13 The Office continues to lead the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (referred to as UN-Space since December 2013, when the General Assembly, in resolution 68/75, recommended that that abbreviation should be used to increase its visibility and to further strengthen its role), which has served as the focal point for inter-agency coordination and cooperation in space-related activities since 1975, with the aim of promoting inter-agency coordination and cooperation and preventing the duplication of efforts related to the use of space applications by the United Nations. In its resolution 69/85, the Assembly urged UN-Space, under the leadership of the Office, to continue to examine how space science and technology and their applications could contribute to implementing the Millennium Declaration and to the post-2015 development agenda process and encouraged entities of the United Nations system to participate, as appropriate, in UN-Space coordination efforts. To that effect, the Office continues to work closely with other United Nations entities to prepare the report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system and special reports on selected topics. The latest report of the Secretary-General on the subject covered the period 2014-2015 and addressed the post-2015 development agenda ([A/AC.105/1063](#)). The special report of UN-Space ([A/AC.105/1042](#)) focused on the use of space technology within the United Nations system for agriculture development and food security. As reflected in expected accomplishment (c) of the present report, the programme will continue to increase coherence and synergy in the space-related work of entities of the United Nations system and international space-related entities in using space science and technology and related applications as tools to advance human development and increase overall capacity development.
- 6.14 The issue of publications has been reviewed in the programme of work, and it is anticipated that recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as summarized in table 6.5 and as set out in the outputs under the programme of work. The Office will continue to publish in electronic format and will limit the publication of printed copies to serve intergovernmental meeting needs. The electronic formats, available on the website of the Office and the UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal, enable the Office to disseminate related documents, in the respective available languages, in a single format that would be both lighter and more cost-effective. In addition to the publications referred to in table 6.5, the Office will produce a number of public outreach materials, such as posters, pamphlets and brochures, to promote the work of the Committee and the benefits of using space science and technology and their applications.

Table 6.5 Summary of publications

	2012-2013 actual			2014-2015 estimate			2016-2017 estimate		
	Print	Electronic	Print and electronic	Print	Electronic	Print and electronic	Print	Electronic	Print and electronic
Recurrent	1	6	8	2	3	2	1	3	4
Non-recurrent	1	2	3	–	–	2	1	–	3
Total	2	8	11	2	3	4	2	3	7

- 6.15 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for the conduct of monitoring and evaluation for this section would amount to \$470,300 (33 work-months), representing 30.5 work-months of staff in the Professional category and 2.5 work-months of staff in the General Service category. The responsibilities for monitoring and evaluation are integrated into the existing functions of the staff of the Office. No posts are dedicated solely to monitoring and evaluation. Self-evaluation of the Office's activities and periodic thematic evaluations would be conducted to cover the main programme responsibilities and deliverables, including the measurement of whether the programme is on track in achieving the results expected as proposed in the context of the logical frameworks approved for 2016-2017.
- 6.16 Internal evaluations have led to improved management and reporting of programme performance. The Office continues to oversee and coordinate the implementation of its monitoring and evaluation strategy and action plan through its programme management group that is chaired by the Director. The Group meets regularly, including on mechanisms to streamline monitoring and reporting activities and identify actions to be taken as a result of those activities. The Office also makes use of feedback questionnaires and assessments received from stakeholders and beneficiaries of its activities to improve its performance. Through this process, the Office is able to routinely identify areas for improvement, seek mechanisms to overcome practical challenges and, at the same time, develop tools and share ideas on how to improve performance from a substantive and administrative point of view.

Programme of work

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$8,101,400

- 6.17 Substantive responsibility for the programme rests within the Office for Outer Space Affairs. The programme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017.

Table 6.6 Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To further strengthen international cooperation among Member States and international entities in the conduct of space activities for peaceful purposes and the use of space science and technology and their applications towards achieving internationally agreed sustainable development goals

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013	
(a) Greater understanding, acceptance and implementation by the international community of the legal regime established by the United Nations to govern outer space activities	(i) Increased number of actions taken by States and intergovernmental organizations in order to implement or adhere to the United Nations treaties and principles on outer space and related resolutions, including ratifications and treaty obligation compliance	Target	71	52	37
		Estimate		64	47
		Actual			56
	(ii) Increased number of countries receiving support to build or enhance their capacity in space law	Target	50	44	38
		Estimate		45	39
		Actual			40
(b) Strengthened capacity of countries, including developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in using space science and technology and related applications, including global navigation satellite systems, particularly in areas related to sustainable development	(i) Increased number of countries, in particular developing countries, receiving training facilitated by the programme in space science and technology and related applications	Target	62	58	47
		Estimate		60	56
		Actual			48
	(ii) Increased number of countries, in particular developing countries, receiving support in using space science and technology and related applications	Target	59	54	–
		Estimate		57	53
		Actual			55
	(iii) Increased number of States and entities participating in activities to ensure compatibility and interoperability of space-based positioning, navigation and timing services	Target	28	20	–
		Estimate		26	18
		Actual			24
(c) Increased coherence and synergy in the space-related work of entities of the United Nations system and international space-related entities in using space science and technology and related applications as tools to advance human development and increase overall capacity development	Target	38	26	–	
	Estimate		32	26	
	Actual			26	
(d) Greater understanding, acceptance and commitment by countries and relevant international and regional organizations regarding ways of accessing and developing the capacity to use all types of space-based information to support the full disaster management cycle	(i) Increased number of countries, in particular developing countries, requesting and receiving systematic and continuous technical advisory assistance for using space-based solutions in disaster management plans and policies and in the implementation of risk reduction activities	Target	42	30	25
		Estimate		38	28
		Actual			31
	(ii) Increased number of client-oriented services on the UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal in response to users' requirements and expectations	Target	22	–	–
		Estimate		18	–
		Actual			11

External factors

- 6.18 The programme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that:
- (a) Member States will be willing and/or able to implement the relevant recommendations, resolutions and decisions and complete the related necessary actions during the biennium;
 - (b) Stakeholders, in particular those with space capabilities, will continue to make major policy decisions that enable their active participation and/or provision of the resources necessary to promote the use of space science and technology and their applications;
 - (c) Stakeholders will support the Organization and actively participate in the proceedings of the intergovernmental bodies serviced by the Office;
 - (d) There will be no major shortfall as regards human resources and/or funding of the programme of work that would affect the delivery of services as projected.

Outputs

- 6.19 During the biennium 2016-2017, the following outputs will be delivered:
- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies:
 - (i) General Assembly (regular budget):
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly on the agenda item entitled “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space” (6); and provision of substantive secretariat services to the Working Group of the Whole on space-related agenda items of the Fourth Committee (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on the work of its annual sessions (2);
 - (ii) Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (regular budget):
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary meetings of the Committee (32);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: annual report of UN-Space (2); conference room papers for the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (approximately 12); other documents prepared for scheduled meetings of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (4); report of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on the work of its annual sessions (2); report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on the work of its annual sessions (2); report on the coordination of outer space activities within the United Nations system (1); special report on the use of space science and technology in the United Nations system (1); and report on the plan of work to be carried out by UN-SPIDER (1);
 - (iii) Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space — Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (regular budget):
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: assistance to the International Astronautical Federation in the organization of a symposium on space applications during the 2016 session of the Subcommittee (1); organization of an industry symposium during the 2017 session of the Subcommittee (1); and provision of substantive secretariat services to the plenary and working groups of the Subcommittee (60);

- b. Parliamentary documentation: background papers, studies, reports and other documents relating to the agenda items of the Subcommittee (14); conference room papers of the Subcommittee (approximately 20); report of the United Nations Expert on Space Applications (2); report of the annual meeting of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems organized by its executive secretariat (2); report on the activities of the UN-SPIDER network of regional support offices (2); report on the technical advisory support and activities carried out in the framework of the workplan of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems implemented through its executive secretariat (2); and reports of workshops, training courses, symposiums, conferences and seminars organized within the framework of the programme of work of the Office (approximately 15);
 - (iv) Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space — Legal Subcommittee (regular budget):
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and working groups of the Legal Subcommittee (40); provision of assistance to the International Institute of Space Law/European Centre for Space Law in the organization of a symposium on space law during the annual sessions of the Subcommittee (2);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: background papers, legal studies, reports and other documents relating to the agenda items of the Legal Subcommittee (6); conference room papers of the Legal Subcommittee (approximately 14); and reports on workshops, training courses, symposiums, conferences and seminars organized on the legal aspects of space activities (approximately 1);
 - (v) Substantive servicing of meetings: provision of substantive secretariat services to the plenary and working groups of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems and its Providers' Forum (20); and the Working Group of the International Committee on Information Dissemination and Capacity-Building (8);
 - (vi) Depository services: dissemination to Member States of information furnished in accordance with the United Nations Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, and the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space (approximately 2); and maintenance of a public register and database of information furnished in the [A/AC.105/INF](#) and [ST/SG/SER.E](#) series of documents in accordance with the United Nations Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (approximately 10);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
- (i) Recurrent publications: proceedings of the activities of the Office relating to space law (1); special publication on a thematic area selected annually by UN-Space (1); United Nations education curriculum on space sciences, technology and space law (1); *United Nations Treaties and Principles on Outer Space* (approximately 1); *Messages from Space Explorers to Future Generations* (2); and reports on the activities of the programme (approximately 2);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: special publication on a thematic area of the work of the Office (approximately 3); and fiftieth anniversary commemorative edition of *United Nations Treaties and Principles on Outer Space* (1);

- (iii) Fact-finding missions: participation in meetings of intergovernmental organizations and space-related non-governmental entities addressing space-related issues (10);
 - (iv) Exhibits, guided tours and lectures: maintenance of the permanent exhibit on the benefits of space technology for improving life on Earth and for protecting the environment (1); presentations to Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental entities on the work of the United Nations in outer space activities (approximately 4); and short-term exhibits showcasing the benefits of space-related activities (approximately 4);
 - (v) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts and information kits: promotional, educational and information materials relating to United Nations space activities and the work of the Office (approximately 2);
 - (vi) Press releases and press conferences: preparation of press releases and support for the organization of press conferences (approximately 15);
 - (vii) Special events: organization and coordination of special events to celebrate achievements and other anniversaries relating to outer space (approximately 1);
 - (viii) Technical material: maintenance of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs and databases hosted on the site (1); maintenance of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems information portal (1); and maintenance of the UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal (1);
 - (ix) Humanitarian missions: provision of access to space-based information to United Nations organizations, UN-SPIDER regional support offices and national focal points to support their emergency and humanitarian response (1);
 - (x) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: substantive servicing of an annual open forum for the exchange of information between members of the Committee and representatives of entities of the United Nations system (2); and substantive servicing of the annual session of UN-Space (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
- (i) Advisory services: provision of assistance, upon request, to Member States and regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support national and regional actions, programmes and projects relating to space law, space policy and space science and technology and their applications (approximately 2); provision of technical advisory assistance, upon request, to Member States for using space-based solutions in disaster management plans and policies and in the implementation of risk reduction activities (approximately 6); provision of technical assistance and nominal financial assistance to United Nations-affiliated regional centres for space science and technology education, including their governing boards and advisory committees, to support their education, training and operation activities and the operation of the regional centres (8);
 - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: international meeting of experts including representatives of the UN-SPIDER national and regional support offices and other entities of the United Nations system, representatives of ongoing and planned international and regional initiatives, disaster managers and experts on the use of space technology in disaster management to review activities in the field and to agree on future directions (2); regional workshops/meetings of experts in various regions of the world for disaster managers and experts on the use of space technology in disaster

management and emergency response (2); workshops, seminars and meetings of experts on legal aspects of space activities (approximately 1); and workshops, seminars, training courses and meetings of experts for participants from developing countries, in particular professional women, on the priority thematic areas of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (11);

- (iii) Fellowships and grants: administration of long-term international fellowships in the field of space science and technology offered by Member States and space-related intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (approximately 12);
- (d) Conference services, administration, oversight (regular budget):
 - (i) Human resources management: planning, administration and management of the Office's human resources (1);
 - (ii) Programme planning, budget and accounts: planning of the Office's programme and budget, its implementation (long-term and short-term), monitoring its performance and preparing the related documentation (1).

6.20 The distribution of resources for the programme of work is reflected in table 6.7.

Table 6.7 **Resource requirements: programme of work**

	<i>Resources (thousands of United States dollars)</i>		<i>Posts</i>	
	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2016-2017 (before recosting)</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
Regular budget				
Post	6 766.9	6 766.9	23	23
Non-post	1 392.7	1 334.5	–	–
Subtotal	8 159.6	8 101.4	23	23
Extrabudgetary	1 384.1	1 537.0	2	2
Total	9 543.7	9 638.4	25	25

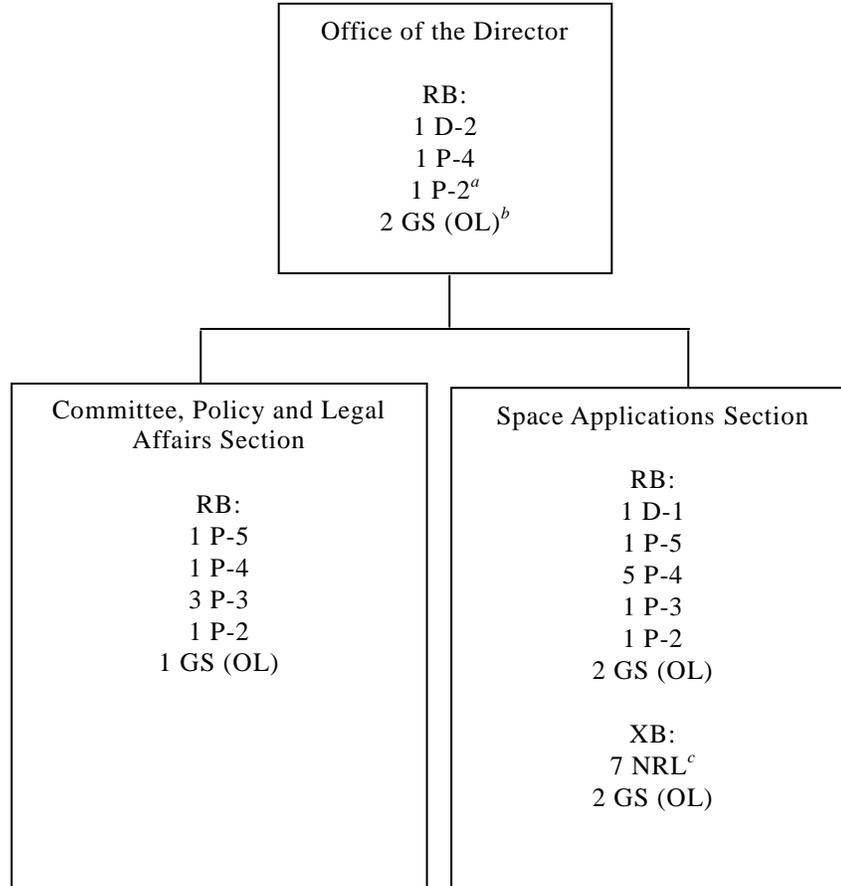
- 6.21 The overall level of resources for the biennium 2016-2017 amounts to \$8,101,400, which would provide for the continuation of 23 posts (\$6,766,900) and related non-post resources (\$1,334,500) that would allow the Office to continue to implement its mandate, including promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space for economic, social and scientific development, in particular for the benefit of developing countries, and servicing the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, its Legal Subcommittee and Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and their subsidiary bodies, the Working Group of the Whole of the Fourth Committee, UN-Space and the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems.
- 6.22 The structure of the Office of the Director reflects the redeployment of a post of Associate Programme Officer (P-2) and a General Service (Other level) post from the Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs Section on a cost-neutral basis to provide support for public relations and outreach functions. The Associate Programme Officer will also provide support to the subcommittees and the General Service staff member will provide administrative support in relation to the Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space.
- 6.23 The proposed reduction of \$58,200 under non-post items, primarily under other staff costs, contractual services and travel of staff, takes into account the anticipated impact of the approved

standards of accommodation for air travel and further reductions anticipated in 2016-2017 in line with General Assembly resolution 69/264.

- 6.24 Estimated extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$1,537,000 would support the programme in the implementation of its mandates as reflected in paragraphs 6.11 and 6.12 of the present report.

Annex I

Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2016-2017



^a Redeployed from the Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs Section.

^b One post redeployed from the Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs Section.

^c Extrabudgetary positions are non-reimbursable loans from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, the German Aerospace Centre, the National Disaster Reduction Centre of China and other space-related international and national entities.

Annex II**Outputs included in the biennium 2014-2015 not to be delivered in 2016-2017**

<i>A/68/6 (Sect. 6), paragraph</i>	<i>Output</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Reason for discontinuation</i>
6.21 (b) (viii)	Provision of information, reference and other library services to Member States, other United Nations offices, other organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the general public	1	The service will be provided in the future by the United Nations Office at Vienna owing to office space limitations
Total		1	
