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I. Office of Legal Affairs

Foreword

Over the course of 2024, the Office of Legal Affairs will continue to serve as the unified central legal service for the Organization, with the specialized legal skill set, credibility and neutrality needed to face the challenges to the international legal environment.

The Office of Legal Affairs has responded to the increasing demand for legal services and will continue to advise the Secretary-General, Secretariat departments and offices, and United Nations organs on questions relating to the interpretation and application of the Charter of the United Nations, legal agreements and rules and regulations. It will continue to perform substantive and secretariat functions for organs involved in public international law, including the General Assembly and its Sixth Committee, the International Law Commission and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, as well as meetings concerning oceans and the law of the sea. The Office will also continue to represent the Secretary-General in legal conferences and judicial proceedings and perform the depositary functions of the Secretary-General for multilateral treaties and the functions of registration and publication of treaties.

Leveraging its 77 years of experience, the Office of Legal Affairs will continue to improve its support for Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through capacity-building programmes and projects in support of ocean affairs and the law of the sea, treaty law, international trade law, and activities carried out under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law for professionals from developing countries and countries with emerging economies.

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A. Proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance in 2022

Overall orientation

Mandates and background

- 8.1 The Office of Legal Affairs is responsible for providing a unified central legal service for the Organization; represents the Secretary-General in legal conferences and in judicial proceedings; performs substantive and secretariat functions for organs involved in public international law, including the General Assembly and its Sixth Committee (Legal Committee), the International Law Commission and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), as well as for the General Assembly plenary meetings concerning oceans and the law of the sea; and performs the depositary functions of the Secretary-General for multilateral treaties and the functions of registration and publication of treaties. The structure and main functions of the Office are described in Secretary-General's bulletin [ST/SGB/2021/1](#).
- 8.2 The mandate derives from Articles 13, 102, 104, 105 and other relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the priorities established in relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution [13 \(I\)](#) of 13 February 1946, as the central legal service for the Organization (including funds and programmes and treaty bodies institutionally linked to the Organization). The Office of Legal Affairs discharges mandates from the priorities established in relevant Assembly resolutions and decisions, including resolution [2205 \(XXI\)](#), by which the Assembly established UNCITRAL to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade, with the Office's International Trade Law Division acting as its secretariat; the Office's Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea acting as the secretariat of the Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and resolution [68/70](#), on oceans and the law of the sea, by which the Assembly established the Office as focal point of UN-Oceans. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has also appointed the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel as Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction and, pursuant to resolution [73/292](#), as Special Adviser on oceans and legal matters to the Presidents of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Strategy and external factors for 2024

- 8.3 The Office of Legal Affairs will continue to support international law as the foundation for Member States to interact and cooperate in achieving their common goals. The Office will continue to respond to the needs of its stakeholders and beneficiaries with a specialized legal skill set, institutional memory, credibility and neutrality, while delivering on a diverse and complex mandate.
- 8.4 The Office of Legal Affairs will continue to respond to the increasing demand for legal services from the Secretariat and other United Nations organs, including through the provision of advice on questions relating to the interpretation and application of international law instruments and on general questions of public international law, to ensure that legal considerations are an integral part of the Organization's operations and the effective functioning of its principal and subsidiary organs. The Office will continue to respond in an agile manner to new types of requests concerning legal and procedural issues to ensure the business continuity of various United Nations intergovernmental bodies.

- 8.5 The Office of Legal Affairs will continue to support Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and be a key partner in the United Nations system efforts to advance the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development. The Office will continue to provide inputs and to support processes related to the Sustainable Development Goals in which it has a specific mandate, such as Goals 8, 14 and 16. It will continue to engage with stakeholders within and outside the United Nations system on ocean-related initiatives, to enhance the coordination and consistency with current processes and mandates, including those related to the protection and governance of the global commons. Similarly, it will support the processes and initiatives that are discussed with Member States related to the implementation of international law and governance.
- 8.6 The Office of Legal Affairs will contribute to international justice and accountability and continue its role in the Organization's action to improve the response to allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse and in efforts to hold accountable personnel who have engaged in such behaviour. Furthermore, the Office will contribute to the efforts to combat sexual exploitation and abuse, whether committed by United Nations personnel or by non-United Nations security forces operating under a United Nations mandate.
- 8.7 The Office of Legal Affairs will also support initiatives of the Secretary-General envisioned to increase the Organization's capacity to deliver. To advance the Data Strategy of the Secretary-General for Action by Everyone, Everywhere, the Office will support the finalization and promulgation of the data protection and privacy policy for the United Nations Secretariat, and provide guidance on the legal aspects related to the implementation of the policy. The Office will also support the legal aspects related to the implementation of the Secretary-General's strategic action plan on addressing racism and promoting dignity for all in the United Nations Secretariat.
- 8.8 On the general legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes, the Office of Legal Affairs will continue to maximize the protection of the legal interests of the Organization and minimize its legal liabilities. The Office will continue to advise on the legal aspects arising from United Nations institutional and operational activities and provide legal services for resolving disputes of a private law character involving the operations of the Organization, its subsidiary bodies and organs, and its separately administered funds and programmes.
- 8.9 The Office of Legal Affairs will also continue to support the progressive development and codification of international law and the conclusion of legal instruments resulting in the promotion of universal respect for international law, including by continuing to serve as the secretariat of the Sixth Committee and by supporting the International Law Commission, the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, other special or ad hoc committees and diplomatic conferences in their consideration and formulation of legal instruments. The Office will disseminate materials on international law through the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law and major legal publications.
- 8.10 In support of the implementation and promotion of the ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals, the Office of Legal Affairs will engage in processes related to oceans and the law of the sea and the increased participation of States in, and effective implementation and application of, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing agreements, including by providing secretariat functions to oceans-related processes of the General Assembly and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. The Office will also continue to deliver capacity-building activities on that topic, including for developing countries.
- 8.11 To further the progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade, the Office will continue to ensure the widespread adoption and use of harmonized and modernized substantive private law rules to govern international commercial transactions, strengthen technical cooperation and promote the participation of developing countries in the law-making activities of UNCITRAL. The Office will support Member States in the preparation of universally acceptable legislative and non-legislative texts.

- 8.12 The Office of Legal Affairs will intensify the use of technological tools and other means to enhance the custody, registration and publication of treaties, including the registration of treaties and treaty actions in line with Article 102 of the Charter, and fulfil the depositary functions of the Secretary-General. The Office will continue to provide legal assistance and advice to States, specialized agencies, United Nations programmes and offices, treaty bodies and other entities on the law of treaties. The Office will also continue to promote and ensure wider knowledge of the law of treaties, including through capacity-building activities and workshops, thereby preventing issues of interpretation and implementation of treaty provisions by contracting States.
- 8.13 With regard to cooperation with other entities at the global, regional national and local levels, the Office of Legal Affairs will continue to enable the International Law Commission to exchange knowledge, experience and ideas with the President of the International Court of Justice, the African Union Commission on International Law, the Inter-American Juridical Committee, the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization and the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law of the Council of Europe. The Office will also continue to cooperate with States and bodies established under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. In the fields of the law of the sea and ocean governance and of international trade law, the Office will continue to cooperate with international financial institutions, donor agencies, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and natural and juridical persons.
- 8.14 With regard to inter-agency coordination and liaison, the Office of Legal Affairs has been appointed by the General Assembly in its resolution [68/70](#) as focal point of UN-Oceans, the inter-agency coordination mechanism on oceans and coastal issues within the United Nations system. UN-Oceans currently has 29 members, including competent international organizations, specialized agencies, United Nations programmes, regional commissions, the secretariats of conventions and the International Seabed Authority. In addition, in implementing General Assembly resolution [2205 \(XXI\)](#) on the establishment of UNCITRAL, the Office coordinates the work of organizations dealing with international trade law and encourages cooperation among them. The Office will exchange knowledge with the networks of legal advisers of United Nations agencies and funds and programmes.
- 8.15 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2024 is based on the following planning assumptions:
- (a) Extrabudgetary resources are available to complement the programme budget, allowing the Office of Legal Affairs to respond to the increased demand for its services;
 - (b) Principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations continue to request legal advice as a main component of the decision-making process;
 - (c) Specific mandates related to international trade law, oceans and law of the sea and others are renewed or confirmed by the competent intergovernmental bodies.
- 8.16 The Office of Legal Affairs integrates a gender perspective in its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate, including through permanent interaction with the gender focal points in each division. The Office's gender focal point will continue to provide guidance on gender equality and mainstreaming a gender perspective to inform the Office's programmatic and substantive operations. The Office will also continue to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women throughout all of its subprogrammes, notably by continuing to use gender-inclusive language, in the context of the Office's capacity-building programmes and other related aspects.
- 8.17 In line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, the Office of Legal Affairs will integrate disability inclusion in its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate. Through the work of its subprogrammes, the Office will continue to implement the directives of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy.

Impact of the pandemic and lessons learned

- 8.18 The continuation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic into 2022 had an impact on the implementation of mandates, in particular under subprogramme 3, as the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa and the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Latin American and the Caribbean, which were scheduled for the first half of 2022, could not be held as planned. Two interactive online workshops were held for selected applicants in order to continue to provide training opportunities in international law to government officials and legal academics in developing countries and countries with emerging economies. The International Law Fellowship Programme and the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific were held fully in person in The Hague and Bangkok, respectively, for the first time since the start of the pandemic. It is expected that in 2023, all the training programmes under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held in person at their usual venues, with the benefits that in-person training entails. Under subprogramme 4, online training activities related to ocean issues of a cross-cutting nature were held, including for developing States, in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, as well as coastal African States, in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea, through training, fellowships and technical assistance.
- 8.19 In addition, in order to support Member States on issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, within the overall scope of the objectives, subprogramme 2 continued its response, with the use of information technology tools at its disposal and with adapted internal working structures, to meet the operational demands of the pandemic, including to support the Organization's system-wide medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) and to provide legal support to the implementation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme.
- 8.20 The Office of Legal Affairs continues to mainstream lessons learned and best practices related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the importance of effectively using online modes of working in the provision of legal advice and support (under subprogrammes 1 and 2) and in the conducting of technical cooperation activities to reach a larger number of participants (subprogramme 5). The Office will continue to explore and develop additional virtual means of delivery, while recognizing that in-person activities offer a more effective and impactful mode of delivery for capacity-building.

Legislative mandates

- 8.21 The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the programme.

Charter of the United Nations

Article 13	Article 104
Article 98	Article 105
Article 102	

General Assembly resolutions

13 (I)	Organization of the Secretariat	62/70; 63/128;	The rule of law at the national and
22 (I)	Privileges and immunities of the United Nations	70/118; 75/141; 77/110	international levels
2099 (XX); 36/108; 56/77; 58/73; 60/19; 62/62; 68/110; 75/134; 76/110; 77/102	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	63/253; 77/260 77/103	Administration of justice at the United Nations Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-third session
62/63; 77/98	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	77/114	Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Subprogramme 1
Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole

General Assembly resolutions

2819 (XXVI)	Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel and establishment of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country	75/257 B	Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia – residual functions
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Subprogramme 3
Progressive development and codification of international law

General Assembly resolutions

174 (II)	Establishment of an International Law Commission	77/106	Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm
487 (V)	Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available	77/107	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts
987 (X)	Publication of the documents of the International Law Commission	77/108	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives
3006 (XXVII)	<i>United Nations Juridical Yearbook</i>	77/109	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
3499 (XXX)	Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	77/111	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction
75/137	Expulsion of aliens	77/112	The law of transboundary aquifers
75/143	Responsibility of international organizations	77/113	Measures to eliminate international terrorism
76/119	Protection of persons in the event of disasters	77/249	Crimes against humanity
77/97	Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts		
77/105	Diplomatic protection		

Subprogramme 4
Law of the sea and ocean affairs

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Articles 16 (2), 47 (9), 63 (2), 64, 75 (2), 76 (9), 84 (2), 116–119, 287 (8), 298 (6), 312, 313 (1) and 319 (1) and (2)	Annex VI: articles 4 (2) and (4) and 5 (3)
Annex II: articles 2 (2), (3) and (5) and 6 (3)	Annex VII: article 2 (1)
Annex V: articles 2 and 3 (e)	Annex VIII: article 3 (e)

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Articles 26 and 36

General Assembly resolutions

37/66	Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea	58/14; 71/123; 73/125; 74/18; 75/89; 76/71; 77/118	Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
49/28	Law of the Sea		
52/26; 55/7; 60/30; 63/111; 64/71; 65/37 A and B; 67/78; 68/70; 69/245; 73/124; 74/19; 75/239; 76/72; 77/248	Oceans and the law of the sea	70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
52/251	Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	71/312 72/249	Our ocean, our future: call for action International legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
54/33	Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "Oceans and seas": international coordination and cooperation	77/242	2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
56/13;	Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks		

**Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade**

General Assembly resolutions

2205 (XXI)	Establishment of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	77/99	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fifth session
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**Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties**

General Assembly resolutions

23 (I)	Registration of treaties and international agreements	364 (IV); 482 (V)	Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements
24 (I)	Transfer of certain functions, activities and assets of the League of Nations	33/141	Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations
97 (I)	Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements: regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations	51/158 52/153; 54/28 73/210; 75/144; 76/120	Electronic treaty database United Nations Decade of International Law Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework

Deliverables

8.22 Table 8.1 lists all cross-cutting deliverables of the programme.

Table 8.1
Cross-cutting deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	10	39	6	10
1. Report and notes to the General Assembly	6	7	3	6
2. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country	1	1	1	1
3. Letters to the Security Council	3	5	2	3
4. Documents for the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction	–	26	–	–
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	8	7	8	8
Meetings of the:				
5. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	1	1	1	1
6. Committee for Programme and Coordination	1	1	1	1
7. Fifth Committee	1	1	1	1
8. Committee on Relations with the Host Country	5	4	5	5
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	4	4	4	5
9. Workshops on international law	4	4	4	5
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advice and legal opinions in the context of the participation of the Legal Counsel in the Senior Management Group, the Executive Committee and other ad hoc groups.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: speeches and presentations to Member State representatives, international organizations and academic and civil society organizations regarding the work of the Office of Legal Affairs and issues of public international law, the law of the sea and international trade law; annual treaty event during the opening plenary meeting of the General Assembly session; and events on international law, including those provided at the request of and in coordination with Member States.				
E. Enabling deliverables				
Internal justice and oversight: representation of the Secretary-General before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and advice on administrative law of the Organization.				
Legal services: legal advice, opinions and services to all principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as detailed in all the subprogrammes, on privileges and immunities, public international law, international humanitarian law, international human rights law and the amicable settlement of disputes; administrative law of the Organization; claims arising from operational activities of the Organization; procurement activities; the Organization’s accountability measures and the areas of oceans and law of the sea, treaty law and international trade law; and legal support for initiatives on data strategy and anti-racism.				

Evaluation activities

- 8.23 The Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the programme evaluation of the Office of Legal Affairs ([E/AC.51/2022/8](#)), completed in 2022, has guided the proposed programme plan for 2024.
- 8.24 The results and lessons of the evaluation referenced above have been taken into account for the proposed programme plan for 2024. For example, in response to the OIOS triennial review, the Office of Legal Affairs developed a technical cooperation strategy and established formal

mechanisms for information-sharing across functional areas, and has been working to improve monitoring and evaluation practices, including through the operationalization of a dedicated evaluation, monitoring and strategic planning function and the establishment of an evaluation working group. In addition, the Office will enhance strategic management and coordination of all capacity-building activities, including those undertaken under the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (subprogramme 3). This enhancement will strengthen the capacity of the Office to concentrate the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of those activities. It will facilitate a more strategic and integrated management of capacity-building efforts, as well as the leveraging of partnerships and the replication of good practices regarding legal technical assistance across organizational units, to better assist relevant stakeholders and respond to requests by Member States. Furthermore, the dedicated evaluation, monitoring and strategic planning function will continue to support the subprogrammes to better monitor and track the outcomes of capacity-building efforts, and the evaluation working group will serve as the principal forum for the exchange of best practices, lessons learned and standards on monitoring and evaluation.

- 8.25 An evaluation, to be conducted by the Office of Legal Affairs, of the provision of capacity-building and other assistance under subprogramme 4 to developing States, in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, as well as coastal African States, in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea, is planned for 2024.

Programme of work

Subprogramme 1

Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole

Objective

- 8.26 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to ensure respect for, and adherence to, public international law, and the development of international justice and accountability.

Strategy

- 8.27 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide legal advice on questions relating to the interpretation and application of the Charter, legal agreements and United Nations resolutions, rules and regulations, as well as on general questions of public international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law;
 - (b) Advise the United Nations and United Nations-assisted criminal tribunals and their oversight bodies, and other international accountability mechanisms, including on their founding arrangements, statutes, terms of reference and rules of procedure, and on the functions of the Secretary-General thereunder.
- 8.28 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) A uniform and consistent practice of the law and, subsequently, in the effective functioning of the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations in accordance with international law;
 - (b) The protection of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations;
 - (c) The effective functioning of the United Nations and entities entrusted with mandates in the areas of international law;

- (d) The appointment and reappointment of the principals of the United Nations and United Nations-assisted international criminal tribunals and other international accountability mechanisms.

Programme performance in 2022

Completion plan for the finalization of work of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon concluded

- 8.29 The Special Tribunal for Lebanon was established in 2007 following the adoption of Security Council resolution [1757 \(2007\)](#) to try those persons responsible for the attack in Beirut of 14 February 2005 that killed 22 people, including the former Prime Minister of Lebanon, Rafiq Hariri, and injured 226 others, and to bring justice to victims. Following a complex investigation and a trial in absentia, the Special Tribunal acquitted one defendant and convicted three for their roles in the attack, sentencing them to five concurrent sentences of life imprisonment.
- 8.30 In June 2022, the subprogramme and the Government of Lebanon agreed on a completion plan for the finalization of work of the Special Tribunal. As outlined in the completion plan, the Special Tribunal entered its residual phase as of 1 July 2022 and is expected to complete its work and close by the end of 2023. To that end, the subprogramme implemented the necessary actions to renew the mandate of the Special Tribunal from 1 March to 31 December 2023. The Special Tribunal will be the first United Nations-assisted tribunal to fully close.
- 8.31 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.2).

Table 8.2
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>
–	Renewal of the mandate of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2023 (S/2021/149 and S/2021/150)	Agreement of completion plan between the Government of Lebanon and the United Nations Renewal of the mandate of the Special Tribunal from 1 March to 31 December 2023 for the limited purpose of completion of the non-judicial residual functions of the Tribunal and for its orderly closure (S/2022/972 and S/2022/973)

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: conclusion of a framework for the completion of the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, including with regard to the drawdown of activities and the residual functions requiring performance

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.32 The subprogramme’s work contributed to the implementation of the Addendum on Transitional Arrangements and the Completion of Work of the Extraordinary Chambers, including through the issuance of new terms and conditions of service for the international judges and co-prosecutor during the residual phase of the Extraordinary Chambers and the negotiation of an agreement with the Government of Cambodia for new premises for the Extraordinary Chambers in its residual phase, which met the planned target.

- 8.33 The planned target of the conclusion of supplementary arrangements was not met, as negotiations are ongoing and expected to be completed in 2023.
- 8.34 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.3).

Table 8.3
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
<p>Identification by the Government of Cambodia and the United Nations of possible residual functions and necessary transitional arrangements for the Extraordinary Chambers</p> <p>Adoption of General Assembly resolution 75/257 A of 31 December 2020, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Cambodia in order to finalize, for consideration by the Assembly, a proposed framework for the completion of the work of the Extraordinary Chambers</p>	<p>Conclusion of the framework for the completion of the work of the Extraordinary Chambers and on residual functions</p> <p>Adoption of General Assembly resolution 75/257 B, in which the Assembly approved the draft Addendum on Transitional Arrangements and the Completion of Work of the Extraordinary Chambers</p>	<p>Implementation of the Addendum, including the issuance of new terms and conditions of service for the international judges and co-prosecutor during the residual phase of the Extraordinary Chambers, the negotiation of an agreement with the Government of Cambodia for new premises for the Extraordinary Chambers in its residual phase, and commencement of negotiations regarding supplementary arrangements</p>	<p>Implementation by the Extraordinary Chambers of the Addendum and the supplementary arrangements</p>	<p>Implementation of the Addendum, including action related to the long-term preservation of the archives of the Extraordinary Chambers</p>

Result 2: a data protection and privacy framework for the Secretariat

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.35 The subprogramme’s work contributed to a revised Secretary-General’s bulletin on the data protection and privacy policy of the United Nations Secretariat to adhere to principles of international law, based on broad and comprehensive consultations across the Secretariat prior to the bulletin’s promulgation, which met the planned target.
- 8.36 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.4).

Table 8.4
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Adoption of the Data Strategy of the Secretary-General for Action by Everyone, Everywhere United Nations Secretariat entities have increased knowledge on international law issues relating to the development of policies for the Secretary-General's bulletin on the data protection and privacy policy	United Nations Secretariat entities provide inputs in accordance with international law principles towards completion of the draft Secretary-General's bulletin on the data protection and privacy policy of the United Nations Secretariat	Revised Secretary-General's bulletin on the data protection and privacy policy of the United Nations Secretariat adhering to principles of international law based on consultations prior to the bulletin's promulgation	The Secretary-General's bulletin on the data protection and privacy policy of the United Nations Secretariat is promulgated and assistance is provided to United Nations Secretariat entities for implementing actions to be taken, including for the benefit of vulnerable or marginalized individuals and groups	United Nations Secretariat entities implement actions on data-protection-related matters in line with the Secretary-General's bulletin

Result 3: Legal and procedural framework for United Nations conferences, including the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Proposed programme plan for 2024

8.37 The subprogramme is responsible for ensuring that the necessary legal framework is adopted prior to the holding of international United Nations conferences and also assists with preparatory processes and with legal and procedural matters arising during the conferences. The General Assembly, in its resolution [76/203](#), called for the convening, in 2024, of a fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States, and, in its resolution [77/245](#), welcomed the offer by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to host the Conference.

Lessons learned and planned change

8.38 The lesson for the subprogramme was to include in the various workstreams possible alternatives to ensure responsiveness to stakeholders in the event of unexpected situations, including unforeseen crises. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will engage, as appropriate, with relevant stakeholders and adapt templates and tools so that they could be quickly tailored to suit the various situations presented. These efforts will help to ensure that all are able to participate fully; that there is an appropriate framework to ensure security for the Conference; and that any financial liabilities with respect to the Conference are minimized.

8.39 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.5).

Table 8.5
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	Call by the General Assembly for the convening of the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States	Decision by the General Assembly to convene the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States	Signature of the host country agreement allowing for full participation by all participants in the Conference in Antigua and Barbuda, following regional and interregional preparatory meetings and the adoption by the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session of the resolution on modalities for the Conference	Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States is held

Deliverables

8.40 Table 8.6 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 8.6
Subprogramme 1: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	13	18	19	14
1. Report and notes to the General Assembly	6	7	11	7
2. Report of the Credentials Committee	1	1	1	1
3. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country	1	1	1	1
4. Report of the Credentials Committee on United Nations conferences	2	4	1	2
5. Reports concerning the election of judges of the International Court of Justice	–	–	3	–
6. Letters to the Security Council	3	5	2	3
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	89	103	79	81
Meetings of the:				
7. General Assembly and its committees	25	40	25	25
8. Credentials Committee of the General Assembly	1	2	1	1
9. Security Council and its subsidiary bodies	11	3	6	3
10. Economic and Social Council and its commissions	15	18	10	15
11. United Nations treaty bodies and United Nations conferences	30	32	30	30

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
12. Credentials Committee on United Nations conferences	2	4	1	2
13. Committee on Relations with the Host Country	5	4	5	5
14. Panels of experts of the Secretary-General's trust fund to assist States in the settlement of disputes through the International Court of Justice	–	–	1	–
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	16	17	18	22
15. Workshops on international law matters	4	4	4	10
16. Training events on United Nations rules of procedure	5	4	5	2
17. Training events on peacekeeping matters	–	2	2	2
18. Annual meeting of the legal advisers and legal liaison officers of the United Nations offices, funds and programmes, specialized agencies and related and other organizations and field legal advisers and officers	7	7	7	8
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: legal advice to and consultation with the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Main Committees of the Assembly on constitutional, institutional and procedural questions.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: speeches and presentations to Member State representatives, international organizations and academic and civil society organizations regarding the work of the Office of the Legal Counsel and issues of public international law; and events to promote public international law.				
E. Enabling deliverables				
Legal services: legal advice to and support for the Secretariat and the funds and programmes on privileges and immunities, in particular in support of host country agreements entered into by the United Nations, and public international law, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law and the pacific settlement of disputes; legal advice to and support for 1 United Nations criminal tribunal and its oversight body and other international accountability mechanism; legal advice to and support for approximately 12 peacekeeping and 38 special political missions; liaison with the International Court of Justice and fulfilment of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Statute of the Court; legal advice to and support for 4 Secretariat offices and 4 other entities and bodies on disarmament, sanctions and security; legal advice to 18 United Nations entities on the interpretation and implementation of the Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court.				

Subprogramme 2

General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

Objective

- 8.41 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to maximize the protection of the legal interests of the Organization and to minimize its legal liabilities.

Strategy

- 8.42 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Assist in ensuring external accountability of the United Nations and related personnel, including on internal sanctions and external enforcement action and liaison with national authorities;
 - (b) Advise on the legal aspects arising from United Nations institutional and operational activities, including the Organization's development, technical assistance, peacekeeping, humanitarian and other operations;

- (c) Assist the Organization, its organs or its separately administered funds and programmes by providing legal advice on procurement and substantial contracts and on operational and technical assistance activities of those entities;
- (d) Provide legal services for resolving disputes of a private law character involving the operations of the Organization, its organs or its funds and programmes, including representing the Organization in settlement negotiations and in arbitral proceedings;
- (e) Advise on management issues and matters in the system for the administration of justice, including determining whether to appeal against a judgment of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, and represent the Secretary-General before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;
- (f) Respond to requests by the Organization for urgent legal advice arising from humanitarian and emergency situations.

8.43 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) The full maintenance of the status, legal rights and privileges and immunities of the Organization arising from United Nations operational activities;
- (b) The reduction of actual legal liabilities of the Organization.

Programme performance in 2022

United Nations entities stayed and delivered during the COVID-19 pandemic

- 8.44 The subprogramme provided legal support to various United Nations entities, including the Department of Operational Support and the Development Coordination Office, on the implementation of the COVID-19 medical evacuation system for United Nations-affiliated personnel, including with regard to its winding down by 31 December 2022. This work included legal support in respect of the operation of the system, legal arrangements with medical facilities, and preparation of various other legal documents, such as consent forms, to ensure maximum protection of the legal interests of the Organization and minimal legal liabilities resulting from such operations.
- 8.45 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.7).

Table 8.7

Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>
Access by the Department of Operational Support and the Development Coordination Office to timely legal support for the implementation of the COVID-19 medical evacuation system for United Nations-affiliated personnel, including through the conclusion of respective legal instruments for dedicated hubs to receive patients	Receipt by the Department of Operational Support and the Development Coordination Office of timely legal support for the ongoing implementation of the COVID-19 medical evacuation system for United Nations-affiliated personnel, including through the resolution of legal issues arising from the operation of the system	Receipt by the Department of Operational Support and the Development Coordination Office of timely legal support for the ongoing implementation and conclusion of the COVID-19 medical evacuation system for United Nations-affiliated personnel

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: improved efficiency in finalizing partnership agreements

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.46 The subprogramme’s work contributed to the development of guidance materials on partnerships from a legal perspective, which met the planned target of increased access to guidance materials on legal issues common to partnership agreements.
- 8.47 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.8).

Table 8.8
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	Progress in the development of pilot guidance materials on select common legal issues	Guidance materials on partnerships from a legal perspective developed and made available	Guidance materials on select common legal issues available to all substantive offices	Comprehensive guidance materials on partnership agreements made available

Result 2: strengthened capacity for the United Nations to stay and deliver through COVID-19 vaccinations

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.48 The subprogramme’s work contributed to timely legal support to the Department of Operational Support for implementation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme, which met the planned target.
- 8.49 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.9).

Table 8.9
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Access by the Department of Operational Support to timely legal support for the establishment and implementation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme, including the acquisition and administration of COVID-19 vaccines to eligible personnel	Access by the Department of Operational Support to timely legal support for the implementation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme and related arrangements	Access by the Department of Operational Support to timely legal support for the implementation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme	Access by the Department of Operational Support to timely legal support for the implementation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme and related arrangements, including the administration of booster shots	Subject to continuation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme, access by the Department of Operational Support to timely legal support for the implementation of the United Nations system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme and related arrangements

Result 3: a model contract for global freight-forwarding

Proposed programme plan for 2024

8.50 The Organization moves freight to support its mandated operations worldwide. With a view to minimizing the legal risks of freight movement, the subprogramme has been providing legal support to the Department of Operational Support through ad hoc review of contracts and negotiations, upon request.

Lessons learned and planned change

8.51 The lesson for the subprogramme was that various practices are employed by the Organization with regard to the movement of freight in support of mandated activities. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will develop a model freight-forwarding contract to maximize the protection of the legal interests and minimize the legal liabilities of the Organization.

8.52 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.10)

Table 8.10
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	–	Receipt by Department of Operational Support of ad hoc legal support on freight-forwarding contracts	Preliminary draft model freight-forwarding contract made available for comments	Revised draft model freight-forwarding contract made available, taking into account comments received

Deliverables

8.53 Table 8.11 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 8.11
Subprogramme 2: deliverables for 2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory
E. Enabling deliverables
Internal justice and oversight: legal advice and services to all United Nations offices and departments, all principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, all peacekeeping and special political missions, all regional commissions, all funds and programmes, and the resident coordinator system, on administrative law, on criminal accountability for United Nations personnel, on procurement activities and drafting and negotiating contracts and other commercial matters, on commercial claims and representation before arbitral tribunals, on operational and technical assistance activities of the United Nations, including in the economic, social and humanitarian fields, on partnerships with the private sector, on the legislative and operational arrangements governing the staffing, supply and provision of peace operations, and representing the Secretary-General before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

Subprogramme 3

Progressive development and codification of international law

Objective

- 8.54 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to progressively develop, codify and advance knowledge of international law.

Strategy

- 8.55 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide substantive support to the Sixth Committee, the International Law Commission, the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, other special or ad hoc committees and diplomatic conferences in their consideration and formulation of legal instruments by assisting in the conduct of proceedings, rendering legal advice, preparing draft texts of legal instruments, resolutions and decisions and preparing background documents, analytical studies and reports;
 - (b) Provide legal bodies of the General Assembly with assistance when considering the use by States of the procedures envisaged under the relevant resolutions of the Assembly;
 - (c) Implement the mandates of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. This includes the planning, organization and conduct of four in-person training programmes, namely, the International Law Fellowship Programme and the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Latin America and the Caribbean and for Asia-Pacific;
 - (d) Further develop, disseminate and maintain the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law and prepare and disseminate major legal publications and information on the legal work of the United Nations;
 - (e) Support Member States by assisting the bureaux of the bodies that the subprogramme services in devising and implementing working methods and work programmes that ensure business continuity.
- 8.56 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) The smooth deliberations of legislative and legal bodies, the conclusion of draft legal instruments and the promotion of universal respect for international law;
 - (b) The wider awareness and appreciation of international law by a wider audience.

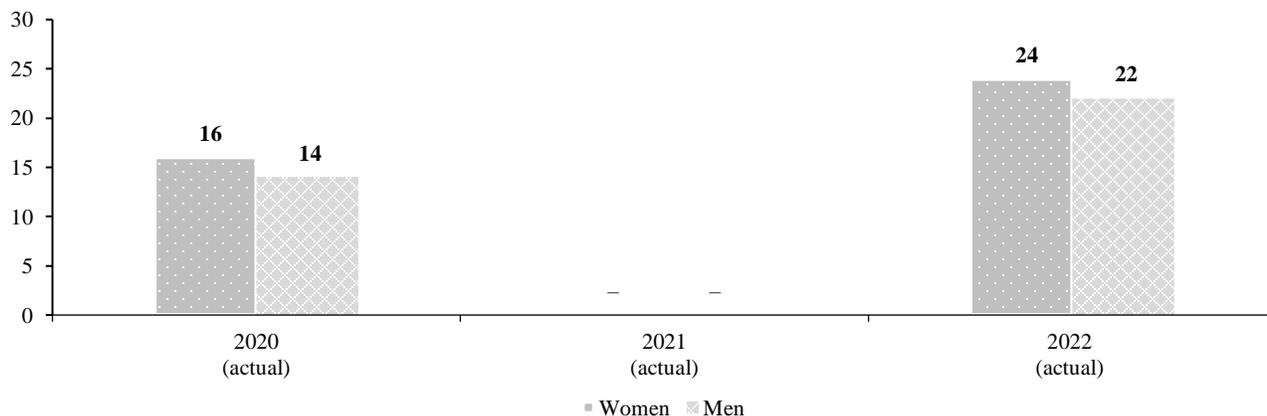
Programme performance in 2022

Gender parity achieved among the participants of the in-person training programmes under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

- 8.57 With the easing of pandemic-related restrictions, the subprogramme resumed in-person training programmes under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. The subprogramme conducted extensive dissemination activities on the training programmes, including through social media and United Nations information centres, emphasizing that applications from qualified women candidates were encouraged. In the selection of participants, due consideration was given to the candidates' qualifications, the scope of their professional duties and the relevance of the training to their professional duties, as well as geographical representation and gender parity.

8.58 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.I).

Figure 8.I
Number of professionals with increased knowledge and skills on various topics related to international law (annual)



Planned results for 2024

Result 1: advancement of the International Law Commission’s study on sea-level rise in relation to international law

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

8.59 The subprogramme’s work contributed to the preparation and subsequent consideration by the International Law Commission of the second issues paper on sea-level rise in relation to international law (concerning statehood and the protection of persons affected by sea-level rise), which met the planned target.

8.60 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.12).

Table 8.12
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Co-Chairs of the International Law Commission Study Group have access to research material for consideration of the possible protection of persons	Consideration by the International Law Commission of the implications of sea-level rise, with a focus on the law of the sea	Consideration by the International Law Commission of the second issues paper on sea-level rise in relation to international law (concerning statehood and the protection of persons affected by sea-level rise)	Provisional conclusion of the study by the International Law Commission of at least 1 of the focus areas of the implications of sea-level rise	Provisional conclusion of the study by the International Law Commission of questions concerning statehood and the protection of persons affected by sea-level rise

Result 2: advancement of the International Law Commission’s consideration of the improvement of its working methods

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.61 The subprogramme’s work contributed to consideration of the working methods of the International Law Commission by the Working Group on Working Methods, which did not meet the planned target of adopting a report containing recommendations covering the period from 2017 to 2022 at the seventy-third session of the Commission, in 2022. The target was not met owing to time constraints of the seventy-third session, as the time required by the Working Group exceeded the term of office of the then members of the Commission.
- 8.62 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.13).

Table 8.13
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Consideration of working methods in the International Law Commission Working Group on Working Methods	Consideration of working methods in the International Law Commission Working Group on Working Methods	Consideration of working methods in the International Law Commission Working Group on Working Methods	Formulation of recommendations of the International Law Commission Working Group on Working Methods to improve interaction with the Sixth Committee	Adoption of the report of the International Law Commission Working Group on Working Methods (covering 2017–2022)

Result 3: Advancement of the consideration by the International Law Commission of the subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 8.63 The consideration of the subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law, including judicial decisions and academic teachings, will advance the understanding of the sources of international law. The subprogramme commenced the first part of an in-depth Secretariat study on the topic, focusing on the prior work of the International Law Commission.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 8.64 The lesson for the subprogramme was that closer coordination and cooperation with the International Law Commission Special Rapporteur for the topic was important for the successful completion of the in-depth Secretariat study. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will coordinate with the Special Rapporteur and endeavour to find synergies and align the preparation of the second part of the study with the second report of the Special Rapporteur, as appropriate.
- 8.65 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.14).

Table 8.14
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	Inclusion by the International Law Commission of the topic of subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law in its long-term programme of work	Inclusion by the International Law Commission of the topic of subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law in its regular programme of work and request by the Commission that the subprogramme prepare an in-depth study of the topic	Consideration by the International Law Commission of the first part of the study on the topic	Consideration by the International Law Commission of the second part of the study on the topic

Deliverables

8.66 Table 8.15 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 8.15
Subprogramme 3: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	17	17	12	15
1. Reports on items before the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly, including on measures to eliminate international terrorism, on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law and on criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	17	17	12	15
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	147	157	137	143
Meetings of the:				
2. Sixth Committee	40	44	40	46
3. International Law Commission	96	105	87	87
4. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	1	1	1	1
5. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	8	7	7	7
6. Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	2	–	2	2
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	88	52	76	76
7. International Law Fellowship Programme	30	25	25	25
8. United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa	20	5	17	17

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
9. United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific	19	17	17	17
10. United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean	19	5	17	17
Publications (number of publications)	8	7	9	8
11. <i>Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs</i>	1	–	1	1
12. <i>United Nations Legislative Series</i>	–	1	1	–
13. <i>Yearbook of the International Law Commission</i>	5	5	5	5
14. <i>United Nations Juridical Yearbook</i>	1	–	1	1
15. <i>Reports of International Arbitral Awards</i>	1	1	1	1
Technical materials (number of materials)	25	47	25	25
16. Entries in the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, including lectures	25	47	25	25

C. Substantive deliverables

Consultation, advice and advocacy: advice to intergovernmental and expert bodies, including the Sixth Committee and the International Law Commission; and provision of technical expertise to the Special Rapporteurs of the International Law Commission, including in relation to reports to the Commission.

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: lectures and briefings, upon request, on public international law.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: Sixth Committee, International Law Commission and Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law websites; and online United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, which provides high-quality legal content to an unlimited number of individuals and institutions around the world at no charge.

Subprogramme 4 Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Objective

- 8.67 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen the law of the sea for the peaceful use of the oceans and for their conservation and sustainable use, and as the basis for national, regional and global action and cooperation in the marine sector.

Strategy

- 8.68 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide expert advice to States and international organizations on the law of the sea and ocean affairs, in particular with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks of 1995 and the work of the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea and sustainable fisheries;
 - (b) Support the implementation of the Convention and the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement in respect of sustainable fisheries-related cooperative activities among States and other entities;
 - (c) Provide secretariat services to intergovernmental bodies and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf;

- (d) Undertake capacity-building activities (fellowships, training courses, workshops) related to oceans and the law of the sea in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

8.69 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) An increased number of States parties to the Convention and its implementing agreements and their effective implementation by States;
- (b) Enhanced cooperation and coordination among stakeholders on ocean and coastal issues leading to enhanced conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources;
- (c) A better understanding of the legal regime for the oceans and the enhanced human resource capacity of Member States, in particular developing countries, to implement that regime effectively.

Programme performance in 2022

Enhanced commitment to the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources

8.70 The full and effective implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea plays a critical role in, and contributes significantly to, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in particular the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 14. The subprogramme supported the preparations and provided substantive servicing for the 2022 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, held in Lisbon from 27 June to 1 July. In particular, the subprogramme’s preparation of the background paper and its organization of the corresponding interactive dialogue contributed to the identification by the Conference of synergies in the implementation of international law, including with regard to the science-policy interface, by increasing awareness among Member States and enhancing cross-sectoral capacity-building, in particular by creating multi-stakeholder partnerships. The Conference concluded with Member States adopting the declaration entitled “Our ocean, our future, our responsibility”, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [76/296](#).

8.71 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.16).

Table 8.16
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>
Identification by Member States of major gaps and challenges in the effective implementation of international law, as part of the substantive preparations for the 2022 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development	Strengthened capacity of Member States to address major gaps and challenges in the effective implementation of international law	Strengthened commitment of Member States to conserving and sustainably using the ocean, seas and marine resources, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with the adoption of the declaration entitled “Our ocean, our future, our responsibility” (General Assembly resolution 76/296)

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: improved capacity for sustainable and integrated ocean governance

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.72 The subprogramme's work contributed to improved capacity of government officials, international civil servants and other ocean practitioners from 87 developing countries to actively participate in multilateral ocean processes, implement the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea regime, and establish and implement ocean governance measures, as well as to the initiation by 11 Member States of national cross-sectoral discussions on ocean governance reform, which met the planned target.
- 8.73 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.17).

Table 8.17

Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
States have access to new projects and additional technical assistance and virtual training opportunities to enhance their understanding and mitigation of the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on oceans and the law of the sea, as well as to increase accessibility and knowledge-sharing by a wider audience	States take action, through ocean-related activities, to reinforce local ownership; and States access new and additional multi-stakeholder training opportunities (both in person and online) and enhance their capacity to respond to emerging issues pertaining to oceans and the law of the sea, including by reinforcing local ownership	Improved capacity of government officials, international civil servants and other ocean practitioners from 87 developing countries to actively participate in multilateral ocean processes, implement the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea regime and establish and implement ocean governance measures Initiation by 11 Member States of national cross-sectoral discussions on ocean governance reform	Enhanced understanding by States of their capacity-building and technical cooperation needs in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including through on-demand assistance at the regional and national levels	Implementation by States of multi-stakeholder initiatives in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

Result 2: enhanced coordination and cooperation on ocean issues, in particular through UN-Oceans

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.74 The subprogramme's work contributed to increased awareness by Member States of collaborative initiatives and activities related to ocean issues of a cross-cutting nature, such as the ocean-climate nexus (General Assembly resolution [76/72](#), para. 211), marine science and coastal and marine

biodiversity through various thematic events at conferences and other scientific and technical meetings, which met the planned target.

8.75 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.18).

Table 8.18
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Increased awareness by Member States of available initiatives and activities in response and to adapt to the challenges owing to the COVID-19 pandemic following the UN-Oceans virtual high-level event open to States on “Taking stock of ongoing ocean-related initiatives in light of the COVID-19 pandemic: toward enhanced inter-agency coordination and cooperation on ocean and coastal issues beyond 2020”	Increased awareness by Member States of the progress in the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing agreements on the basis of responses by States to a questionnaire on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal target 14.c	Increased awareness by Member States of collaborative initiatives and activities related to ocean issues of a cross-cutting nature, such as the ocean-climate nexus, ^a marine science and coastal and marine biodiversity	Increased awareness of Member States of the importance of enhanced use by Member States of the UN-Oceans inventory of mandates as a tool for obtaining support from UN-Oceans members	Enhanced national-level coordination by Member States on ocean-related issues, using a multi-sectoral approach, in line with the Convention and other international instruments, rules and standards

^a General Assembly resolution 76/72, para. 211.

Result 3: strengthened role of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and its subcommissions in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

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8.76 The General Assembly, in its resolution 77/248, recognized that (a) it is in the broader interest of the international community that coastal States with a continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles submit information on the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and (b) the Commission has to continue to fulfil its role, including of making recommendations to coastal States, recognizing its significant workload. To that effect, the Assembly noted the need for enhanced support and assistance to the Commission.

Lessons learned and planned change

8.77 The lesson for the subprogramme was that regular assessment of the specialized services provided to the Commission can help to ensure that the subprogramme addresses the Commission’s evolving needs. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme, in consultation with the Commission and States Parties to the Convention, and on the basis of an assessment of their needs, will improve the

effectiveness of services and assistance by providing enhanced support for geospatial information management.

8.78 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.19)

Table 8.19
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	–	Progress in the work of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf noted with satisfaction by the General Assembly in its resolution 77/248	Satisfaction for the Commission's progress expressed by the General Assembly in its annual resolution on oceans and the law of the sea	Satisfaction for the Commission's progress expressed by the General Assembly in its annual resolution on oceans and the law of the sea

Deliverables

8.79 Table 8.20 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 8.20
Subprogramme 4: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	32	50	28	16
1. Reports for the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries	2	2	2	2
2. Report on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects	1	2	2	2
3. Documentation for the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction	–	26	–	–
4. Documentation for meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea	2	2	2	2
5. Documentation for the Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	8	10	5	5
6. Documentation for the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf	5	5	5	5
7. Report on the consultations of States parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	1	1	1	–
8. Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements in response to, and summary of, the	2	2	–	–

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<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
workshop to discuss the implementation of relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolutions 64/72 , 66/68 and 71/123 , on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks				
9. Documentation for the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	11	–	11	–
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	649	616	639	663
10. Meetings of the General Assembly (informal consultations and plenary meetings)	32	34	30	30
11. Consultations of States parties to the Fish Stocks Agreement	4	6	4	4
12. Meetings relating to the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects	38	48	32	66
13. Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction	–	59	–	–
14. Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	10	9	10	10
15. Meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf	542	448	544	544
16. Intergovernmental workshop to discuss the implementation of relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolutions 64/72 , 66/68 and 71/123 , on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks	4	4	–	–
17. Meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (including preparatory meeting)	9	8	9	9
18. Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement	10	–	10	–
Conference and secretariat services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	542	468	528	562
19. Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects	38	48	24	58
20. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (subcommissions)	504	420	504	504
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	7	8	4	6
21. Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea	1	–	1	1
22. United Nations-Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellowship Programme for Human Resources Development and Advancement of the Legal Order of the World's Oceans	1	1	1	1
23. United Nations-Nippon Foundation Sustainable Ocean Programme (Strategic Needs Fellowship)	1	1	1	1
24. Evidence-based and policy-coherent oceans economy and trade strategies project	1	1	–	–
25. Project for the promotion of the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing agreements and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the context of ocean affairs and the law of the sea	1	1	1	1
26. Project for the promotion of the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing agreements with a focus on maritime boundaries	1	1	–	–
27. Ocean governance capacity-building training programme	1	1	–	1
28. Project to build capacity in ocean affairs and the law of the sea for the Government of Eritrea	–	1	–	–
29. Project of assistance to strengthen participation in and implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement	–	1	–	1

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	33	26	56	40
30. Training events on oceans and the law of the sea	33	26	56	40
Publications (number of publications)	4	8	4	4
31. <i>Law of the Sea Bulletin</i>	3	3	3	3
32. On the law of the sea	1	5	1	1
Technical materials (number of materials)	1	–	1	–
33. Technical materials including in the context of the Regular Process	1	–	1	–

C. Substantive deliverables

Consultation, advice and advocacy: expert advice and programmes of assistance to States, international organizations and judicial bodies on the law of the sea and ocean affairs, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement; substantive advice to all Member States in relation to the work of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies on oceans, the law of the sea and sustainable fisheries and the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction; advice for the implementation by Member States of the oceans-related Sustainable Development Goals, in particular through UN-Oceans; substantive advice on the preparations for the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference; substantive advice on the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and to the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection; advisory services to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, including on marine litter, microplastics and plastic pollution; advice and support to the Co-Chairs of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea; advice to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on oceans and climate and advice to the Inter-agency Consultative Group on Small Island Developing States and the Inter-agency Consultative Group for Landlocked Developing Countries; and advisory services to the inter-agency group on protection of refugees and migrants moving by sea.

Databases and substantive digital materials: geographic information system for the deposit of charts and geographical coordinates; and legal web-based information in relation to maritime zones.

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: publicly accessible materials, briefings and events to promote a better understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement and the work of the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea and sustainable fisheries; events for World Oceans Day; and UN-Oceans side events.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: content on the law of the sea and ocean affairs on web portals, websites and social media.

Library services: specialized reference collection and bibliographic database on the law of the sea and ocean affairs.

E. Enabling deliverables

Information and communications technology: specialized repository of geospatial data and information on outer limits of maritime zones and maritime boundaries.

**Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law
of international trade**

Objective

8.80 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade.

Strategy

8.81 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Serve as the secretariat for UNCITRAL, provide Member States with working papers, draft reports and draft substantive private law rules on international trade, and give advice on and assistance in intergovernmental negotiations and coordinate those activities with equivalent activities of other international organizations in accordance with the UNCITRAL mandate and propose that UNCITRAL recommend the use or adoption of relevant instruments from other organizations;
- (b) Provide technical assistance and capacity-building to Governments, including diagnostic assessments, implementation guidance and interpretative materials, as well as training activities and advice on the enactment of UNCITRAL texts in national law;
- (c) Conduct research and facilitate the exchange of experience amongst Member States on reinforcing the resilience of international trade and global supply chains, with a particular focus on micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises and explore possible future legislative development to meet the challenges identified for consideration by the Member States.

8.82 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Well-informed, transparent and inclusive deliberations of delegations in working groups and the Commission;
- (b) Governments agreeing on substantive private law rules governing international trade and their reflection in universally acceptable instruments;
- (c) The availability of additional UNCITRAL instruments to harmonize and unify international trade law and to encourage resilience in international trade;
- (d) Increased government use and adoption of UNCITRAL instruments in national law and increased legal decisions on those instruments;
- (e) Increased treaty actions, enactments and legal decisions based on UNCITRAL texts.

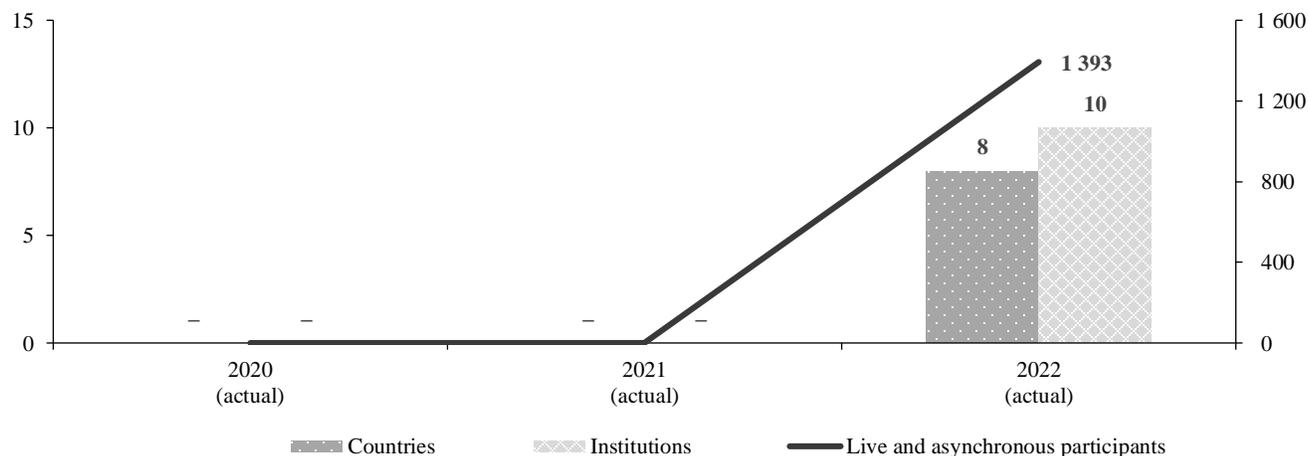
Programme performance in 2022

Further engagement of legal practitioners in the Africa region to apply and interpret UNCITRAL texts

8.83 UNCITRAL texts address legal obstacles to international trade and cross-border commercial transactions by providing substantive rules to govern those transactions and for related domestic legal frameworks. The texts are designed to provide legal certainty for all commercial parties, and legal advisers in such commercial relations must be able to apply the rules in practice. Ensuring that the texts are uniformly interpreted worldwide is a key element of the harmonization of these substantive rules. Through a regional programme called “UNCITRAL Day”, the subprogramme is building capacity to apply and interpret UNCITRAL texts among legal thinkers and policymakers. The UNCITRAL Day programme consists of a series of regional capacity-building events with institutions of higher learning. In 2022 the subprogramme launched the UNCITRAL Day in Africa, responding to a call issued by UNCITRAL, in order to equip legal practitioners in the region to interpret and apply UNCITRAL texts, in particular in the areas of arbitration, investor-State dispute settlement reform, and e-commerce. The 15 events highlighted the potential benefits of UNCITRAL texts for promoting the implementation of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area. The series of events contributed to further interest and engagement among both legal practitioners and industry professionals. For example, for some sessions, held in partnership with universities, although the initial target audience was law students and young lawyers, there was significant interest expressed by industry professionals, such as civil servants and entrepreneurs, who also attended the programme.

8.84 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.II).

Figure 8.II
Performance measure: number of countries, institutions and individuals further equipped to apply and interpret UNCITRAL texts in the Africa region through the UNCITRAL Day programme



Planned results for 2024

Result 1: greater legal certainty for the use of artificial intelligence and automation in commercial transactions

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.85 The subprogramme’s work contributed to UNCITRAL Working Group IV commencing deliberations on priority legal issues related to the digital economy and reaching consensus on the initial elements of a sound and harmonized framework for digital trade and electronic transactions, including working papers identifying: (a) provisions of existing UNCITRAL texts that may apply to such a framework; and (b) legal issues not fully addressed by existing UNCITRAL texts, which met the planned target.
- 8.86 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.21).

Table 8.21
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
UNCITRAL member States have access to a workplan to address legal issues related to the digital economy and a “taxonomy” to guide future work	UNCITRAL member States mandate UNCITRAL Working Group IV to commence work on priority legal issues related to the digital economy and also mandate publication of the “taxonomy” for	UNCITRAL Working Group IV commenced deliberations on priority legal issues related to the digital economy and reached consensus on the initial elements of a sound and harmonized framework for	UNCITRAL member States build consensus on legislative rules and principles that give effect to the elements of a sound and harmonized legal and regulatory framework for digital trade and electronic transactions and	Consensus reached by UNCITRAL member States on legislative rules and principles on automated transactions in digital trade, and continuation of consensus-building on related topics

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<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
	broader stakeholder engagement	digital trade and electronic transactions	identify related topics and issues for further consensus-building	and issues (e.g. data contracts)

**Result 2: a multimodal negotiable transport document for harmonized international trade
Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024**

- 8.87 The subprogramme’s work contributed to UNCITRAL member States mandating an UNCITRAL working group to develop a draft instrument on negotiable multimodal transport documents and to the commencement of deliberations of UNCITRAL Working Group VI on relevant legal and policy issues related to the new draft instrument, which exceeded the planned target of UNCITRAL member States mandating an UNCITRAL working group to develop a draft instrument on negotiable multimodal transport documents.
- 8.88 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.22).

Table 8.22
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
UNCITRAL member States have access to appraisals of legal issues related to the use of consignment notes and similar projects in other organizations	UNCITRAL member States have access to an appraisal of relevant legislation and to expert recommendations, which enables them to develop a draft new instrument on negotiable multimodal transport documents	UNCITRAL working group mandated by UNCITRAL member States to develop a draft instrument on negotiable multimodal transport documents, and commencement of deliberations of UNCITRAL Working Group VI on relevant legal and policy issues related to the new draft instrument	An UNCITRAL working group commences deliberations on a draft instrument on negotiable multimodal transport documents and on the development of consensus among States through that working group on the scope and proposed content of such an instrument	Consensus reached by UNCITRAL Working Group VI on the main features of a draft legislative instrument on negotiable multimodal transport documents

Result 3: reforms to investor-State dispute settlement through development of multiple solutions

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 8.89 The subprogramme has worked on investor-State dispute settlement since 2017 with a view to restoring confidence in the overall system and addressing issues related to arbitral decisions, the selection of arbitrators and decision makers, and the significant cost and duration of investor-State dispute settlement. The subprogramme continues to provide assistance to Working Group III in

reaching consensus on different reform elements, including draft codes of conduct and texts on mediation in investment disputes.

Lessons learned and planned change

8.90 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was a need to facilitate additional opportunities for deliberations among member States beyond the working sessions, given the diversity of domestic legal frameworks and policies regarding investment protection and varied approaches to reform. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme, taking advantage of the resumption of in-person meetings, will coordinate drafting groups and informal sessions with member States in order to facilitate intersessional progress. As a result, the Working Group will be able to build consensus on different reform elements, such as dispute prevention, procedural rules, and the establishment of a multilateral advisory centre, an appellate mechanism and a multilateral permanent investment court, and a mechanism to implement reforms, all of which would achieve the comprehensive reform of the existing investor-State dispute settlement system.

8.91 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.23).

Table 8.23
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Consideration by Working Group III of multiple reform elements	Development by Working Group III of a workplan to deliver and adopt all reform elements by 2026	Consensus reached by Working Group III on a code of conduct for adjudicators and on treaty provisions and guidelines on investment mediation	Finalization of the texts previously prepared by Working Group III for the consideration of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, and further development of other reform elements	Consensus reached by Working Group III on mechanisms for dispute prevention and an advisory centre, and further development of other reform elements

Deliverables

8.92 Table 8.24 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 8.24
Subprogramme 5: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	195	215	208	208
1. Reports of UNCITRAL to the General Assembly	1	1	1	1
2. Reports of UNCITRAL to the Commission	12	12	13	13
3. Notes by the secretariat to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies	82	102	87	87

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<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
4. Conference room papers of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies	85	84	92	92
5. Information papers for the Commission and its subsidiary bodies	15	16	15	15
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	150	150	160	160
6. Meetings of the Commission	30	22	30	30
7. Meetings of UNCITRAL subsidiary bodies	120	128	130	130
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	15	10	12	12
8. On international trade law (regional)	4	4	9	9
9. On international trade law (country-based)	11	6	3	3
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	88	67	88	75
10. Training events on international trade law at the international, regional and country levels	88	67	88	75
Publications (number of publications)	6	6	7	6
11. Legal texts (international conventions, UNCITRAL model laws, legislative guides and other legal texts)	5	3	5	5
12. UNCITRAL publications (<i>Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law</i> , guides to UNCITRAL, digests of case law)	1	3	2	1
Technical materials (number of materials)	12	80	84	84
13. Promotional and technical assistance materials	2	3	3	3
14. Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) abstracts	10	77	81	81
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: expert advice to all Member States, upon request, on international trade law.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: CLOUT (an online public database with 2,250 records on case law on UNCITRAL texts); Transparency Registry (an online public repository with 25 records for the publication of information and documents in treaty-based investor-State arbitration); and online materials, including presentations on UNCITRAL texts.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: brochures, flyers and information kits on UNCITRAL; 5 lectures to groups of legal and other practitioners, academics and law students; 1 colloquium on international trade law; 3 international commercial law moot court competitions; and 1 commemoration event.				
External and media relations: press releases related to UNCITRAL meetings, accession by States to UNCITRAL texts and issuance of publications.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: UNCITRAL website.				
Library services: UNCITRAL Law Library.				

**Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties**

Objective

- 8.93 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to ensure the transparency of the international treaty framework, wider knowledge of the law of treaties and broader participation in multilateral treaties concluded under the auspices of the United Nations and deposited with the Secretary-General.

Strategy

- 8.94 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Undertake the registration and publication of treaties and treaty actions submitted under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and provide timely and accurate information relating to deposited treaties, registered treaties and related actions through the electronic dissemination of treaty-related information on the online United Nations Treaty Collection and the publication of the *United Nations Treaty Series*;
 - (b) Provide legal assistance and advice to States, specialized agencies, United Nations programmes and offices, treaty bodies and other entities on the law of treaties, including final clauses of treaties, the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration and publication of treaties. Such assistance would be provided in particular during the negotiation of multilateral treaties and through the holding of capacity-building seminars at Headquarters and at the national and regional levels, as well as through the elaboration of topical reference publications;
 - (c) Fulfil the depositary functions of the Secretary-General in respect of more than 600 multilateral treaties and hold and conduct treaty events, including during the high-level week of the annual session of the General Assembly.
- 8.95 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Improved access to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and related treaty actions, including information on their status, and to treaties and related treaty actions submitted for registration and publication with the Secretariat;
 - (b) The prevention of issues of interpretation and implementation of final clauses of multilateral treaties by contracting States and enhanced familiarity and understanding by States of the technical and legal aspects of participating in the multilateral treaty framework and registering treaties;
 - (c) The entry into force of multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and the universal participation of States in such treaties.

Programme performance in 2022

Member States developed draft final clauses of multilateral treaties

- 8.96 Several United Nations multilateral treaty negotiations took place in 2022. Pursuant to the Secretary-General's bulletin on procedures to be followed by departments, offices and regional commissions of the United Nations with regard to treaties and international agreements ([ST/SGB/2001/7](#)), draft final clauses of treaties to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be submitted to the subprogramme for review prior to finalization. The subprogramme's work to ensure precise drafting of final clauses in accordance with treaty law and practice is instrumental to the ease of operation of the treaty and to prevent problems in its implementation by contracting States.
- 8.97 In 2022, the subprogramme responded to requests for legal advice on final clauses dealing with, among other matters, treaty participation, entry into force, amendment procedures, territorial application, and reservations. For instance, the subprogramme provided legal advice to the negotiators of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution [77/100](#). Legal advice was also provided during ongoing negotiations concerning, for instance, the elaboration of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, and of a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes.

8.98 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.25).

Table 8.25
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
–	–	Development by Member States of draft final clauses of multilateral treaties

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: enhanced access to information available to Member States on the United Nations Treaty Collection website

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.99 The subprogramme’s work contributed to increased transparency of the international treaty framework and facilitated participation of States in multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, through access to a data dashboard on participation in multilateral treaties, which met the planned target.
- 8.100 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.26).

Table 8.26
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	Member States have access to information regarding participation in each multilateral treaty deposited with the Secretary-General, through the United Nations Treaty Collection website	Increased transparency of the international treaty framework and facilitation of participation of States in multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General through access to a data dashboard on participation in multilateral treaties	Member States have access to consolidated reports regarding their participation in all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General through the data dashboard on participation in multilateral treaties	Member States have access to consolidated reports regarding their participation in all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General through the data dashboard on participation in multilateral treaties

Result 2: improved access to procedural information on treaty law and practice

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.101 The subprogramme’s work contributed to increased knowledge among Member States representatives on treaty law and practice, through the organization of two seminars in English and French, respectively, at United Nations Headquarters, which met the planned target.
- 8.102 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.27).

Table 8.27
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Increased knowledge of Member States representatives on treaty law and practice through 2 seminars at United Nations Headquarters	Increased knowledge of Member States representatives on treaty law and practice through 2 seminars at United Nations Headquarters	Increased knowledge of Member States representatives on treaty law and practice through two seminars at United Nations Headquarters	Increased knowledge of Member States representatives on treaty law and practice through 2 seminars at United Nations Headquarters and additional seminars at the national and regional levels	Increased knowledge of Member States representatives on treaty law and practice through 2 seminars at United Nations Headquarters and additional seminars at the national and regional levels

Result 3: action by States on multilateral treaties during the treaty event

Proposed programme plan for 2024

8.103 The treaty event is held annually in conjunction with the general debate of the General Assembly. On this occasion, Heads of State and Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs take treaty actions under multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General. This initiative has proven successful in the promotion of participation in the multilateral treaty framework. In 2020 and 2021, the treaty event could not be held owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lessons learned and planned change

8.104 The lesson for the subprogramme was that the availability of exhaustive legal and procedural information is instrumental in facilitating Member State participation in the treaty event. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will provide all necessary information regarding the legal and procedural requirements for joining multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, including the advance review of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, and of full powers. Furthermore, the subprogramme will disseminate legal information and official photographs on treaty actions taken.

8.105 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.28).

Table 8.28
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	–	States took treaty actions under multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event	States take treaty actions under multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event	States take treaty actions under multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event

Deliverables

8.106 Table 8.29 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 8.29

Subprogramme 6: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	–	–	3	–
1. Meetings of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (informal consultations and plenary meetings)	–	–	3	–
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	2	2	2	2
2. Seminar on treaty law and practice	2	2	2	2
Publications (number of publications)	38	48	40	40
3. United Nations <i>Treaty Series</i> volumes	38	48	40	40
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advice to intergovernmental bodies on final clauses and the law of treaties during the negotiations of treaties to be deposited with the Secretary-General; consultation and legal advice concerning the law of treaties, depositary practice and registration of treaties to States, international organizations, secretariats and treaty bodies.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: daily online updates of depositary notifications on treaty actions and formalities regarding multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General; original of treaties and certified true copies of treaties deposited with the Secretary-General; certificates of registration and other registration documents regarding treaties and treaty actions registered and filed and recorded by Member States and other entities; and the United Nations Treaty Collection database.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: annual treaty event during the opening session of the General Assembly and special treaty events dedicated to a particular treaty deposited with the Secretary-General.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: up-to-date content for the United Nations Treaty Collection website.				
E. Enabling deliverables				
Legal services: legal advice to and support for United Nations offices, departments and regional commissions on the law of treaties, depositary practice and the registration of treaties.				

B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2024

Overview

8.107 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 8.30 to 8.32.

Table 8.30

Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
Posts	23 542.2	25 078.5	–	–	–	–	–	25 078.5
Other staff costs	261.9	450.6	–	–	–	–	–	450.6
Non-staff compensation	–	0.1	–	–	–	–	–	0.1
Hospitality	–	0.7	–	–	–	–	–	0.7
Consultants	176.7	229.0	(13.0)	–	–	(13.0)	(6.0)	216.0
Experts	436.4	1 308.4	(979.4)	–	–	(979.4)	(74.9)	329.0
Travel of representatives	1 316.9	1 793.9	–	–	–	–	–	1 793.9
Travel of staff	564.6	595.7	(83.8)	–	–	(83.8)	(14.1)	511.9
Contractual services	837.9	947.7	–	32.0	10.8	42.8	4.5	990.5
General operating expenses	226.8	349.2	(2.1)	–	(10.8)	(12.9)	(3.7)	336.3
Supplies and materials	14.3	34.1	–	–	–	–	–	34.1
Furniture and equipment	64.0	125.1	–	–	–	–	–	125.1
Grants and contributions	164.0	287.4	–	–	–	–	–	287.4
Total	27 605.6	31 200.4	(1 078.3)	32.0	–	(1 046.3)	(3.4)	30 154.1

Table 8.31

Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2024

(Number of posts)

	Number	Details
Approved for 2023	147	1 USG, 1 ASG, 4 D-2, 7 D-1, 19 P-5, 22 P-4, 26 P-3, 15 P-2/1, 11 GS (PL), 41 GS (OL)
Post changes	–	–
Proposed for 2024	147	1 USG, 1 ASG, 4 D-2, 7 D-1, 19 P-5, 22 P-4, 26 P-3, 15 P-2/1, 11 GS (PL), 41 GS (OL)

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and figures: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); USG, Under-Secretary-General.

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Table 8.32
Overall: proposed posts by category and grade^a

(Number of posts)

Category and grade	2023 approved	Changes			Total	2024 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other		
Professional and higher						
USG	1	–	–	–	–	1
ASG	1	–	–	–	–	1
D-2	4	–	–	–	–	4
D-1	7	–	–	–	–	7
P-5	19	–	–	–	–	19
P-4	22	–	–	–	–	22
P-3	26	–	–	–	–	26
P-2/1	15	–	–	–	–	15
Subtotal	95	–	–	–	–	95
General Service and related						
GS (PL)	11	–	–	–	–	11
GS (OL)	41	–	–	–	–	41
Subtotal	52	–	–	–	–	52
Total	147	–	–	–	–	147

^a Includes six temporary posts (2 P-3, 2 P-2 and 2 General Service (Other level)).

8.108 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in tables 8.33 to 8.35 and figure 8.III.

8.109 As reflected in tables 8.33 (1) and 8.34 (1), the overall resources proposed for 2024 amount to \$30,154,100 before recosting, reflecting a net decrease of \$1,046,300 in comparison with the appropriation for 2023. Resource changes result from three factors, namely: (a) technical adjustments; (b) new and expanded mandates; and (c) other changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

Table 8.33
Overall: evolution of financial resources by source of funding, component and subprogramme

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes			Total	Percentage	2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other			
A. Policymaking organs	1 781.4	2 140.4	–	–	–	–	–	2 140.4
B. Executive direction and management	1 137.0	1 654.9	–	–	7.1	7.1	0.4	1 662.0
C. Programme of work								
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	2 091.0	2 125.8	–	–	(7.1)	(7.1)	(0.3)	2 118.7
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	3 925.4	4 150.9	–	–	–	–	–	4 150.9

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Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	3 928.9	4 636.0	–	–	–	–	–	4 636.0
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	6 700.8	8 180.2	(1 078.3)	32.0	–	(1 046.3)	(12.8)	7 133.9
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	3 386.7	3 711.2	–	–	–	–	–	3 711.2
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	3 743.8	3 612.4	–	–	–	–	–	3 612.4
Subtotal, C	23 776.6	26 416.5	(1 078.3)	32.0	(7.1)	(1 053.4)	(4.0)	25 363.1
D. Programme support	910.6	988.6	–	–	–	–	–	988.6
Subtotal, 1	27 605.6	31 200.4	(1 078.3)	32.0	–	(1 046.3)	(3.4)	30 154.1

(2) *Other assessed*

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 estimate	Change	Percentage	2024 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	56.9	113.1	(0.3)	(0.3)	112.8
C. Programme of work					
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	1 328.4	1 513.0	60.7	4.0	1 573.7
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	2 708.6	3 098.2	140.7	4.5	3 238.9
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	–	–	–	–	–
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	–	–	–	–	–
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	–	–	–	–	–
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal, C	4 037.0	4 611.2	201.4	4.4	4 812.6
D. Programme support	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal, 2	4 093.9	4 724.3	201.1	4.3	4 925.4

(3) *Extrabudgetary*

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 estimate	Change	Percentage	2024 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	272.7	604.9	(127.5)	(21.1)	477.4
C. Programme of work					
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	1 728.1	1 921.6	–	–	1 921.6

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<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>2022 expenditure</i>	<i>2023 estimate</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>2024 estimate</i>
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	2 851.3	4 037.4	–	–	4 037.4
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	20.8	243.7	(209.4)	(85.9)	34.3
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	3 366.1	4 750.2	(566.4)	(11.9)	4 183.7
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	1 229.2	1 335.3	10.8	0.8	1 346.1
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	128.9	243.0	–	–	243.0
Subtotal, C	9 324.3	12 531.2	(765.0)	(6.1)	11 766.2
D. Programme support	318.1	337.0	–	–	337.0
Subtotal, 3	9 915.1	13 473.1	(892.5)	(6.6)	12 580.6
Total	41 614.6	49 397.8	(1 737.7)	(3.7)	47 660.1

Table 8.34

Overall: proposed posts for 2024 by source of funding, component and subprogramme

(Number of posts)

 (1) *Regular budget*

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>2023 approved</i>	<i>Changes</i>				<i>2024 proposed</i>
		<i>Technical adjustments</i>	<i>New/expanded mandates</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	9	–	–	–	–	9
C. Programme of work						
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	11	–	–	–	–	11
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	21	–	–	–	–	21
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	20	–	–	–	–	20
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	35	–	–	–	–	35
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	22	–	–	–	–	22
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	24	–	–	–	–	24
Subtotal, C	133	–	–	–	–	133
D. Programme support	5	–	–	–	–	5
Subtotal, 1	147	–	–	–	–	147

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(2) *Other assessed*

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>2023 estimate</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>2024 estimate</i>
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	–	–	–
C. Programme of work			
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	6	–	6
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	13	–	13
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	–	–	–
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	–	–	–
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	–	–	–
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	–	–	–
Subtotal, C	19	–	19
D. Programme support	–	–	–
Subtotal, 2	19	–	19

(3) *Extrabudgetary*

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>2023 estimate</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>2024 estimate</i>
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	2	–	2
C. Programme of work			
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	6	–	6
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	13	–	13
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	–	–	–
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	3	–	3
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	7	(1)	6
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	1	–	1
Subtotal, C	30	(1)	29
D. Programme support	2	–	2
Subtotal, 3	34	(1)	33
Total	200	(1)	199

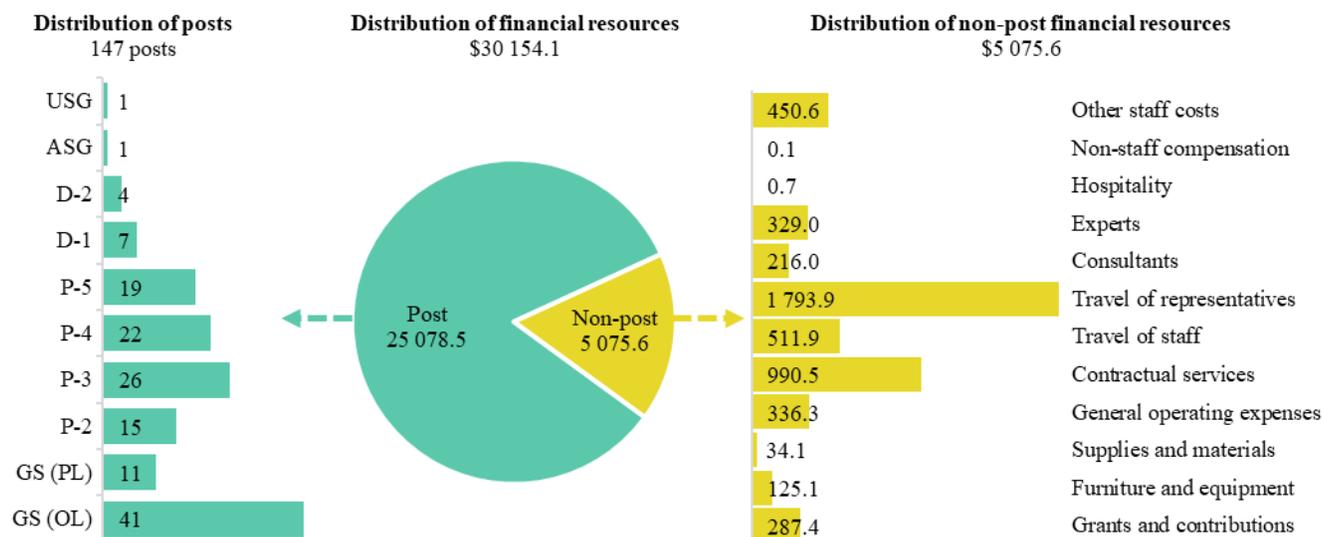
Table 8.35
Overall: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure							
Post	23 542.2	25 078.5	–	–	–	–	25 078.5
Non-post	4 063.4	6 121.9	(1 078.3)	32.0	–	(1 046.3)	5 075.6
Total	27 605.6	31 200.4	(1 078.3)	32.0	–	(1 046.3)	(3.4)
Post resources by category							
Professional and higher		95	–	–	–	–	95
General Service and related		52	–	–	–	–	52
Total		147	–	–	–	–	147

Figure 8.III
Distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Explanation of variances by factor, component and subprogramme

Overall resource changes

Technical adjustments

8.110 As reflected in table 8.33 (1), resource changes reflect a decrease of \$1,078,300 under subprogramme 4, Law of the sea and ocean affairs. The decrease relates to the removal of non-recurrent requirements under consultants (\$13,000), experts (\$979,400), travel of staff (\$83,800) and general operating expenses (\$2,100) to support the work related to: (a) the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and

Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/18](#); and (b) the third year of the third cycle of the Regular Process for the period 2021–2025, pursuant to Assembly resolution [75/239](#) on oceans and the law of the sea.

New and expanded mandates

- 8.111 As reflected in table 8.33 (1), resource changes under subprogramme 4, Law of the sea and ocean affairs, reflect an increase of \$32,000 under contractual services to provide for data processing services and operational support for the fourth year of the third cycle of the Regular Process, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/239](#).

Other changes

- 8.112 As reflected in table 8.33 (1), cost-neutral resource changes are proposed as follows:
- (a) **Executive direction and management.** The increase of \$7,100 under contractual services reflects additional requirements for service-level agreements with the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Secretariat for two posts redeployed in 2023;
 - (b) **Subprogramme 1, Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole.** The decrease of \$7,100 under contractual services reflects reduced requirements for the support of the matter management system. The amount is proposed for redeployment to executive direction and management to cover the additional requirements under contractual services (see para. 8.112 (a)).

Other assessed and extrabudgetary resources

- 8.113 As reflected in tables 8.33 (2) and 8.34 (2), projected other assessed resources for 2024 of \$4,925,400 would be utilized to support the activities of the Office of Legal Affairs in relation to peacekeeping activities (\$4,703,500) and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (\$221,900). The proposal reflects an increase of \$201,100 compared with the estimate for 2023, owing mainly to the updated standard salary costs, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 ([A/77/771](#)).
- 8.114 As reflected in tables 8.33 (3) and 8.34 (3), the Office of Legal Affairs expects to continue to receive both cash and in-kind contributions, which would complement regular budget resources. In 2024, extrabudgetary resources are estimated at \$12,580,600. The resources would be used primarily to provide legal advice and assistance to facilitate the implementation of substantive mandates and to protect the legal interests and minimize the legal liabilities of the United Nations, including, but not limited to, with regard to: (a) providing legal support and assistance in response to requests made by principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations; (b) conducting international law training and dissemination under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law; (c) promoting and strengthening the law of the sea for the peaceful use of the oceans and sustainable development; and (d) providing support for the progressive improvement, harmonization, understanding, knowledge, interpretation and application of international trade law and for the coordination of the work of international organizations active in that field. The expected decrease of \$892,500 reflects mainly the completion of the modernization of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, the implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement and the anticipated conclusion in late 2023 of a programme of assistance to meet the strategic capacity needs of developing States in the field of ocean governance and the law of the sea, and the reduced requirements for travel of experts to attend meetings.
- 8.115 Anticipated in-kind contributions with an estimated value of \$512,300 will provide for: (a) donated right-to-use arrangements under a memorandum of understanding between the United Nations, the

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Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea and the city of Incheon regarding the operation of and financial contributions to the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (\$41,900); (b) other services, such as expert advice from two legal experts, for the Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (\$100,300); and (c) technical assistance, administrative support and other services as a contribution for the World Oceans Day event (\$370,100).

- 8.116 The extrabudgetary resources under the present section are subject to the oversight of the Office of Legal Affairs, which has delegated authority from the Secretary-General.

Policymaking organs

- 8.117 The resources proposed under this component would provide for requirements relating to standing intergovernmental organs and expert bodies. Table 8.36 provides information on the standing intergovernmental organs and related resource requirements under the regular budget.

Table 8.36
Policymaking organs

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Policymaking organ</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Additional information</i>	<i>2023 appropriation</i>	<i>2024 estimate (before recosting)</i>
International Law Commission	Pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter, the General Assembly, by its resolution 174 (II), established the International Law Commission and approved its statute (see resolution 174 (II), annex, as amended by resolutions 485 (V), 984 (X), 985 (X) and 36/39). The Commission has as its objective the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification. The Commission holds an annual session in Geneva of 10 to 12 weeks' duration and reports to the Assembly, which provides guidance to the Commission on its programme of work through annual resolutions on the reports of the Commission. Since 2000, as mandated by the Assembly, the Commission has held split annual sessions up to a total of 12 weeks. The length of the session is recommended by the Commission at its previous session and approved by the Assembly. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs provides the substantive servicing of the Commission.	Mandate: Article 13 (1) (a) of the Charter Membership: 34 experts in international law Number of sessions in 2024: 1 session	1 990.6	1 990.6
UNCITRAL	UNCITRAL is mandated, pursuant to Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI), to further the progressive harmonization and modernization of the law of international trade, which corresponds to subprogramme 5. The Commission carries out its tasks, with the assistance of the International Trade Law Division as its secretariat, in one annual meeting of up to four weeks' duration and in 6 working group meetings on specialized topics of up to 13 weeks' duration per year.	Mandate: Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) Membership: 70 Member States Number of sessions in 2024: 1	149.8	149.8
Total			2 140.4	2 140.4

- 8.118 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,140,400 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.37 and figure 8.IV.

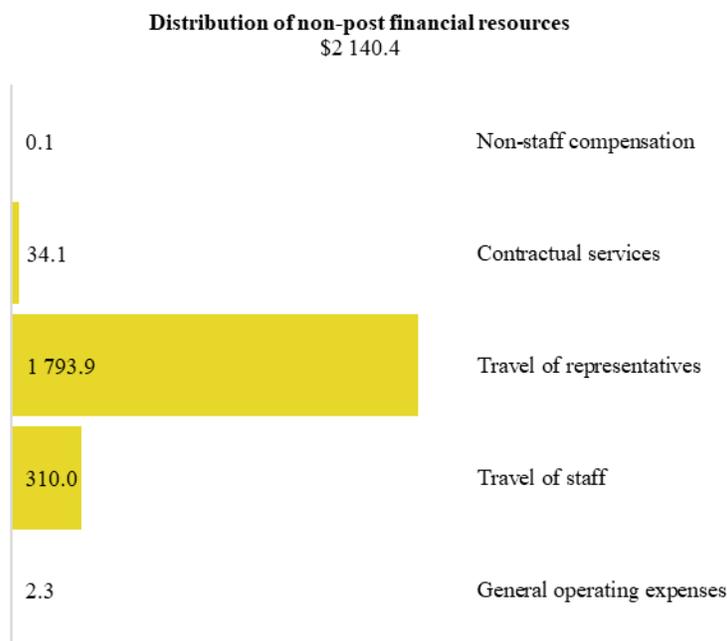
Table 8.37
Policymaking organs: evolution of financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				Total	Percentage	2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other				
Non-post	1 781.4	2 140.4	–	–	–	–	–	2 140.4	
Total	1 781.4	2 140.4	–	–	–	–	–	2 140.4	

Figure 8.IV
Policymaking organs: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Thousands of United States dollars)



Executive direction and management

8.119 The executive direction and management component comprises the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Evaluation and Strategic Planning Unit. The component is responsible for the following functions:

- (a) Providing the overall policy direction, supervision, administration and management of the Office of Legal Affairs;
- (b) Representing the Secretary-General at meetings and conferences of a legal nature and in judicial and arbitral proceedings, certifying legal instruments issued on behalf of the United Nations, convening meetings of the legal advisers of the United Nations system and representing the Organization at such meetings;
- (c) Monitoring the resources of the Office of Legal Affairs to address the changing organizational needs and workload and to improve the Office’s management systems;

- (d) Formulating recommendations to the Secretary-General in interdepartmental and inter-agency bodies, supporting the coordination of the United Nations Legal Advisers Network and providing legal advice to high-level inter-agency bodies;
 - (e) Ensuring the consistent monitoring and self-evaluation of subprogrammes and supporting subprogrammes with the identification, development and review of monitoring and self-evaluation methodologies and practices;
 - (f) Coordinating the working groups on monitoring and evaluation and on the Sustainable Development Goals within the Office of Legal Affairs;
 - (g) Acting as the focal point for information on all aspects of the work of the Office of Legal Affairs, including with regard to all capacity-building activities coordinated by the Office, coordinating interdepartmental activities and consulting and negotiating with other departments, offices, subsidiary bodies and related agencies of the United Nations system on matters of mutual concern;
 - (h) Acting as the centre for coordination and supervision of all capacity-building activities, including those undertaken under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (subprogramme 3), and for the strengthening of the capacity of the Office of Legal Affairs to concentrate the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of those activities to allow for a more strategic and integrated management of capacity-building efforts, the leveraging of partnerships and the replication of good practices regarding legal technical assistance across organizational units to better assist relevant stakeholders and better respond to requests by Member States.
- 8.120 In accordance with the 2030 Agenda, in particular target 12.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in which organizations are encouraged to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycles, and in compliance with the cross-cutting mandate set out in paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution [72/219](#), the Office integrates environmental management practices into its operations. This includes decreasing its greenhouse gas by: (a) encouraging the use of videoconference facilities for interviews and meetings; (b) reducing print services and ensuring that all printers are set to double-sided printing; and (c) encouraging staff to turn off computers and monitors at the end of the workday.
- 8.121 Information on the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 8.38. The timeliness of booking compliance was affected by several factors, such as the change in participants for workshops and seminars by sponsoring Member States, delays in participants obtaining entry visas and delayed confirmations of travellers and sponsors regarding their participation in activities.

Table 8.38

Compliance rate

(Percentage)

	<i>Actual 2020</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2022</i>	<i>Planned 2023</i>	<i>Planned 2024</i>
Timely submission of documentation	100	98	99	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel	72	67	62	100	100

- 8.122 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$1,662,000 and reflect an increase of \$7,100 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 8.112 (a). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.39 and figure 8.V.

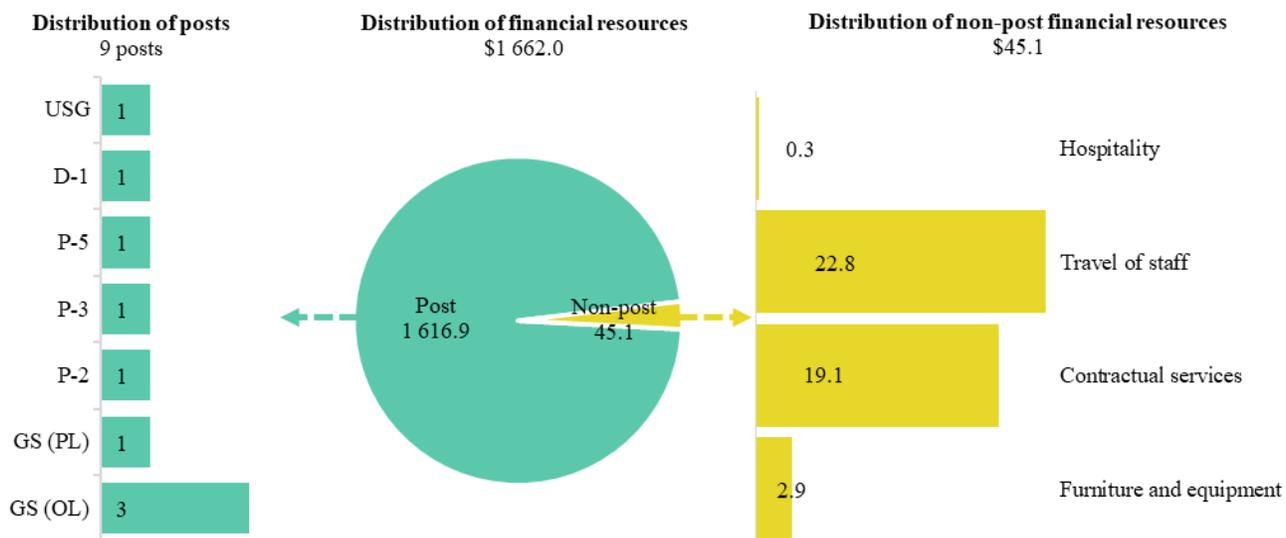
Table 8.39
Executive direction and management: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 104.6	1 616.9	–	–	–	–	–	1 616.9
Non-post	32.4	38.0	–	–	7.1	7.1	18.7	45.1
Total	1 137.0	1 654.9	–	–	7.1	7.1	0.4	1 662.0
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		5	–	–	–	–	–	5
General Service and related		4	–	–	–	–	–	4
Total		9	–	–	–	–	–	9

Figure 8.V
Executive direction and management: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Other assessed and extrabudgetary resources

8.123 Other assessed resources for the component are estimated at \$112,800 and would support peacekeeping operations, where the Office provides legal support and assistance to facilitate the implementation of substantive mandates and to protect the legal interests and minimize the legal liabilities of the United Nations. The net decrease of \$300 is due mainly to estimated reduced requirements for other staff costs, as reflected in the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 ([A/77/771](#)).

8.124 Extrabudgetary resources for the component are estimated at \$477,400 and would support the Evaluation and Strategic Planning Unit in its monitoring and evaluation functions. The resources would be used mainly to strengthen the Office’s evaluation efforts and to support the units of the Office in their monitoring and evaluation efforts, including through the systematic review and

assessment of the support for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the different changes and mandates resulting from United Nations reforms. The projected decrease of \$127,500 is attributable to the completion of the workshop in West Africa for government representatives of West African countries on international law that will take place in 2023 and is not planned for 2024.

Programme of work

Subprogramme 1

Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole

8.125 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,118,700 and reflect a decrease of \$7,100 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 8.112 (b). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.40 and figure 8.VI.

Table 8.40

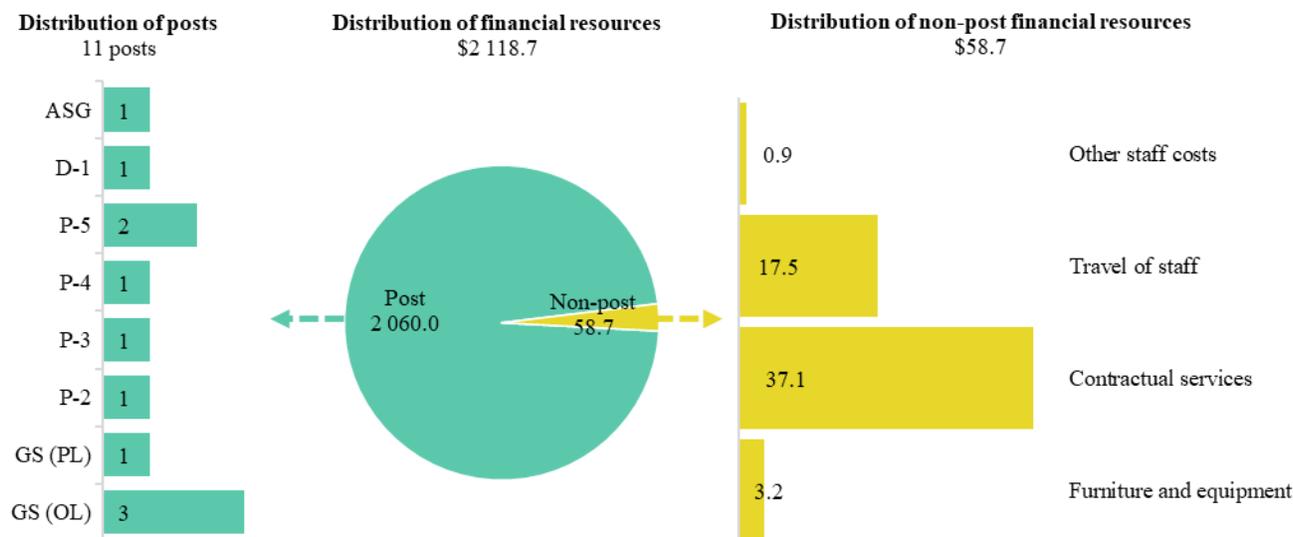
Subprogramme 1: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				Total	Percentage	2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other				
Financial resources by main category of expenditure									
Post	2 053.0	2 060.0	–	–	–	–	–	2 060.0	
Non-post	38.0	65.8	–	–	(7.1)	(7.1)	(10.8)	58.7	
Total	2 091.0	2 125.8	–	–	(7.1)	(7.1)	(0.3)	2 118.7	
Post resources by category									
Professional and higher		7	–	–	–	–	–	7	
General Service and related		4	–	–	–	–	–	4	
Total		11	–	–	–	–	–	11	

Figure 8.VI
Subprogramme 1: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Other assessed and extrabudgetary resources

8.126 Other assessed resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$1,573,700 and would be used to support peacekeeping operations and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. The resources would be used mainly to provide legal advice and assistance on a wide range of operational and support matters, including: advice on the interpretation and implementation of mandates, including the application of rules of engagement and other directives on the use of force; legal advice relating to human rights, international humanitarian law and international criminal law; legal arrangements with host Governments and contributing Governments, including privileges and immunities; and legal arrangements with other international organizations and partners. The projected increase of \$60,700 is due mainly to updated standard salary costs, as reflected in the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (A/77/771).

8.127 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$1,921,600 and would be used mainly to provide centralized legal support and assistance to facilitate the implementation of substantive mandates and to protect the legal interests and minimize the legal liabilities of the United Nations. The resources would also be used to provide legal support to the Development Coordination Office, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and United Nations entities in cooperation with the International Criminal Court, in accordance with the Relationship Agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court.

**Subprogramme 2
 General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes**

8.128 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$4,150,900 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.41 and figure 8.VII.

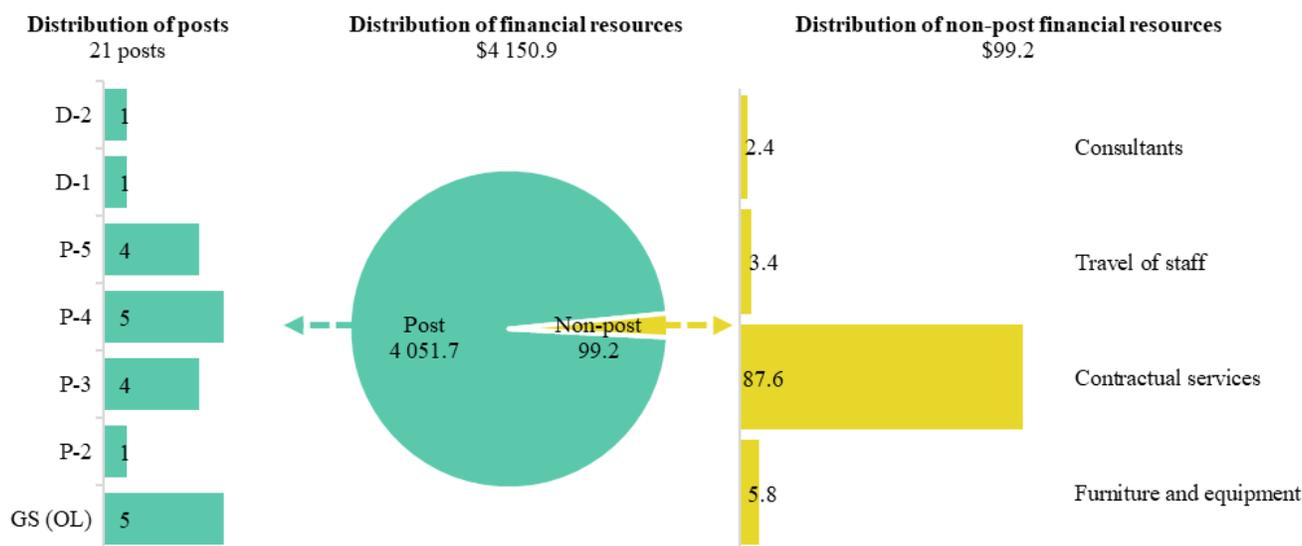
Table 8.41
Subprogramme 2: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes			Total	Percentage	2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other			
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	3 864.6	4 051.7	–	–	–	–	–	4 051.7
Non-post	60.8	99.2	–	–	–	–	–	99.2
Total	3 925.4	4 150.9	–	–	–	–	–	4 150.9
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		16	–	–	–	–	–	16
General Service and related		5	–	–	–	–	–	5
Total		21	–	–	–	–	–	21

Figure 8.VII
Subprogramme 2: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Other assessed and extrabudgetary resources

8.129 Other assessed resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$3,238,900 and would be used to support peacekeeping operations. The resources would be used to provide legal advice and assistance on the interpretation and application of United Nations regulations, rules and policies; represent the Secretary-General before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal in cases and provide advice on the administrative law of the Organization; provide advice on procurement activities and on the preparation and negotiation of contracts for the acquisition of goods or services for United Nations operations; assist in the resolution of disputes and claims arising from operational activities of the Organization; provide advice on the Organization’s accountability measures in relation to both internal sanctions and external enforcement actions against United Nations officials, experts on mission and third parties for fraud, corruption and other wrongdoing; and provide advice on

development, technical and humanitarian assistance activities, including partnerships with the private sector. The projected increase of \$140,700 is due mainly to updated standard salary costs and the higher annual subscription cost for legal software licences, offset in part by the updated estimates for the maintenance, support and licensing costs associated with the matter management system, as reflected in the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (A/77/771).

- 8.130 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$4,037,400 and would be used mainly to provide legal assistance in response to requests made by principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, including offices and departments at Headquarters, and United Nations funds, programmes and regional commissions.

Subprogramme 3 Progressive development and codification of international law

- 8.131 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$4,636,000 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.42 and figure 8.VIII.

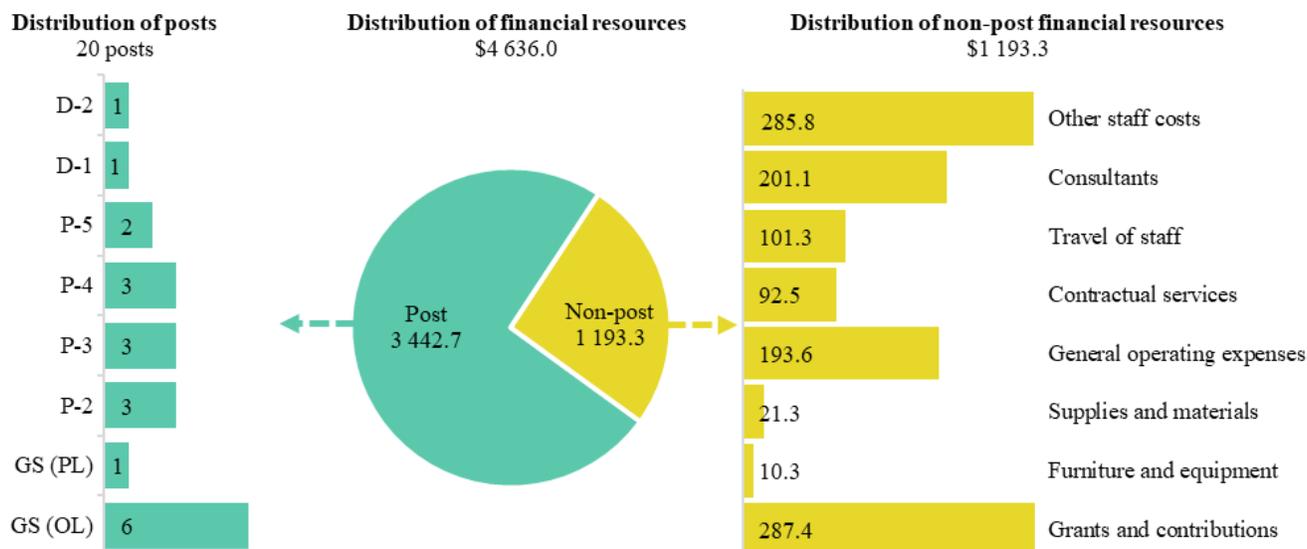
Table 8.42
Subprogramme 3: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				Total	Percentage	2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other				
Financial resources by main category of expenditure									
Post	3 211.0	3 442.7	–	–	–	–	–	3 442.7	
Non-post	717.9	1 193.3	–	–	–	–	–	1 193.3	
Total	3 928.9	4 636.0	–	–	–	–	–	4 636.0	
Post resources by category									
Professional and higher		13	–	–	–	–	–	13	
General Service and related		7	–	–	–	–	–	7	
Total		20	–	–	–	–	–	20	

Figure 8.VIII
Subprogramme 3: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

8.132 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$34,300 and would be used mainly to supplement the efforts of the subprogramme to meet the increasing demand for international law training and dissemination under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. This would include the conduct of off-site recordings for the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law in various regions to expand the geographical representation and multilingualism of the Lecture Series, the provision of additional fellowships to participate in the training programmes, and the update and dissemination of the *International Law Handbook: Collection of Instruments* and the *Recueil de droit international: Collection d'instruments*. The projected decrease of \$209,400 reflects the planned implementation of the main stages of the modernization of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law in 2023.

**Subprogramme 4
 Law of the sea and ocean affairs**

8.133 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$7,133,900 and reflect a decrease of \$1,046,300 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraphs 8.110 and 8.111. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.43 and figure 8.IX.

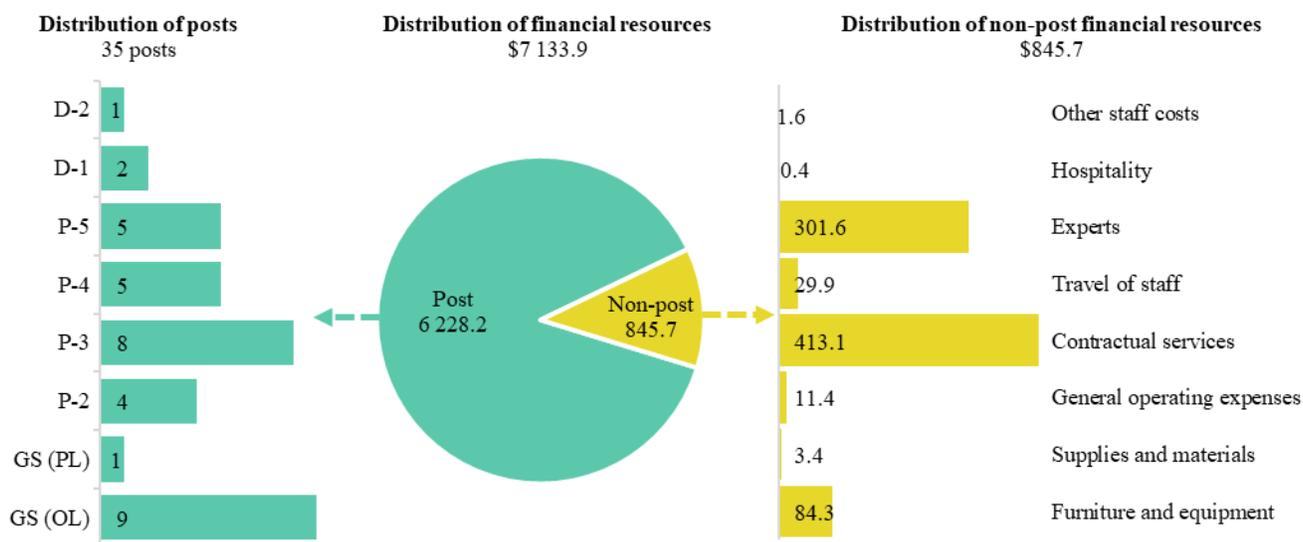
Table 8.43
Subprogramme 4: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure							
Post	5 765.1	6 228.2	–	–	–	–	6 228.2
Non-post	935.8	1 892.0	(1 078.3)	32.0	–	(1 046.3)	845.7
Total	6 700.8	8 180.2	(1 078.3)	32.0	–	(1 046.3)	7 133.9
Post resources by category							
Professional and higher		25	–	–	–	–	25
General Service and related		10	–	–	–	–	10
Total		35	–	–	–	–	35

Figure 8.IX
Subprogramme 4: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

8.134 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$4,183,700 and would be used to support the subprogramme’s capacity-building activities (fellowships and training courses) and technical cooperation programmes to provide assistance to developing States in the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement. The resources would also be used to provide for the participation of developing States in ocean-related work of the General Assembly, related global and regional processes and the work of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. The resources would allow the subprogramme to continue to implement a number of capacity-building activities and technical cooperation projects, including the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, the United Nations-Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellowship Programme for Human

Resources Development and Advancement of the Legal Order of the World’s Oceans and the programmes of assistance to meet the strategic capacity needs of developing States in the field of ocean governance and the law of the sea. The estimated decrease of \$566,400 mainly relates to reduced requirements for meetings (travel of experts), owing to the anticipated completion of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction in 2023, and consultancy costs, owing mainly to the completion of a first phase of a new programme of assistance to strengthen participation in and implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement by the end of 2023, and the anticipated conclusion in late 2023 of a programme of assistance to meet the strategic capacity needs of developing States in the field of ocean governance and the law of the sea.

**Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade**

8.135 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$3,711,200 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.44 and figure 8.X.

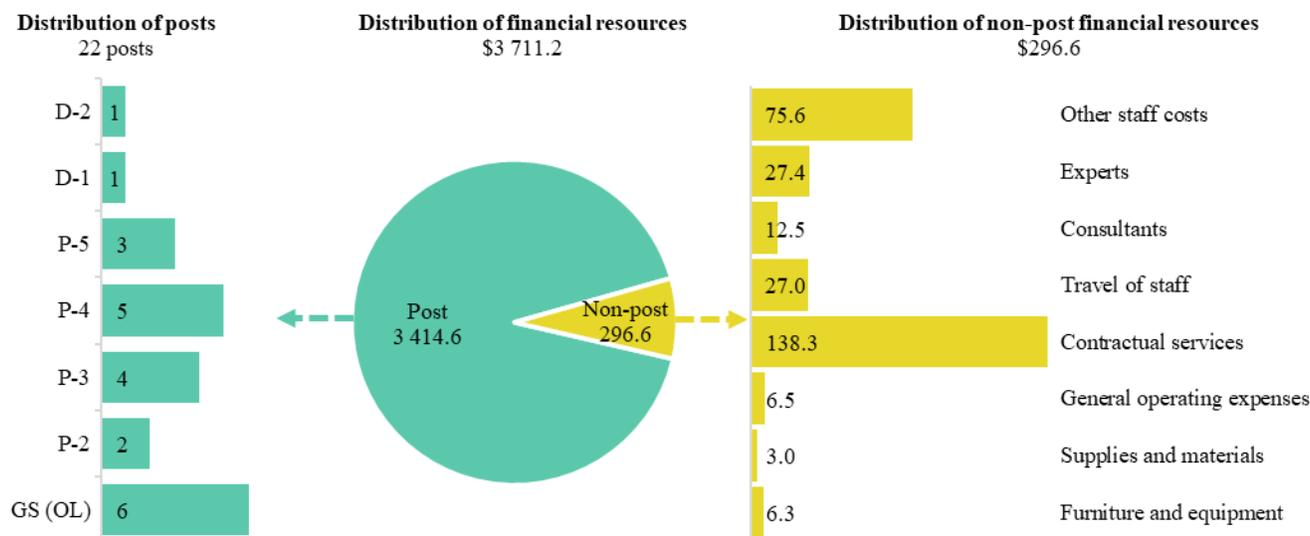
Table 8.44
Subprogramme 5: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				Total	Percentage	2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other				
Financial resources by main category of expenditure									
Post	3 111.8	3 414.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 414.6
Non-post	274.9	296.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	296.6
Total	3 386.7	3 711.2	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 711.2
Post resources by category									
Professional and higher		16	–	–	–	–	–	–	16
General Service and related		6	–	–	–	–	–	–	6
Total		22	–	–	–	–	–	–	22

Figure 8.X
Subprogramme 5: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

8.136 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$1,346,100 and would be used mainly to support the Office of Legal Affairs in ensuring the participation of developing States in UNCITRAL sessions; to operate the Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific; to manage the Transparency Registry (an online repository for the publication of information and documents in treaty-based investor-State arbitration); and to complement the regular budget resources on the implementation of various activities under the subprogramme. These activities include raising awareness and promoting the effective understanding, adoption and use of UNCITRAL texts; providing advice and assistance to States on the adoption and use of those texts; and building capacity to support their effective use, implementation and uniform interpretation, including through training activities and e-learning modules on UNCITRAL and its texts. The projected increase of \$10,800 mainly relates to additional requirements for producing capacity-building materials for the UNCITRAL e-learning courses.

**Subprogramme 6
 Custody, registration and publication of treaties**

8.137 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$3,612,400 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.45 and figure 8.XI.

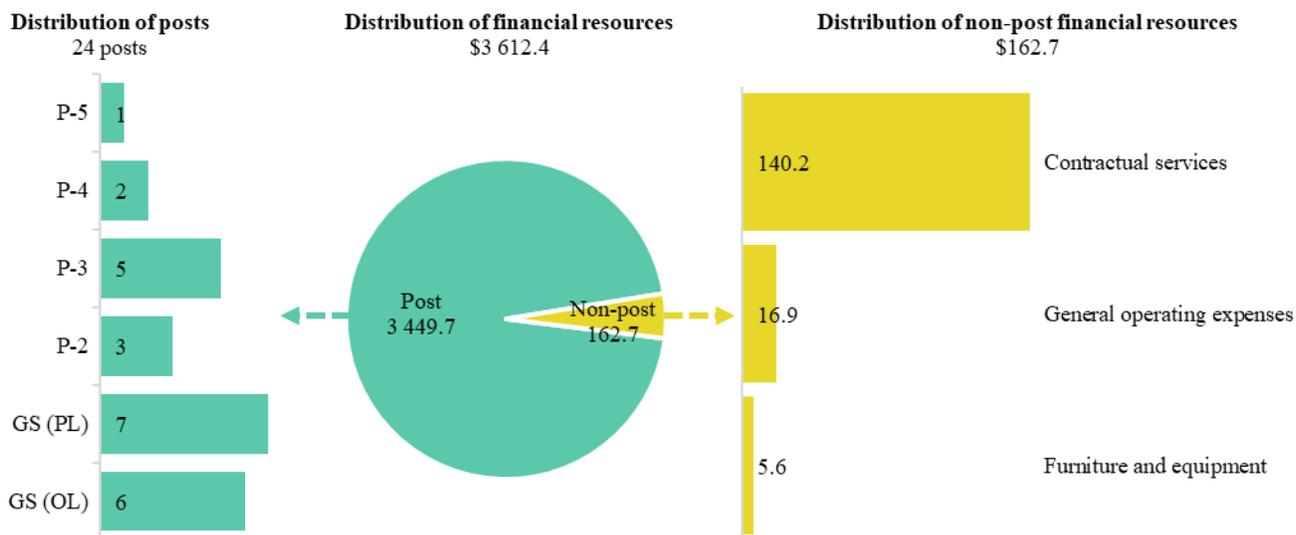
Table 8.45
Subprogramme 6: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	3 606.4	3 449.7	–	–	–	–	–	3 449.7
Non-post	137.4	162.7	–	–	–	–	–	162.7
Total	3 743.8	3 612.4	–	–	–	–	–	3 612.4
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		11	–	–	–	–	–	11
General Service and related		13	–	–	–	–	–	13
Total		24	–	–	–	–	–	24

Figure 8.XI
Subprogramme 6: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

8.138 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$243,000 and would be used to support the Treaty Section to meet the increasing demand in the electronic management of treaties submitted for custody, registration and publication by States, international organizations and the United Nations, including all agreements concluded by the Organization for the implementation of voluntary funded activities.

Programme support

8.139 The component comprises the Executive Office, which provides administrative services to the Office of Legal Affairs and policymaking organs, including on human resources, budgetary and financial administration and resource planning.

8.140 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$988,600 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 8.46 and figure 8.XII.

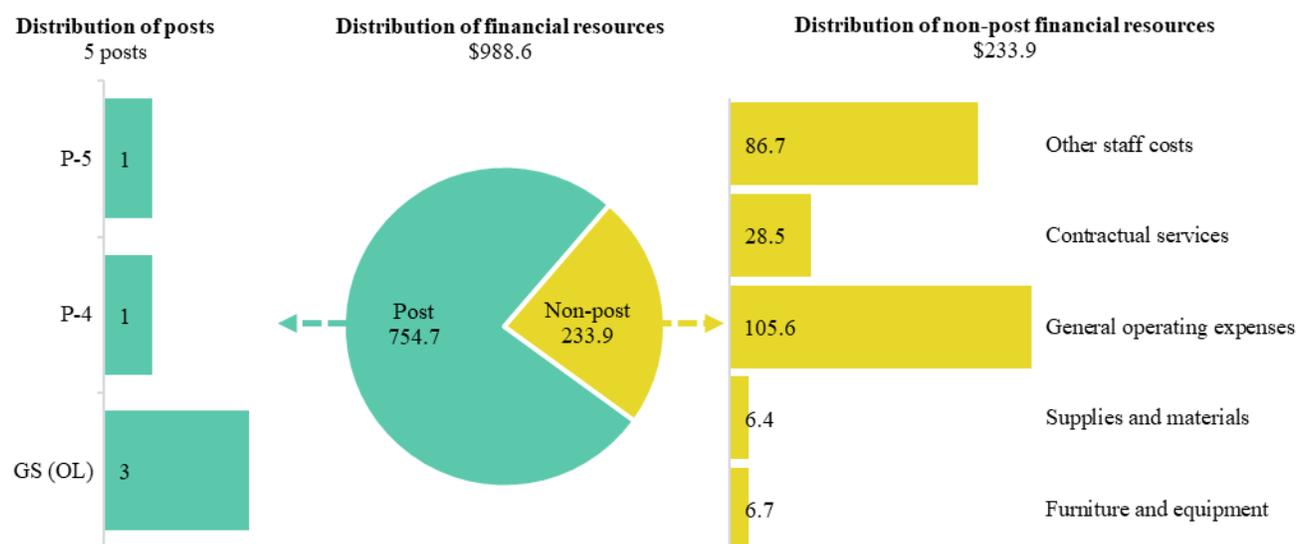
Table 8.46
Programme support: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				Total	Percentage	2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other				
Financial resources by main category of expenditure									
Post	825.8	754.7	–	–	–	–	–	754.7	
Non-post	84.8	233.9	–	–	–	–	–	233.9	
Total	910.6	988.6	–	–	–	–	–	988.6	
Post resources by category									
Professional and higher		2	–	–	–	–	–	2	
General Service and related		3	–	–	–	–	–	3	
Total		5	–	–	–	–	–	5	

Figure 8.XII
Programme support: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 8.141 Extrabudgetary resources for the component are estimated at \$337,000 and would support the various administrative functions, including the provision of financial services, human resources management and administrative support related to extrabudgetary activities funded through various trust funds. Associated activities include the administration of personnel and fellowship programmes funded by the Nippon Foundation, travel arrangements, the procurement of goods and services and the review of voluntary contributions in kind.

II. Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar

Foreword

In 2024, the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar plans to accelerate its collection of evidence of the most serious international crimes committed in Myanmar and intensify its preparation of analytical products to be shared with judicial authorities willing and able to pursue accountability for such crimes.

Tragically, on the basis of reports and evidence collected to date, the number of serious international crimes committed in Myanmar has increased dramatically since the military takeover in 2021, and collecting evidence of such crimes presents a constant challenge. To date, the Mechanism has collected credible evidence documenting the commission of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including evidence of murder, rape, torture, unlawful imprisonment, and deportation or forcible transfer. The Mechanism also continues to collect evidence regarding crimes committed against the Rohingya.

In 2024, the Mechanism will continue to evaluate how it can best collect evidence and produce analytical products that will be useful to judicial authorities that may prosecute such cases. The Mechanism will continue to prioritize gathering evidence regarding sexual and gender-based crimes and crimes against children; preserving detailed testimonies from witnesses with direct knowledge of events, particularly those with inside knowledge of orders given and reports made; ensuring the safety of such witnesses; and adopting cutting-edge tools, including for the analysis of social media and other open-source evidence, as well as financial evidence.

(Signed) Nicholas **Koumjian**
Head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar

A. Proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance in 2022

Overall orientation

Mandates and background

- 8.142 The Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar is mandated to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011 and prepare files that can be shared with national, regional or international courts or tribunals to facilitate fair and independent criminal proceedings. The mandate derives from Human Rights Council resolutions [39/2](#), [42/3](#), [43/26](#), [46/21](#), [47/1](#), [49/23](#) and [50/3](#). In its resolution [43/26](#), the Council called for close and timely cooperation between the Mechanism and any future investigations by the International Criminal Court or the International Court of Justice. The mandate is further elaborated in the Mechanism's terms of reference ([A/73/716](#), annex).
- 8.143 The creation of the Mechanism was welcomed by the General Assembly in its resolution [73/264](#). The Assembly, in its resolutions [75/238](#), [76/180](#) and [77/227](#), called upon the United Nations to ensure that the Mechanism was afforded the flexibility that it needed in terms of staffing, location and operational freedom so that it could deliver as effectively as possible on its mandate.

Programme of work

Objective

- 8.144 The objective, to which the Mechanism contributes, is to ensure accountability of perpetrators and justice for victims of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011.

Strategy and external factors for 2024

- 8.145 To contribute to the objective, the Mechanism will:
- (a) Collect and analyse information and evidence regarding crimes within its mandate, including by undertaking in-person investigative missions;
 - (b) Provide protection and support services to witnesses and information providers, including through cooperation with national authorities and other partners;
 - (c) Develop and maintain a secure electronic information management system that can protect against evolving risks to security in the use of information and communications technologies and facilitate the analysis of vast quantities of information, including social media data and testimonial, photographic and video evidence;
 - (d) Share evidence and analysis with national, regional or international courts or tribunals in accordance with its mandate and cooperate with any ongoing or future proceedings by such courts or tribunals, including the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice;
 - (e) Engage in outreach to explain its mandate, strategies and deliverables to relevant stakeholders, in particular to victims and witnesses, using various communication tools and civil society dialogues.
- 8.146 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) The collection and preservation of information and evidence that can be shared with national, regional or international courts or tribunals in relation to the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011;
 - (b) The initiation of fair and independent criminal proceedings in national, regional or international courts or tribunals in relation to the aforementioned crimes;
 - (c) Greater understanding of the Mechanism's mandate, work and expected results by all relevant stakeholders, including victims and the general public, in particular inside Myanmar.
- 8.147 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2024 is based on the following planning assumptions:
- (a) Relevant Member States will permit the Mechanism to access crime sites, conduct evidence collection, including witness interviews, and engage in victim outreach activities within their territories;
 - (b) National, regional or international courts or tribunals will seek to exercise jurisdiction over the crimes within the Mechanism's mandate and the relevant authorities will continue to request the sharing of information from the Mechanism.
- 8.148 With regard to cooperation with other entities at the global, regional, national and local levels, the Mechanism continues to engage with a diverse range of actors, including Member States, individuals, civil society organizations and business entities, to seek relevant information and ensure support for its mandate.
- 8.149 With regard to inter-agency coordination and liaison, the Mechanism continues to consult with international courts and other international accountability mechanisms, in particular in the areas of legal and judicial cooperation, information management systems, witness protection and support, and training. The Mechanism also cooperates with other United Nations entities working on issues relating to Myanmar.
- 8.150 The Mechanism integrates a gender perspective in its operational activities, deliverables and results as appropriate. The Mechanism will continue its focus on sexual and gender-based crimes and crimes against children, including appropriate access to protection and support measures for victims of such crimes.

Impact of the pandemic and lessons learned

- 8.151 The continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic into 2022 had an impact on the implementation of the Mechanism's mandate, in particular by slowing progress on in-person data collection and witness interviews, outreach events and diplomatic missions. Postponed travel resulted in delays in gathering evidence; knowledge gaps and misconceptions about the work of the Mechanism; and reduced progress on the negotiation and conclusion of cooperation arrangements with Member States. Whenever possible, the Mechanism changed its approach from in-person to virtual.
- 8.152 The Mechanism continues to mainstream lessons learned and best practices related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the extensive use of open-source investigations and the use of secure electronic communications in lieu of travel. However, for certain fundamental investigative steps, virtual meetings are a poor substitute for in-person engagement. Accordingly, the Mechanism reinstated formerly established practices, including travelling to conduct in-person interviews of witnesses in various locations; systematically undertaking more direct outreach with potential witnesses and victims' groups; and engaging with Member States on support and approval for key investigative and outreach activities in their territory.

Evaluation activities

- 8.153 The following evaluations conducted by the Mechanism and completed in 2022 have guided the proposed programme plan for 2024:
- Evaluation on the sharing of information with third parties;
 - Evaluation on the effectiveness of the Mechanism's communication and public outreach strategy.
- 8.154 The results and lessons of the evaluations referenced above have been taken into account for the proposed programme plan for 2024, as reflected in results 2 and 3. For example, the Mechanism has developed evidence packs and analytical products that better satisfy the requests of its diverse sharing partners. The Mechanism plans to develop impactful visual outreach products in relevant Myanmar languages to better communicate its mandate to stakeholders and dispel misconceptions about its work.
- 8.155 An evaluation to be conducted by the Mechanism to assess the establishment of cooperation arrangements is planned for 2024.

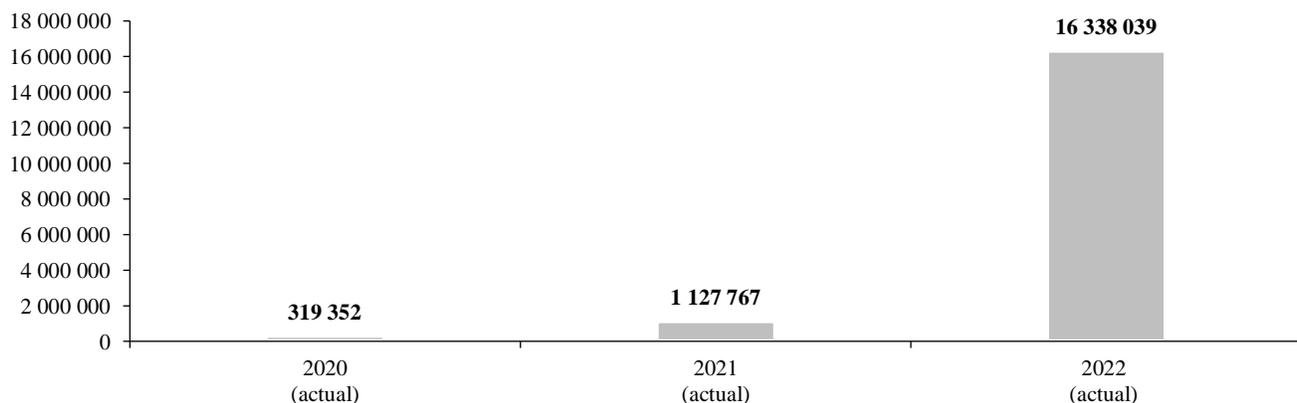
Programme performance in 2022

Increased social media information and data available for sharing

- 8.156 Given the proliferation of information relevant to the Mechanism's mandate posted on various social media platforms, the Mechanism recognized in the early stages of its operations the need to collect, preserve and analyse such information. In 2022, the Mechanism therefore prioritized the identification and collection of social media information, significantly increasing the volume of such information for analysis and, in turn, being made available for sharing with relevant authorities. Of the total of approximately 20 million information items collected as at the end of 2022, over 16 million items were from social media.
- 8.157 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.XIII).

Figure 8.XIII

Performance measure: number of social media information items available for sharing (annual)



Planned results for 2024

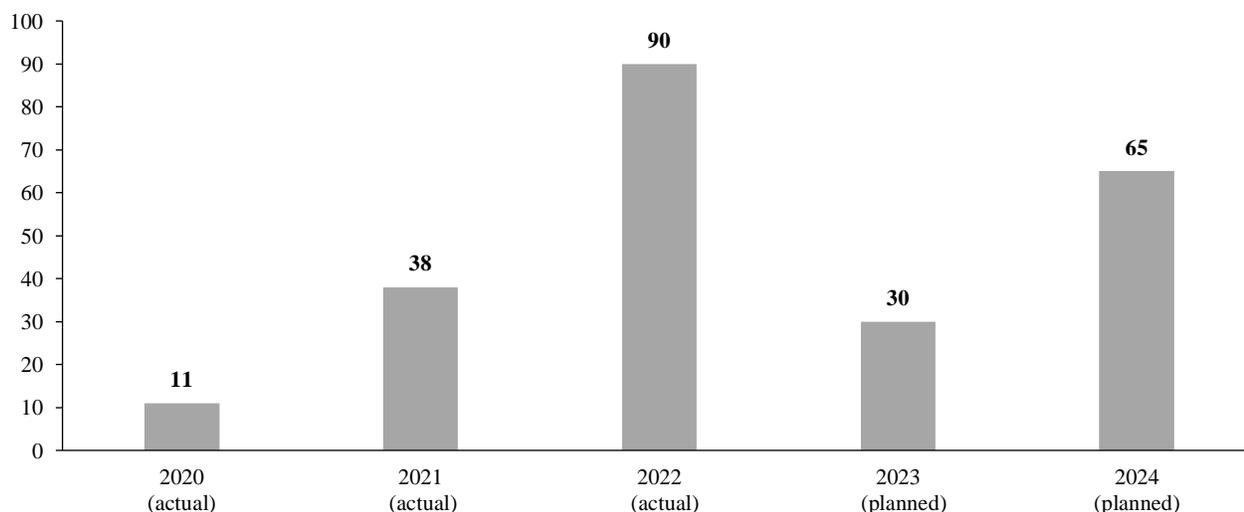
Result 1: availability of evidence packs and analytical documents for sharing with relevant entities

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.158 The Mechanism's work contributed to the availability of 90 evidence packs and analytical documents for sharing with relevant entities, which exceeded the planned target of 15 evidence packs and analytical documents.
- 8.159 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.XIV).

Figure 8.XIV

Performance measure: number of evidence packs and analytical documents available for sharing (annual)



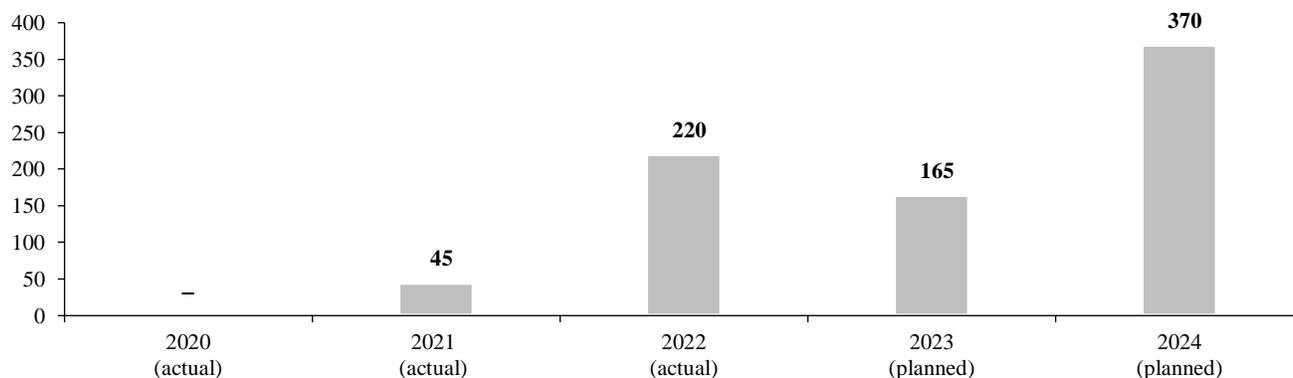
Result 2: increased access to evidence with broadest possible admissibility in national, regional and international courts

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.160 The Mechanism's work contributed to the availability of 220 screening notes and witness statements for sharing, which exceeded the planned target of 105.
- 8.161 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.XV).

Figure 8.XV

Performance measure: number of screening notes and witness statements available for sharing (cumulative)



Result 3: domestic and international authorities have access to evidence that assists in establishing specific crimes and identifying perpetrators

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 8.162 A core aspect of the Mechanism’s mandate is to build case files that can be shared with national or international authorities to facilitate investigations and prosecutions. To date, the Mechanism has shared evidence with two prosecutorial authorities, as well as the parties to proceedings at the International Court of Justice. These three jurisdictions have different rules and procedures regarding the admissibility of evidence, the protection and privacy of witnesses and the language of documents and evidence they can consider, and different focus areas regarding the targets of and the elements of the crimes and violations relating to their respective investigations and proceedings.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 8.163 The lesson for the Mechanism was the importance of regular communication with its sharing partners to better understand the needs of their respective jurisdictions and to tailor its analytical products to fit those needs. Examples include the Mechanism’s efforts in finding the most appropriate machine translation service to translate materials in support of judicial authorities, and the Mechanism’s efforts to analyse millions of information items from social media in order to identify any organized efforts to promote hate speech against Rohingya. In applying the lesson, the Mechanism will adopt new technologies that will leverage existing databases to advance its analytical tools, computer-aided translations and computer vision, to enable the analysis of large quantities of data collected in diverse formats and language scripts in order to provide more tailored, comprehensive and timely analytical products to relevant jurisdictions.
- 8.164 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.47).

Table 8.47
Performance measure: domestic and international authorities have access to:

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Sources of information and evidence	Repository of diverse information and evidence	Repository and analysis of information and evidence regarding priority situations and incidents	Repository of evidence and targeted analysis of hate speech; military structures and chain of command; sexual and gender-based crimes; and crimes against children	Repository of evidence and targeted analysis of financial structures and connections between persons and groups of interest; and digital analysis and geolocation of sites of interest

Legislative mandates

8.165 The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the Mechanism.

General Assembly resolutions

73/264	Situation of human rights in Myanmar	75/287	The situation in Myanmar
74/246 ; 75/238 ; 76/180 ; 77/227	Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar		

Human Rights Council resolutions

39/2 ; 42/3 ; 47/1 ; 50/3	Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar	43/26 ; 46/21 ; 49/23	Situation of human rights in Myanmar
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Deliverables

8.166 Table 8.48 lists all deliverables of the Mechanism.

Table 8.48
Deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	2	2	2	2
1. Reports for the General Assembly	1	1	1	1
2. Reports for the Human Rights Council	1	1	1	1
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	4	4	5	5
Meetings of:				
3. The Human Rights Council	1	1	1	1
4. The General Assembly	–	–	1	1
5. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	1	1	1	1
6. The Committee for Programme and Coordination	1	1	1	1

Part III International justice and law

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
7. The Fifth Committee	1	1	1	1
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	–	7	6	7
8. Workshops for national, regional and international courts or tribunals on the Mechanism’s investigations in order to facilitate proceedings	–	3	4	3
9. Workshop on collaboration between civil society groups working on Myanmar and the Mechanism	–	4	2	4
Technical materials (number of materials)	15	265	90	155
10. Compilation of information and evidence of international crimes	10	48	15	40
11. Compilation of analysis of evidence of international crimes	5	42	15	25
12. Screening notes and witness statements	–	175	60	90
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)	4	6	5	6
13. Investigation missions to identify and meet information providers and witnesses and collect evidence	4	6	5	6
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: consultations and cooperation with more than 50 entities, including Member States and civil society organizations, about the Mechanism.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: database and analytical tools to consolidate, organize, preserve, verify and analyse relevant information and evidence.				
Direct service delivery: protection and support measures for Mechanism witnesses, including 150 threat assessments to identify security risks to witnesses, and referrals of witnesses to service providers to facilitate medical and psychosocial support.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: 2 conferences with relevant stakeholders and civil society organizations on the Mechanism’s mandate and activities; 2 periodic bulletins and other visual material about the Mechanism’s work, tailored to specific audiences in the languages used in Myanmar.				
External and media relations: 15 press conferences and media interviews; panels and events; and briefings to the diplomatic and academic communities on progress of the Mechanism’s work.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: simplified and more visual content on the Mechanism’s website and social media.				

B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2024

Overview

8.167 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 8.49 to 8.51.

Table 8.49

Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
Other staff costs	8 855.7	8 940.4	–	–	391.5	391.5	4.4	9 331.9
Consultants	291.7	311.5	–	–	–	–	–	311.5
Travel of staff	381.4	407.1	–	–	69.8	69.8	17.1	476.9
Contractual services	1 348.5	1 595.7	–	–	8.1	8.1	0.5	1 603.8
General operating expenses	1 104.2	840.3	–	–	16.2	16.2	1.9	856.5
Supplies and materials	77.0	23.7	–	–	0.9	0.9	3.8	24.6
Furniture and equipment	178.1	321.9	–	–	6.3	6.3	2.0	328.2
Grants and contributions	61.1	149.7	–	–	–	–	–	149.7
Total	12 297.5	12 590.3	–	–	492.8	492.8	3.9	13 083.1

Table 8.50

Overall: proposed general temporary assistance positions and changes for 2024

(Number of positions)

	Number	Details
Approved for 2023	55	1 ASG, 1 D-1, 4 P-5, 8 P-4, 20 P-3, 13 P-2/1, 8 GS (OL)
Establishment	3	2 P-2/1, 1 GS (OL)
Proposed for 2024	58	1 ASG, 1 D-1, 4 P-5, 8 P-4, 20 P-3, 15 P-2/1, 9 GS (OL)

Table 8.51

Overall: proposed general temporary assistance positions by category and grade

(Number of positions)

Category and grade	Changes				2024 proposed
	2023 approved	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	
Professional and higher					
ASG	1	–	–	–	1
D-1	1	–	–	–	1
P-5	4	–	–	–	4

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and figures: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS (OL), General Service (Other level).

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Category and grade	Changes					2024 proposed
	2023 approved	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
P-4	8	–	–	–	–	8
P-3	20	–	–	–	–	20
P-2/1	13	–	–	2	–	15
Subtotal	47	–	–	2	–	49
General Service and related						
GS (OL)	8	–	–	1	–	9
Subtotal	8	–	–	1	–	9
Total	55	–	–	3	–	58

8.168 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in tables 8.52 to 8.54 and figure 8.XVI.

8.169 As reflected in tables 8.52 (1) and 8.53 (1), the overall resources proposed for 2024 amount to \$13,083,100 before recosting, reflecting a net increase of \$492,800 (or 3.9 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2023. Resource changes result from other changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of the Mechanism's mandate.

Table 8.52

Overall: evolution of financial resources by source of funding and component

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	Changes						2024 estimate (before recosting)	
	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total		
Programme of work	12 297.5	12 590.3	–	–	492.8	492.8	3.9	13 083.1
Subtotal, 1	12 297.5	12 590.3	–	–	492.8	492.8	3.9	13 083.1

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component	2022 expenditure	2023 estimate	Change	Percentage	2024 estimate
Programme of work	1 603.2	3 209.4	(1 965.1)	(61.2)	1 244.3
Subtotal, 2	1 603.2	3 209.4	(1 965.1)	(61.2)	1 244.3
Total	13 900.7	15 799.7	(1 472.3)	(9.3)	14 327.4

Table 8.53

Overall: proposed general temporary assistance positions for 2024 by source of funding and component

(Number of positions)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	Changes					Total	2024 proposed
	2023 approved	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other			
Programme of work	55	–	–	3		3	58
Subtotal, 1	55	–	–	3		3	58

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component	2023 estimate	Change	2024 estimate
Programme of work	14	(9)	5
Subtotal, 2	14	(9)	5
Total	69	(6)	63

Table 8.54

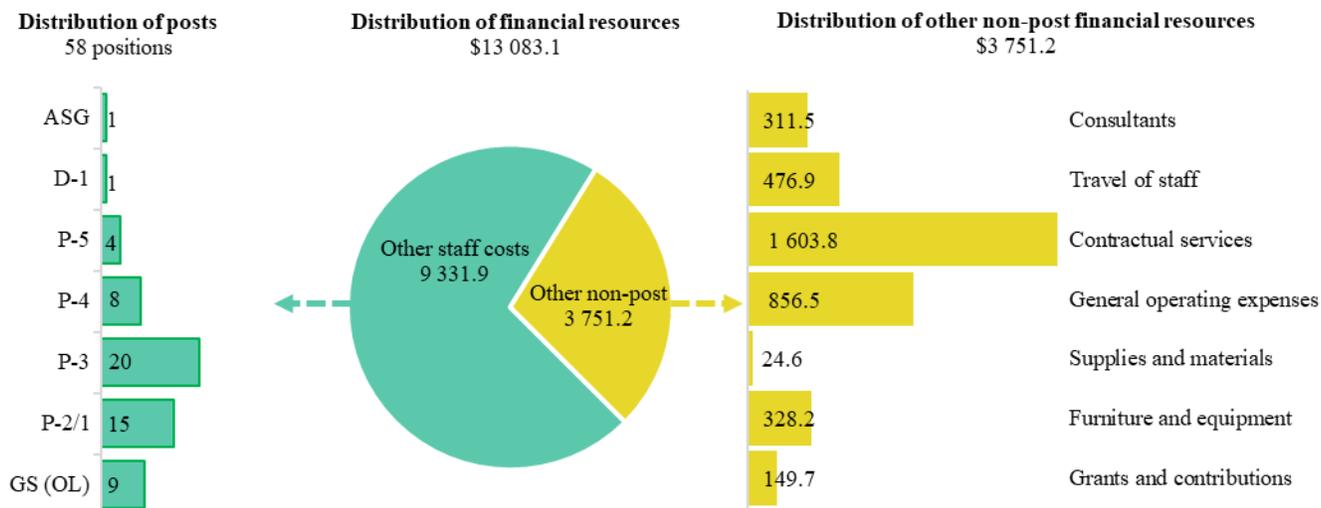
Overall: evolution of financial resources and general temporary assistance positions

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of positions)

	Changes							2024 estimate (before recosting)
	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Non-post	12 297.5	12 590.3	–	–	492.8	492.8	3.9	13 083.1
Total	12 297.5	12 590.3	–	–	492.8	492.8	3.9	13 083.1
General temporary assistance positions by category								
Professional and higher		47	–	–	2	2	4.3	49
General Service and related		8	–	–	1	1	12.5	9
Total		55	–	–	3	3	5.5	58

Figure 8.XVI
Distribution of proposed non-post resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of positions/thousands of United States dollars)



Explanation of variances by factor

Overall resource changes

Other changes

8.170 As reflected in table 8.52 (1), resource changes reflect an increase of \$492,800, as follows:

- (a) An increase of \$391,500 under other staff costs, related to the proposed establishment of one Associate Field Security Coordination Officer (P-2), one Associate Witness Protection Officer (P-2) and one Information Management Assistant (General Service (Other level)). Following the military coup in Myanmar in 2021, there has been an increase in reports of serious international crimes committed in Myanmar and of persons coming forward with information about these crimes. The significant and unanticipated increase in the number of events under analysis and the quantity of materials collected has presented a growing challenge to the Mechanism. In the three years since it became operational, the Mechanism has collected and processed over 20 million information items from over 300 sources and is undertaking more investigative missions and interviewing more witnesses amid a worsening security situation where many of the witnesses are located. The Mechanism has also engaged with a growing number of at-risk and vulnerable witnesses in Myanmar and other locations where the Mechanism has no physical access, resulting in an increase in the Mechanism’s activities and assessments related to the safety and security of witnesses. Owing to the fluid and deteriorating security situation in areas where many of the Mechanism’s witnesses reside, the Mechanism is undertaking additional responsibilities in the area of witness protection, as required by its terms of reference. Those responsibilities include monitoring and analysing an increasing number of threat actors and their activities and producing comprehensive and regularly updated country- or area-specific situation threat and risk assessments. The Mechanism’s personnel, premises and assets are also facing greater threats and risks with growing awareness of the potential prosecutions that may result from the Mechanism’s work. To meet these challenges, the establishment of the following new positions is proposed: one Associate Field Security Coordination Officer (P-2), one Associate Witness Protection Officer (P-2) and one Information Management Assistant (General Service (Other level)). The details are provided in annex III;

- (b) An increase of \$69,800 under travel of staff required for the investigators, legal officers, witness protection and support officers and interpreters to carry out investigations (evidence collection and witness interviews);
- (c) An increase of \$31,500 under non-post resources to support the proposed establishment of the three positions, falling under contractual services (\$8,100), general operating expenses (\$16,200), supplies and materials (\$900) and furniture and equipment (\$6,300).

Extrabudgetary resources

- 8.171 As reflected in tables 8.52 (2) and 8.53 (2), the Mechanism expects to continue to receive cash contributions, which would complement regular budget resources. In 2024, extrabudgetary resources are estimated at \$1,244,300 and would be used mainly to enhance the Mechanism’s investigative capacity, including through the recruitment of personnel with highly specialized expertise, the procurement of specialized technology and tools for the preservation of digital information, and the convening of a forum to engage with civil society organizations. The estimated decrease of \$1,965,100 reflects the anticipated income, based on contribution agreements with donors.
- 8.172 The extrabudgetary resources under the present section are subject to the oversight of the Mechanism, which has delegated authority from the Secretary-General.
- 8.173 In accordance with the 2030 Agenda, in particular target 12.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in which organizations are encouraged to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycles, and in compliance with the cross-cutting mandate set out in paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 72/219, the Mechanism continues to minimize energy consumption at its facilities, where it installed special external walls with thermal insulation panels to reduce the dispersion of heat, thermal windows with energy-efficient features designed to resist the loss of heat and cold, light emitting diode lights in all office and common areas, and a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system with thermostats in all offices and common areas to enable better control of the system.
- 8.174 Information on the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 8.55. The Mechanism will continue its efforts to enhance the rate of travel compliance through more frequent monitoring of compliance with advance booking requirements for air travel and by bringing up the issue in the monthly resources updates provided to management.

Table 8.55
Compliance rate
 (Percentage)

	<i>Actual 2020</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2022</i>	<i>Planned 2023</i>	<i>Planned 2024</i>
Timely submission of documentation	100	100	100	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel	79	77	83	100	100

III. International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011

Foreword

In 2024, the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism will continue to advance the implementation of its mandate to assist in the investigation and prosecution of the most serious crimes under international law committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011. The Mechanism will continue to conclude cooperation frameworks with information and evidence providers and increase the size and diversity of its central repository of information and evidence, including through targeted investigative work to advance projects within its structural investigation and respond to requests for assistance from competent jurisdictions. The Mechanism will also continue to optimize its working methods to ensure that it advances its structural investigation while responding to the growing number of requests for assistance.

The Mechanism will continue to refine the process of using digital tools and new approaches to identifying and analysing relevant material within its central repository of information and evidence.

The Mechanism remains committed to a victim- and survivor-centred and inclusive approach to justice, particularly regarding different categories of victims and survivors or historically overlooked and insufficiently documented crimes, such as gender-based violence, including sexual violence, and crimes against children.

(Signed) Catherine **Marchi-Uhel**
Head of the Mechanism

A. Proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance in 2022

Overall orientation

Mandates and background

- 8.175 The Mechanism is responsible for assisting in the investigation and prosecution of persons responsible for the most serious international crimes committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011. The mandate derives from the priorities established in relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions, including resolution [71/248](#), as further elucidated in the Mechanism's terms of reference ([A/71/755](#), annex). The Mechanism has a responsibility to support criminal accountability and in doing so provides support to ongoing investigations and prosecutions in competent jurisdictions. It also generates analytical products that can be shared with competent jurisdictions that either currently, or may in the future, have jurisdiction over the crimes within the Mechanism's mandate.

Programme of work

Objective

- 8.176 The objective, to which the Mechanism contributes, is to achieve accountability for the most serious international crimes committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011.

Strategy and external factors for 2024

- 8.177 To contribute to the objective, the Mechanism will:
- (a) Build the central repository through existing or new cooperation agreements and focused investigative work and analysis of evidence within the framework of its structural investigation and in response to requests for assistance from competent jurisdictions;
 - (b) Prepare analytical products in the context of projects within active lines of inquiry in its structural investigation;
 - (c) Share information, evidence, analytical products and expertise with national, regional or international courts and tribunals that have jurisdiction over these alleged crimes;
 - (d) Develop and implement its victim- and survivor-centred approach and integrate a focus on gender-based violence, including sexual violence, and crimes against children throughout its work, as well as addressing broader justice objectives, such as assisting efforts to clarify the fate of missing persons;
 - (e) Promote an integrated approach to justice and accountability through effective dialogue and coordination, including with criminal justice actors, civil society and other United Nations actors.
- 8.178 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Requesting parties having access to crucial evidence of alleged crimes, stored in a central repository and available for collation and distribution;
 - (b) Strengthened investigations, prosecutions and trials by jurisdictions with competence over the alleged crimes within the Mechanism's mandate;

- (c) Greater accessibility to, and influence over, justice processes for victims and survivors, including those disadvantaged by gender-based and/or age-related discrimination, of crimes in the Syrian Arab Republic;
 - (d) The strengthening of the broadest possible range of justice initiatives compatible with the Mechanism's mandate.
- 8.179 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2024 is based on the following planning assumptions:
- (a) Entities and individuals will provide and/or facilitate the Mechanism's access to information and evidence in various formats for inclusion in the central repository;
 - (b) Further materials on chemical weapons usage compiled by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism will be made available for collection.
- 8.180 With regard to cooperation with other entities at the global, regional, national and local levels, the Mechanism will continue to request access to a growing number of States for evidence-gathering as well as to cooperate with competent jurisdictions, international organizations, Syrian and international civil society organizations and individuals, utilizing a variety of cooperation frameworks.
- 8.181 With regard to inter-agency coordination and liaison, the Mechanism will continue to cooperate with other United Nations entities working on issues related to the Syrian Arab Republic, including the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, in accordance with its mandate.
- 8.182 The Mechanism integrates a gender perspective in its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate. For example, the Mechanism continues to incorporate a gender perspective into its evidentiary strategies to avoid bias that results in the incomplete or inaccurate recording of harm experienced by females and to ensure that due attention is paid to sexual violence against males.
- 8.183 In line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, the Mechanism will integrate throughout its work the experiences and perspectives of persons with disabilities in the Syrian context. This is consistent with its victim- and survivor-centred approach, whereby the Mechanism seeks to bring to light and address the experiences of a broad range of victims and survivors who have been historically overlooked.

Impact of the pandemic and lessons learned

- 8.184 The continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic into 2022 had an impact on the implementation of mandates, in particular investigative missions resulting from the travel restrictions, as well as the cancellation of visits from and to national war crimes units relating to requests for assistance and the collection and sharing of evidence.
- 8.185 The Mechanism continues to mainstream lessons learned and best practices related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the continued refinement of its technical capabilities and the adjustment of analytical workflows, evidence collection and secure processing of evidence to facilitate continued remote working arrangements. However, the COVID-19 pandemic also highlighted that many activities cannot be conducted virtually, including investigative missions, as well as most evidence registration, preservation and processing activities.

Evaluation activities

- 8.186 An evaluation completed in 2022 by the Mechanism of the workflows of all sections in respect of a gender analysis into core activities has guided the proposed programme plan for 2024.

- 8.187 The results and lessons of the evaluation have been taken into account for the proposed programme plan for 2024. For example, the evaluation affirmed the effectiveness of efforts, reflected in results 1 and 2, in developing specialized products to better integrate a gender perspective into the Mechanism’s substantive work and in building trust and credibility with Syrian civil society organizations and victim and survivor associations through sustained engagement. The outcome of these efforts, as reflected in shared analytical products, will be monitored and reported on to ensure meaningful impact and the sustainability of the Mechanism’s victim- and survivor-centred approach.
- 8.188 An evaluation of the Lausanne platform for consultations with Syrian civil society organizations is planned for 2024.

Programme performance in 2022

Expanded and intensified engagement by civil society in the Mechanism’s work

- 8.189 The Mechanism’s multilateral and bilateral outreach activities to civil society actors enable it to deepen trust and cooperation with key sources of information and to enhance the diversity of contributions for inclusive justice efforts regarding core international crimes committed in the Syrian Arab Republic. Starting in 2022, the Mechanism supplemented its annual consultations held under the Lausanne platform by organizing two additional annual meetings in Geneva. One meeting was focused on victim and survivor groups and family associations, creating a space for the Mechanism to seek participants’ perspectives of justice and hear more about the barriers to the participation of some communities in justice processes. The other meeting was conducted in a workshop format, where specialized civil society organizations discussed critical challenges in the documentation of core international crimes and the related analytical work linked to one of the Mechanism’s strategic lines of inquiry.
- 8.190 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 8.56).

Table 8.56
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
Enhanced trust of civil society organizations in the work of the Mechanism through consultations held under the Lausanne platform	Enlarged civil society participation, including victim and survivor groups and family associations, through virtual engagement under the Lausanne platform	Victim and survivor associations and specialized civil society organizations enabling enhanced input to the Mechanism’s structural investigation through expanded and tailored consultations

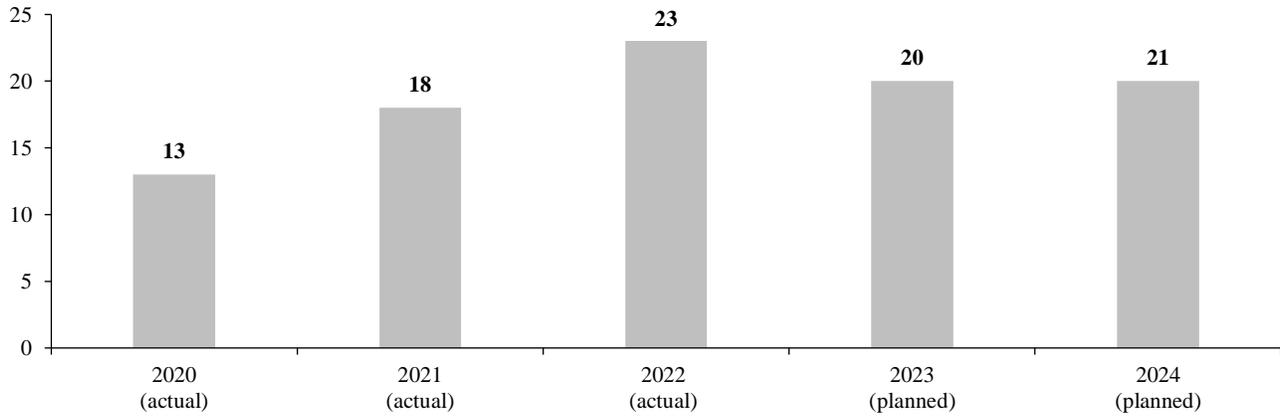
Planned results for 2024

Result 1: improved integration of a gender perspective throughout the Mechanism’s substantive work to facilitate inclusive justice

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.191 The Mechanism’s work contributed to 23 specialized products integrating a gender perspective available to external entities, which exceeded the planned target of 18 specialized products.
- 8.192 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.XVII).

Figure 8.XVII
Performance measure: number of specialized products available to external entities integrating a gender perspective (annual)

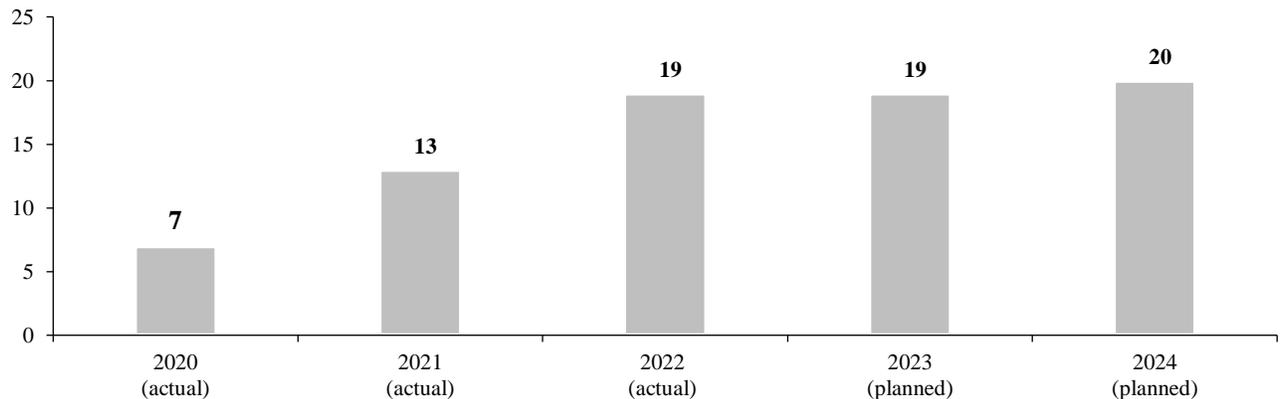


Result 2: enhanced victim- and survivor-centred approach for inclusive justice

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 8.193 The Mechanism’s work contributed to 19 engagements of victims and survivors, which exceeded the planned target of 16 engagements.
- 8.194 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.XVIII).

Figure 8.XVIII
Performance measure: number of engagements of victims and survivors (annual)



Result 3: increased availability of information in support of ongoing investigations and prosecutions and the search for missing persons

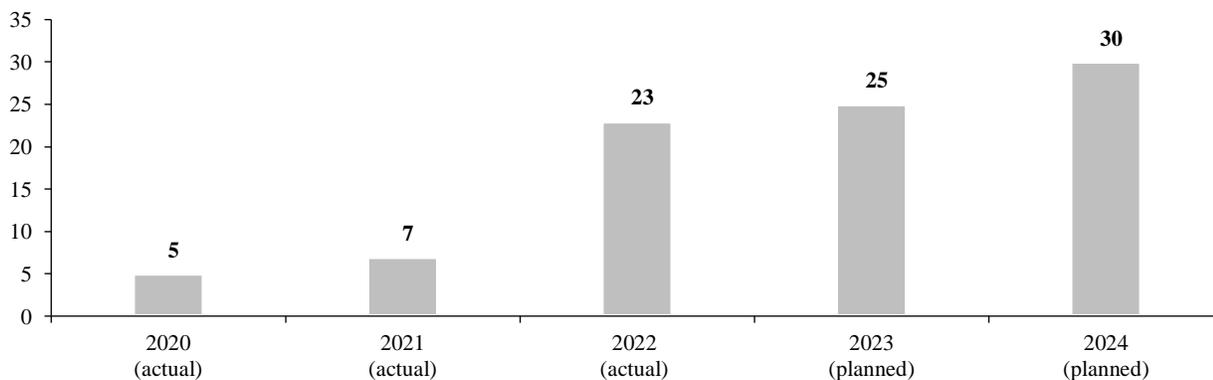
Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 8.195 The Mechanism’s work contributed to 23 proactive activities for sharing information to support the search for missing persons and information, evidence and analytical products to support investigations, prosecutions and judicial proceedings.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 8.196 The lesson for the Mechanism was that there is a demand from competent jurisdictions and Syrian civil society in relation to missing persons for additional support and that the value and use of the information and evidence collected and the analytical work developed by the Mechanism can be maximized by being offered proactively, without waiting for requests for assistance. In applying the lesson, the Mechanism will increase its proactive engagement by shifting some resources to focus on this goal, prioritizing the sharing of high-impact information, evidence and products.
- 8.197 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 8.XIX).

Figure 8.XIX
Performance measure: number of information and evidence packages proactively made available to competent jurisdictions and to assist the search for missing persons (annual)



Legislative mandates

- 8.198 The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the Mechanism.

General Assembly resolutions

71/248	International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011	75/193 ; 76/228 ; 77/230	Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic
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Deliverables

- 8.199 Table 8.57 lists all deliverables of the Mechanism.

Table 8.57
Deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	1	1	1	1
1. Reports for the General Assembly	1	1	1	1
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	4	4	4	4
Meetings of:				
2. The General Assembly	1	1	1	1
3. The Fifth Committee	1	1	1	1
4. The Committee for Programme and Coordination	1	1	1	1
5. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	1	1	1	1
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	6	6	6	6
6. Workshops on collaboration strategies between NGOs in the Syrian Arab Republic and the Mechanism	2	2	2	2
7. Workshops on accountability for civil society	2	2	2	2
8. Seminar on victim-centred approach	2	2	2	2
Technical materials (number of materials)	87	126	195	193
9. Compilation of information and evidence of international crimes, including in response to requests for assistance by prosecuting authorities	50	50	90	90
10. Compilation of analysis of evidence of international crimes, for sharing with relevant authorities	35	72	100	100
11. Packages of analytical products relevant to individual criminal responsibility for specific international crimes	2	4	5	3
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)	15	13	22	20
12. Investigation-related missions to identify and meet sources and potential witnesses, to interview witnesses and/or to collect evidence for the Mechanism's repository of information and evidence	15	13	22	20
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: consultations with and cooperation in support of national judicial authorities from more than 15 countries; and consultations with civil society, including a broad range of victim and survivor communities.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: central repository of evidence of crimes committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011.				
Direct service delivery: protection and support measures for Mechanism witnesses, including threat assessments to identify security risks to witnesses and referrals of witnesses to service providers to facilitate medical and psychosocial support.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: periodic bulletins for some 200 NGOs and other entities; information and “frequently asked questions” for general dissemination; background papers about the Mechanism; and awareness-raising meetings for United Nations partners of the Mechanism.				
External and media relations: press statements, press conferences and interviews; panels and events; and briefings to the diplomatic and academic communities.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: the Mechanism's website.				

B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2024

Overview

8.200 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 8.58 to 8.60.

Table 8.58

Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
Posts	9 270.4	9 403.3	119.4	–	–	119.4	1.3	9 522.7
Other staff costs	1 258.5	1 842.5	–	–	–	–	–	1 842.5
Hospitality	1.2	4.2	–	–	(1.5)	(1.5)	(35.7)	2.7
Consultants	300.9	583.0	–	–	(153.9)	(153.9)	(26.4)	429.1
Travel of staff	262.2	555.8	–	–	(41.0)	(41.0)	(7.4)	514.8
Contractual services	2 263.0	3 260.7	–	–	(463.6)	(463.6)	(14.2)	2 797.1
General operating expenses	944.2	802.4	–	–	595.2	595.2	74.2	1 397.6
Supplies and materials	29.7	56.9	–	–	(33.1)	(33.1)	(58.2)	23.8
Furniture and equipment	162.1	240.5	–	–	286.6	286.6	119.2	527.1
Grants and contributions	70.1	298.7	–	–	(188.7)	(188.7)	(63.2)	110.0
Total	14 562.2	17 048.0	119.4	–	–	119.4	0.7	17 167.4

Table 8.59

Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2024

(Number of posts)

	Number	Details
Approved for 2023	60	1 ASG, 1 D-1, 5 P-5, 8 P-4, 25 P-3, 10 P-2/1, 1 GS (PL), 9 GS (OL)
Redeployment	–	1 P-3 and 2 P-2 from the Collection and Analysis Section to the Support and Sharing Section 1 P-2 from the Collection and Analysis Section to the Information Systems Management Section
Proposed for 2024	60	1 ASG, 1 D-1, 5 P-5, 8 P-4, 25 P-3, 10 P-2/1, 1 GS (PL), 9 GS (OL)

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and figures: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level).

Section 8 Legal affairs

Table 8.60
Overall: proposed posts by category and grade

(Number of posts)

Category and grade	Changes					2024 proposed
	2023 approved	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
Professional and higher						
ASG	1	–	–	–	–	1
D-1	1	–	–	–	–	1
P-5	5	–	–	–	–	5
P-4	8	–	–	–	–	8
P-3	25	–	–	–	–	25
P-2/1	10	–	–	–	–	10
Subtotal	50	–	–	–	–	50
General Service and related						
GS (PL)	1	–	–	–	–	1
GS (OL)	9	–	–	–	–	9
Subtotal	10	–	–	–	–	10
Total	60	–	–	–	–	60

8.201 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in tables 8.61 to 8.63 and figure 8.XX.

8.202 As reflected in tables 8.61 (1) and 8.62 (1), the overall resources proposed for 2024 amount to \$17,167,400 before recosting, reflecting a net increase of \$119,400 (or 0.7 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2023. Resource changes result from technical adjustments and other changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

Table 8.61
Overall: evolution of financial resources by source of funding and component

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		
Programme of work	14 562.2	17 048.0	119.4	–	–	119.4	0.7	17 167.4
Subtotal, 1	14 562.2	17 048.0	119.4	–	–	119.4	0.7	17 167.4

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component	2022 expenditure	2023 estimate	Change	Percentage	2024 estimate
Programme of work	7 166.9	5 992.8	1 422.0	23.7	7 414.8
Subtotal, 2	7 166.9	5 992.8	1 422.0	23.7	7 414.8
Total	21 729.1	23 040.8	1 541.4	6.7	24 582.2

Table 8.62

Overall: proposed posts for 2024 by source of funding and component

(Number of posts)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	Changes					2024 proposed
	2023 approved	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
Programme of work	60	–	–	–	60	60
Subtotal, 1	60	–	–	–	60	60

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component	2023 estimate	Change	2024 estimate
Programme of work	27	9	36
Subtotal, 2	27	9	36
Total	87	9	96

Table 8.63

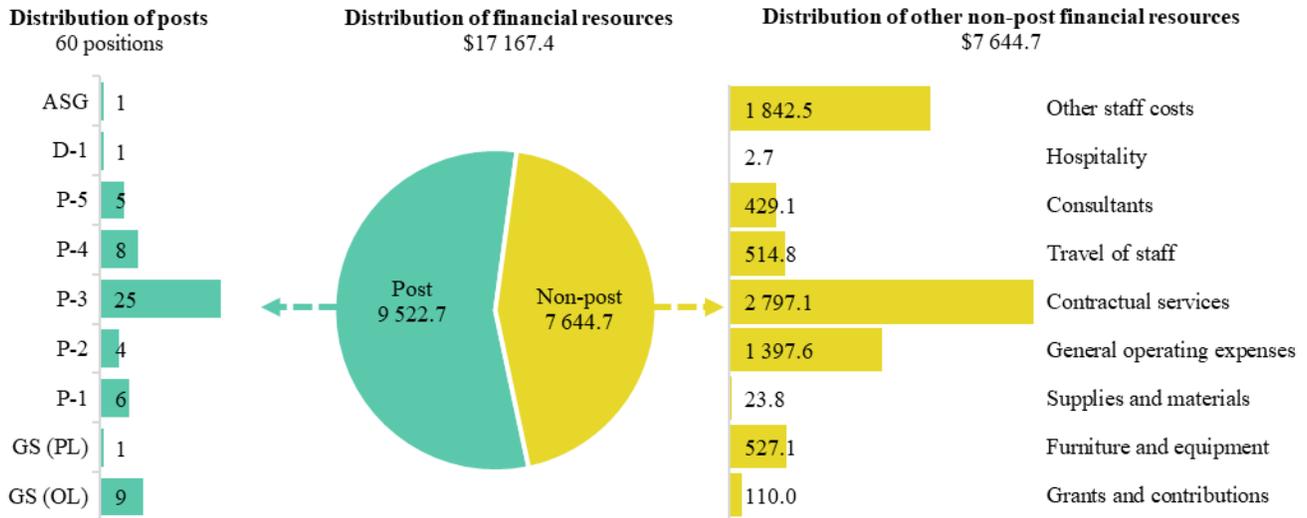
Overall: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2024 estimate (before recosting)
	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	9 270.4	9 403.3	119.4	–	–	119.4	1.3	9 522.7
Non-post	5 291.8	7 644.7	–	–	–	–	–	7 644.7
Total	14 562.2	17 048.0	119.4	–	–	119.4	0.7	17 167.4
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		50	–	–	–	–	–	50
General Service and related		10	–	–	–	–	–	10
Total		60	–	–	–	–	–	60

Figure 8.XX
Distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Explanation of variances by factor

Overall resource changes

Technical adjustments

8.203 As reflected in table 8.61 (1), resource changes reflect an increase of \$119,400, which relates to the provision of continuing vacancy rates for two posts of Investigator (P-3) that were reassigned in 2023 and subject to a 50 per cent vacancy rate in accordance with the established practice for reassigned posts.

Other changes

8.204 As reflected in table 8.61 (1), cost-neutral changes are proposed in respect of the redeployment of three posts, namely, Investigator (P-3), Associate Trial Attorney (P-2) and Assistant Investigator (P-1) from the Collection and Analysis Section to the Support and Sharing Section; and the redeployment of one post of Associate Trial Attorney (P-2) from the Collection and Analysis Section to the Information Systems Management Section (see annex III).

Extrabudgetary resources

8.205 As reflected in tables 8.61 (2) and 8.62 (2), extrabudgetary resources are estimated at \$7,414,800. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to address the increase in requests for assistance from competent jurisdictions; to provide for additional lines of inquiry and/or new case files that require additional expertise on specific types of crimes; to address secondary trauma; to support records management; and to strengthen the Mechanism’s translation and interpretation capabilities. The resources would also be used to support external relations and outreach, including for civil society in the Syrian Arab Republic, through virtual and in-person events and consultations. The projected increase of \$1,422,000 mainly reflects the requirements for the additional posts, travel of staff and contractual services.

- 8.206 The extrabudgetary resources under the present section are subject to the oversight of the Mechanism, which has delegated authority from the Secretary-General.
- 8.207 In accordance with the 2030 Agenda, in particular target 12.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in which organizations are encouraged to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycles, and in compliance with the cross-cutting mandate set out in paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution [72/219](#), the Mechanism is integrating environmental management practices into its operations. The Mechanism will seek to minimize its environmental footprint by participating in energy conservation efforts led by the United Nations Office at Geneva and, where appropriate and where permitted by the Secretariat, utilizing shared technological services.
- 8.208 Information on the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 8.64. The nature of the Mechanism’s work means that staff members are often required to travel at short notice, as they need to be reactive to the schedules of the Mechanism’s sources. The low compliance rate in 2022 is due mainly to the changing global travel restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, which prevented the Mechanism from complying with the rule to purchase air tickets at least two weeks before the commencement of travel. The Mechanism continues to deploy initiatives that will have a positive impact on advance travel planning, including enhanced centralized monitoring and the dissemination of a guidance document on official travel containing clear procedures with regard to the travel approval process.

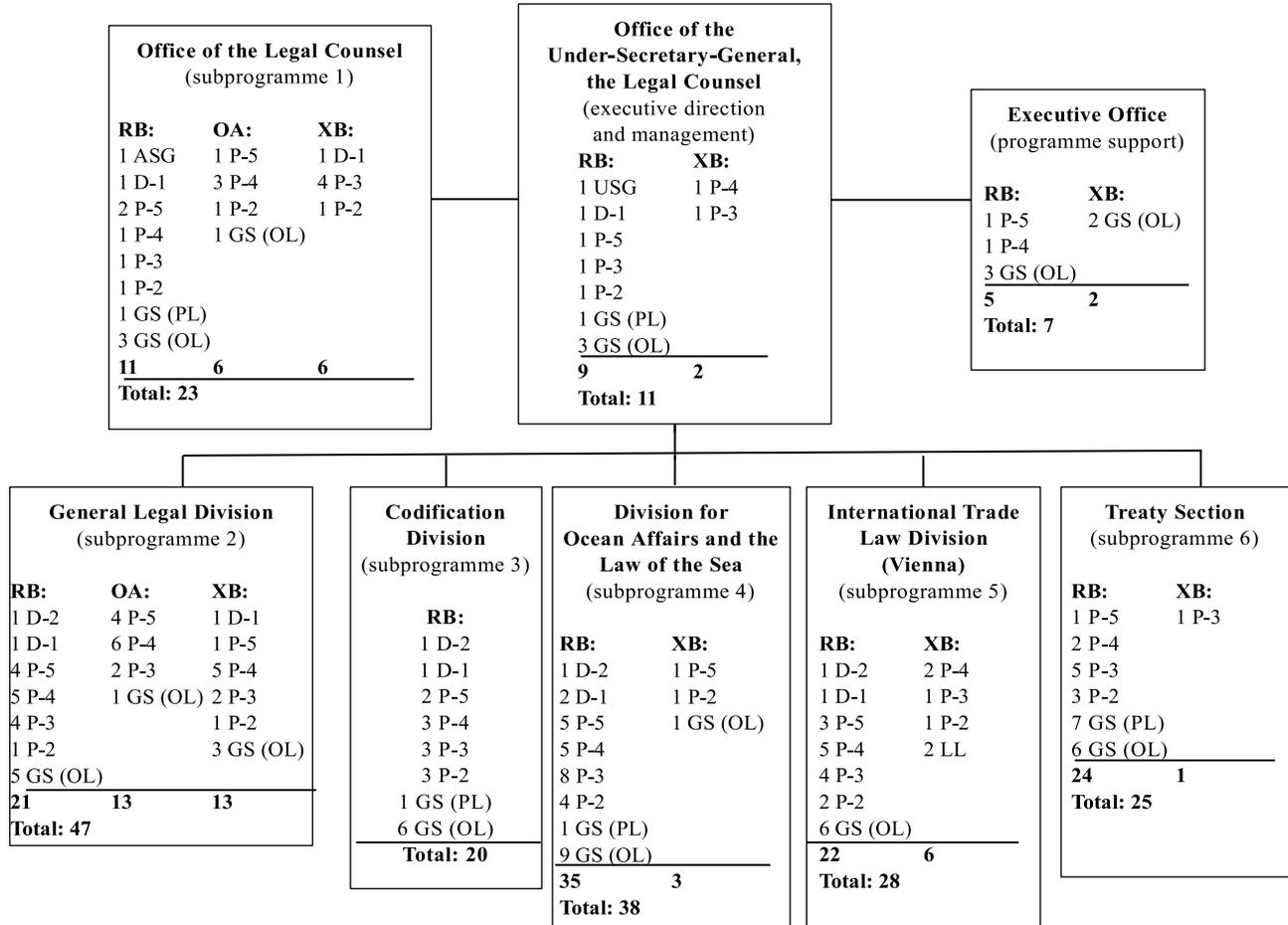
Table 8.64
Compliance rate
 (Percentage)

	<i>Actual 2020</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2022</i>	<i>Planned 2023</i>	<i>Planned 2024</i>
Timely submission of documentation	100	100	100	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel	10	48	37	100	100

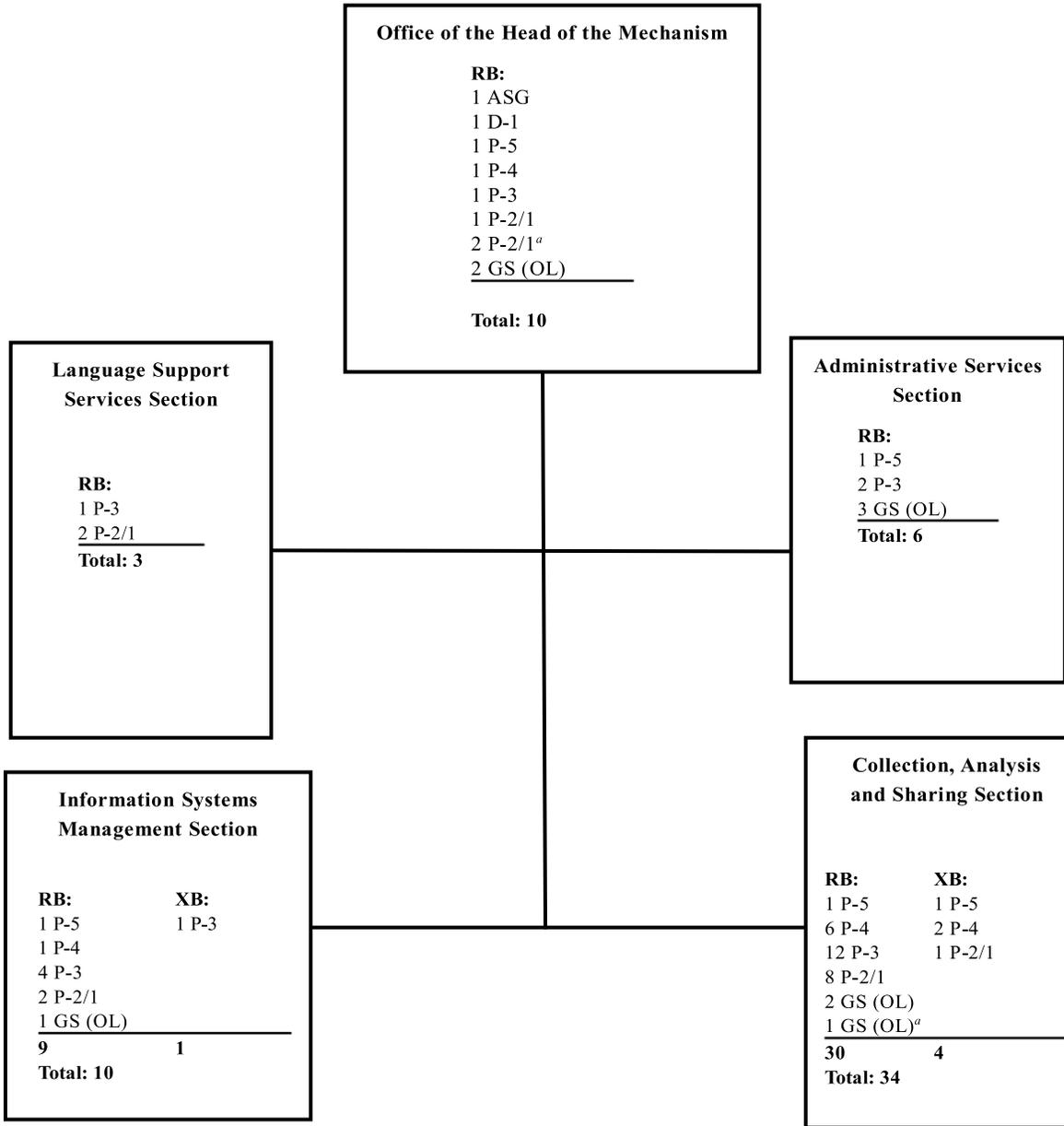
Annex I

Organizational structure and post distribution for 2024

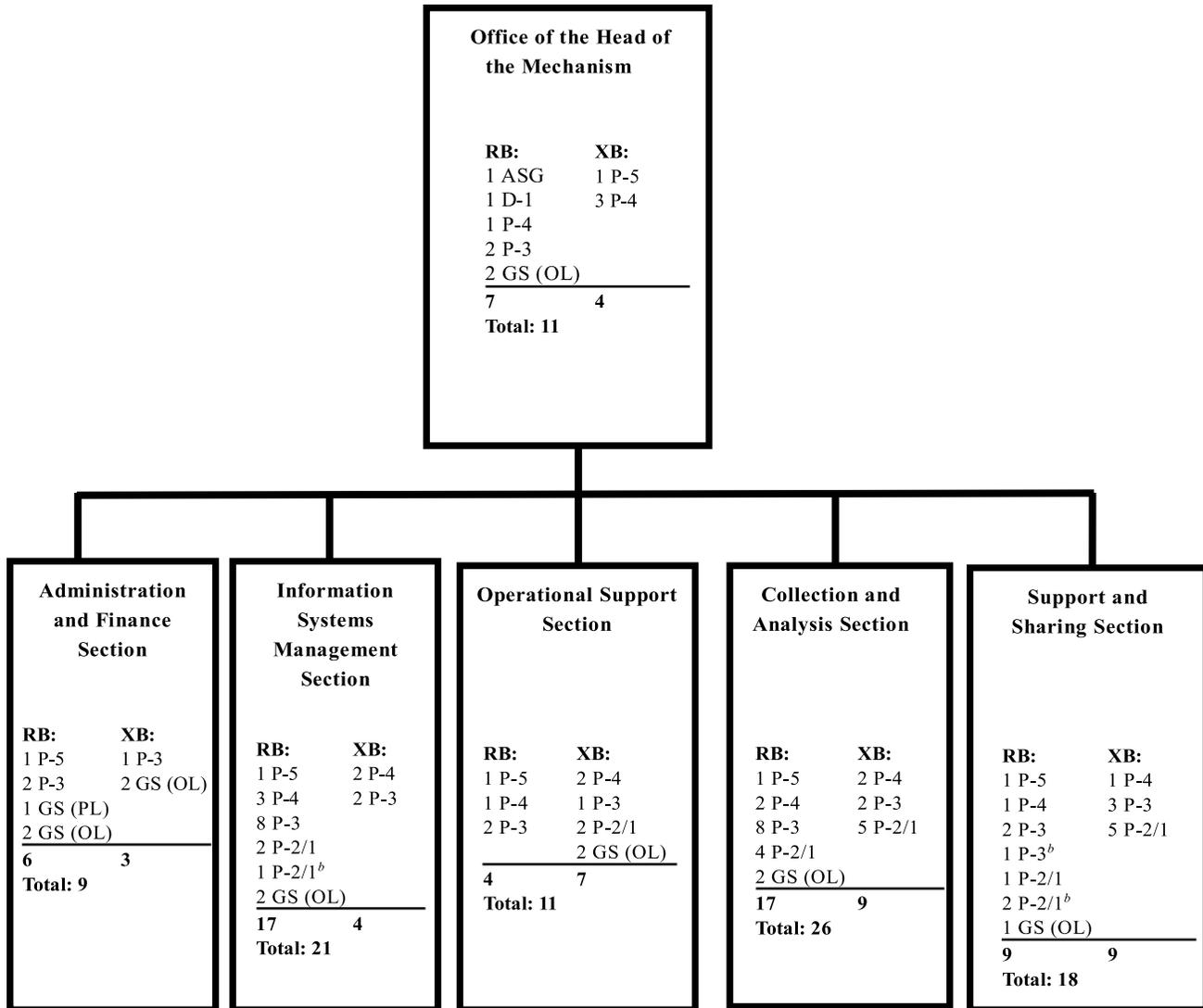
A. Office of Legal Affairs



B. Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar



C. International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011



Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); LL, Local level; OA, other assessed; RB, regular budget; USG, Under-Secretary-General; XB, extrabudgetary.

^a New position.

^b Redeployment of three posts (1 P-3 and 2 P-2/1) from the Collection and Analysis Section to the Support and Sharing Section; and one post (P-2/1) from the Collection and Analysis Section to the Information Systems Management Section.

Annex II

Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the advisory and oversight bodies

Office of Legal Affairs

Brief description of the recommendation

Action taken to implement the recommendation

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

[A/77/7](#)

The Advisory Committee trusts that additional information on the costs recovered by the Office of Legal Affairs will be included in the next programme budget submission (para. III.40).

The financial performance report on the programme budget for 2022 will include consolidated information on the amounts recovered in 2022, by type of service.

Annex III

Summary of proposed post changes, by component and subprogramme

A. Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar

<i>Component</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
Programme of work	1	P-2	Establishment of 1 Associate Field Security Coordination Officer	<p>To support the increase in the Mechanism's activities, including the rise in missions and direct engagements with information providers, particularly with the lifting of coronavirus disease (COVID-19)-related restrictions as well as higher security and safety threats and risks for Mechanism personnel, premises and assets following the military coup in Myanmar in February 2021.</p> <p>The incumbent will, in coordination with the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat, assess the security situation in countries where the Mechanism undertakes investigative missions to identify any potential threats and risks and provide input to mission plans outlining the necessary security risk mitigation measures. In countries and areas where the risk is higher, the incumbent will develop a mission-specific security risk management approach, identify comprehensive security risk mitigation measures and coordinate closely with relevant Mechanism personnel on their implementation. The incumbent will maintain regular communication and coordinate with the Department of Safety and Security and host country security counterparts.</p>
	1	P-2	Establishment of 1 Associate Witness Protection Officer	<p>To support the increase in the Mechanism's activities related to the safety and security of at-risk and vulnerable information providers and witnesses located in areas where the Mechanism has no access, including by providing essential additional capacity to support the increase in investigative activities and ensuring that those investigative activities are carried out safely and no witnesses are harmed.</p> <p>The incumbent will carry out protection assessments of witnesses in Myanmar and other locations; implement appropriate procedures and methods of work to ensure the safety and security of witnesses before, during and after their cooperation with the Mechanism; contribute to the development of innovative operating practices and methodologies for the remote and in-depth monitoring of areas where witnesses are located; provide operational support to investigative teams during missions; and provide guidance on secure contact methodologies for witnesses and information providers. The incumbent will also ensure that the Mechanism has adequate capacity to carry out its investigations and outreach efforts while safeguarding the safety and security of high-risk witnesses and information providers.</p>
	1	GS (OL)	Establishment of 1 Information Management Assistant	<p>To support the need to collect and process the expanded volume of information and evidence in the Mechanism's electronic information management system, and the search and organization functions of the system to identify specific information and evidence of relevance, including for sharing with competent authorities.</p>

Part III International justice and law

<i>Component</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
				<p>The incumbent will assist with the preparation, organization and administrative management of the significantly expanded volume of information and evidence collected by the Mechanism. As at 31 December 2022, the Mechanism had collected over 20 million information items in multiple formats and language scripts. The incumbent will also supervise the intake and proper storage of materials collected until they are registered and processed; assist in the coding and categorization of documents and other material entered into the Mechanism's electronic information management system; review evidentiary materials, including written documents, videos, audio files and any other forms of information; use specialized analysis software to search evidence collections for specified information and create reports; assess evidence for relevance and admissibility in criminal proceedings; and assist in the categorization of evidence collected and with case management tasks more generally.</p>

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

B. International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011

<i>Component</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
Programme of work	1	P-2	Redeployment of Associate Trial Attorney from Collection and Analysis Section to Information Systems Management Section	To respond to the significantly increased workload in the Information Systems Management Section related to the legal and regulatory aspects of the Mechanism’s information governance. The incumbent will handle legal issues around confidentiality and security of information, management of evidence, data transfer and processing, and Internet resource exploitation.
	2	P-2/1	Redeployment of 1 Associate Trial Attorney (P-2) and 1 Assistant Investigator (P-1) from Collection and Analysis Section to Support and Sharing Section	To respond to the significant increase in the number and scope of requests for assistance from competent jurisdictions, the growing volume of records being shared and the augmentation of interactions with information providers regarding cooperation matters and consent issues. The incumbents will enhance the Mechanism’s support to ongoing national investigations and prosecutions.
	1	P-3	Redeployment of Investigator from Collection and Analysis Section to Support and Sharing Section	To provide support to the Investigator (P-4) in the Support and Sharing Section in responding to the increasing number of requests for assistance from competent jurisdictions to collect additional evidence relevant to specific ongoing investigations and identify, locate and interview witnesses.

Annex IV

Overview of financial and post resources, by entity and funding source^a

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Regular budget			Other assessed			Extrabudgetary			Total		
	2023 appropriation	2024 estimate (before recosting)	Variance	2023 estimate	2024 estimate	Variance	2023 estimate	2024 estimate	Variance	2023 estimate	2024 estimate	Variance
Financial resources												
Office of Legal Affairs	31 200.4	30 154.1	(1 046.3)	4 724.3	4 925.4	201.1	13 473.1	12 580.6	(892.5)	49 397.8	47 660.1	(1 737.7)
Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar	12 590.3	13 083.1	492.8	–	–	–	3 209.4	1 244.3	(1 965.1)	15 799.7	14 327.4	(1 472.3)
International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011	17 048.0	17 167.4	119.4	–	–	–	5 992.8	7 414.8	1 422.0	23 040.8	24 582.2	1 541.4
Total	60 838.7	60 404.5	(434.1)	4 724.3	4 925.4	201.1	22 675.3	21 239.7	(1 435.6)	88 238.3	86 569.7	(1 668.6)
Post resources												
Office of Legal Affairs	147	147	–	19	19	–	34	33	(1)	200	199	(1)
Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar ^b	55	58	3	–	–	–	14	5	(9)	69	63	(6)
International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011	60	60	–	–	–	–	27	36	9	87	96	9
Total	262	266	3	19	19	–	75	74	(1)	356	358	2

^a Does not include resources for 2024 for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, which would be requested in the related reports of the Secretary-General if and as appropriate. The appropriation for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon for 2023 amounts to \$2,968,000. Total expenditures in 2022 for the three entities amounted to \$13,301,364.

^b General temporary assistance positions.