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## A. Proposed programme plan for 2026 and programme performance in 2024

### Overall orientation

#### Mandates and background

- 4.1 The Office for Disarmament Affairs is responsible for supporting multilateral efforts aimed at achieving the goal of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. Its mandate derives from the priorities established in relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions, including the final document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, which was the first special session devoted to disarmament (resolution S-10/2). Weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, remain the primary concern owing to their unparalleled destructive potential. The evolving global strategic environment has heightened the urgency of addressing emerging biosecurity risks, including through improving processes to anticipate, prevent, coordinate and respond to such risks, as well as bolstering the norm against chemical weapons. The Office provides support for national and international efforts to combat, prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, which remain a significant driver of armed violence and conflict, and to reduce safety and security risks in through-life conventional ammunition management. The Office also supports States' efforts to address emerging issues, including developments in science and technology, and their impact on international security.

#### Strategy and external factors for 2026

- 4.2 The Office will ensure full implementation of its legislative mandates and adherence to United Nations policies and procedures. It will continue to support multilateral negotiations and deliberations and offer expertise and practical solutions, while fostering confidence and trust among Member States, and will strive to facilitate the reconciliation of disparate positions among Member States resulting from a volatile international security environment. The Office will seek to mitigate the risks that it faces in carrying out its mandate and will implement its next strategic plan, for the period 2026–2030, aligning its work and priorities with global and organizational agendas.
- 4.3 The Office will continue to be guided by existing frameworks, including relevant elements of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Secretary-General's peace and security and development reforms, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions. The Office will also be informed by *Securing Our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament*, in accordance with the mandates of the Office. Furthermore, it will actively support Member States in the implementation of their disarmament obligations and commitments, as outlined in the Pact for the Future (General Assembly resolution 79/1).
- 4.4 With regard to cooperation with other entities, the Office will continue to enhance collaboration with other international, regional and subregional organizations in the areas of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation. Through its three regional centres and its liaison office in Vienna, the Office will foster greater regional cooperation, facilitating dialogue and cooperation among States and regional and subregional organizations and arrangements. The Office will further enhance its partnerships with various stakeholders, such as civil society, academia, the private sector and young people. Through such partnerships, it will be able to meet regional and national disarmament and arms control priorities effectively, while building greater local disarmament capacity and enhancing the viability of regional frameworks.
- 4.5 With regard to inter-agency coordination and liaison, the Office will continue to pursue cohesive and integrated approaches within the United Nations peace and security pillar and with other specialized United Nations agencies and other entities, such as the United Nations Youth Office, the Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies and the Coordinating Action on Small Arms mechanism, the United Nations system-wide inter-agency coordination mechanism for small arms and ammunition control and the reduction of armed violence. The Office will continue to work with other United

Nations entities to foster a holistic approach to addressing risks associated with arms, thereby contributing to conflict prevention, the protection of civilians and international peace and security. By working collaboratively across the United Nations system, the Office will encourage greater efforts to integrate disarmament, humanitarian and development activities.

- 4.6 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2026 is based on the following planning assumptions:
  - (a) The political environment and developments are supportive of disarmament efforts and are conducive to the facilitation of negotiations on new arms limitation and disarmament agreements;
  - (b) Member States are willing to implement the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of relevant meetings and conferences;
  - (c) International organizations and entities cooperate;
  - (d) National institutions support the promotion of equal opportunities for women and the promotion of meaningful and inclusive participation and engagement of young people in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.
- 4.7 The Office integrates a gender perspective in its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate, in line with organizational mandates and policies for mainstreaming a gender perspective into policies and programmes in the United Nations system (see Economic and Social Council resolution 2024/3). The Office will continue to accord high priority to assisting Member States in the implementation of Security Council resolutions on women and peace and security and to assisting States, upon request, in promoting the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control and gender-sensitive policymaking and programming in line with General Assembly resolution 65/69 and subsequent resolutions on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, including through data collection and education.
- 4.8 In line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy and General Assembly resolutions 74/144 and 76/154, the Office will continue to implement its departmental action plan and collaborate with other United Nations entities to promote accessibility and the equal participation of persons with disabilities in disarmament discussions and decision-making processes.
- 4.9 The Office will continue to facilitate youth engagement and promote the meaningful and inclusive participation of young people in discussions in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, in line with General Assembly resolution 78/31 on youth, disarmament and non-proliferation.

## Legislative mandates

- 4.10 The list below, which was reviewed in the preparation of the proposed programme budget, provides all mandates entrusted to the programme.

### *General Assembly resolutions*

S-10/2	Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly	79/43	Relationship between disarmament and development
59/95	Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee	79/57	Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control
77/298	The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: eighth review	79/80	Promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security
79/1	The Pact for the Future		

### *Security Council resolutions*

1325 (2000)	1673 (2006)
1540 (2004)	1810 (2008)

<a href="#">1887 (2009)</a>	<a href="#">2117 (2013)</a>
<a href="#">1977 (2011)</a>	<a href="#">2118 (2013)</a>
<a href="#">2055 (2012)</a>	<a href="#">2475 (2019)</a>

**Subprogramme 1****Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation***General Assembly resolutions and decisions*

<a href="#">74/50</a> and <a href="#">78/239</a> ; Nuclear disarmament verification decisions 75/516, 76/515 and 77/514	<a href="#">79/62</a>	Lethal autonomous weapons systems
	<a href="#">79/63</a>	United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services
<a href="#">75/31</a> and <a href="#">78/15</a> Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament	<a href="#">79/71</a>	Report of the Conference on Disarmament
	<a href="#">79/75</a>	Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects
<a href="#">78/20</a> and <a href="#">79/22</a> Reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours	<a href="#">79/78</a>	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction
<a href="#">78/238</a> and <a href="#">79/21</a> Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space	<a href="#">79/79</a>	Strengthening and institutionalizing the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction
<a href="#">79/34</a> Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction		
<a href="#">79/51</a> Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities		
<a href="#">79/58</a> Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	Decision 79/512	Open-ended working group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects

**Subprogramme 2****Weapons of mass destruction***General Assembly resolutions and decisions*

<a href="#">42/37 C</a>	Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention	<a href="#">78/28</a> ; decision 79/513	Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices
<a href="#">42/38 C</a>	Notification of nuclear tests	<a href="#">78/63</a> and <a href="#">79/74</a>	The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East
<a href="#">54/280</a>	Agreement to regulate the relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization	<a href="#">79/29</a>	The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation
		<a href="#">79/30</a>	Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status
<a href="#">72/31</a>	Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations	<a href="#">79/32</a>	Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons
<a href="#">72/51</a>	International Day against Nuclear Tests		Reducing nuclear danger
<a href="#">73/71</a>	Fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia, 2020	<a href="#">79/33</a>	Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
Decision 73/546	Convening a conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction	<a href="#">79/38</a>	Universal Declaration on the Achievement of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World
		<a href="#">79/39</a>	Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction
<a href="#">77/66</a>	Eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee	<a href="#">79/42</a>	Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament
<a href="#">78/17</a> and <a href="#">79/16</a>	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East	<a href="#">79/47</a>	Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol
		<a href="#">79/48</a>	Nuclear disarmament
		<a href="#">79/50</a>	

79/60	Addressing the legacy of nuclear weapons: providing victim assistance and environmental remediation to Member States affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons	79/238 79/240	Nuclear war effects and scientific research Group of Scientific and Technical Experts on Nuclear Disarmament Verification
79/134	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	79/241	Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects

### Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms

#### General Assembly resolutions

77/33	Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures	79/49	Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium
77/69	Transparency in armaments	79/53	Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices
79/26	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels	79/54	Through-life conventional ammunition management
79/31	Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them	79/59	Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms
79/40	The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects		

### Subprogramme 4 Information and outreach

#### General Assembly resolutions and decisions

47/53 D	World Disarmament Campaign	79/46	Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation
Decision 54/418	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	79/69	United Nations Disarmament Information Programme
78/31	Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation		Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240
78/237	Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security	79/237	Artificial intelligence in the military domain and its implications for international peace and security
79/23	Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament		
79/28	United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education	79/239	
79/45	Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control		

### Subprogramme 5 Regional disarmament

#### General Assembly resolutions and decisions

Decision 77/511	Maintenance of international security – good neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe	79/66	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
78/13	Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace	79/67	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific
79/25	Regional disarmament	79/70	United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament
79/27	Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context	79/76	Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region
79/65	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa		

## Deliverables

- 4.11 Table 4.1 lists all cross-cutting deliverables of the programme.

Table 4.1

### Cross-cutting deliverables for the period 2024–2026, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	3	3	3	3
Meetings of:				
1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	1	1	1	1
2. The Committee for Programme and Coordination	1	1	1	1
3. The Fifth Committee	1	1	1	1

## Evaluation activities

- 4.12 The following evaluations conducted by the Office and completed in 2024 have guided the proposed programme plan for 2026:
- (a) Evaluation of the Office’s strategic plan for 2021–2025;
  - (b) Evaluation of the Office’s work on engaging, educating and empowering young people.
- 4.13 In response to the results of the evaluations referenced above, the Office will place greater emphasis on regional cooperation, in particular through its regional centres, recognizing the importance of local contexts in addressing disarmament and arms control challenges. It will also enhance its focus on integrating disarmament and arms control into the broader United Nations system, as relevant and appropriate. The insights from the evaluation of the Office’s strategic plan have also informed the next such plan, for the period 2026–2030.
- 4.14 An evaluation of the Office’s work in supporting the integration of disarmament and arms control measures into common country analyses and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks is planned for 2026.

## Programme of work

### Subprogramme 1

#### Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation

##### Objective

- 4.15 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance multilateral negotiations and deliberations on agreements on disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation in all its aspects, as required by States Parties to existing multilateral agreements and the Conference on Disarmament.

##### Strategy

- 4.16 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Provide support for negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament and in conferences and meetings of States Parties to various multilateral agreements on disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation in all its aspects at the organizational, procedural and substantive levels;
  - (b) Render assistance and provide support for the follow-up to decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by conferences and meetings of States Parties to various multilateral disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation agreements and to treaty-making conferences, expert groups and other disarmament meetings under the responsibility of the subprogramme;
  - (c) Implement the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme;
  - (d) Facilitate the efforts of Member States to prevent an arms race in outer space.
- 4.17 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Effective and efficient holding of the meetings of the Conference on Disarmament, other conferences, working groups and expert groups and of the various treaty bodies falling under the remit of the subprogramme;
  - (b) Strengthened operational viability and compliance with treaty obligations and adherence to and/or implementation of decisions, recommendations and programmes of action, as well as increased reporting by States Parties;
  - (c) Enhanced expertise of Member States in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation through participation in the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme.
- ## Programme performance in 2024
- ### **Progress of States towards the establishment of mechanisms for scientific and technological review and for international cooperation and assistance under the Biological Weapons Convention**
- 4.18 At the ninth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, held in 2022, States Parties agreed to establish the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention. The Working Group was mandated, inter alia, to develop mechanisms for scientific and technological review and for international cooperation and assistance, with a view to establishing such mechanisms. In 2024, the Group made progress towards establishing the mechanisms through substantive discussions, which were informed by intersessional work undertaken by the Friends of the Chair to develop potential recommendations for their establishment. Intersessional work will continue in 2025, with a view to the adoption of the recommendations during the year. The establishment of the mechanisms would contribute to the strengthening of the Convention and ultimately help to safeguard humanity from the risks posed by biological weapons.
- 4.19 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.2).

**Table 4.2**  
**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)
The ninth Review Conference agreed to establish the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Convention, with a view to developing mechanisms for scientific and technological review and for international cooperation and assistance	The Working Group initiated discussions on the mechanisms for scientific and technological review and for international cooperation and assistance	The Working Group made progress towards the establishment of the mechanisms for scientific and technological review and for international cooperation and assistance

### **Planned results for 2026**

#### **Result 1: increase in deliberations and eventual negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament**

#### **Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026**

- 4.20 The subprogramme's work contributed to the establishment of subsidiary bodies during the 2024 session of the Conference on Disarmament and to the adoption of the reports of those bodies, including recommendations that they resume their work in 2025, which met the planned target.
- 4.21 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.3).

**Table 4.3**  
**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
The Conference on Disarmament adopted two of the five reports of the subsidiary bodies and a procedural report of the Conference to the General Assembly	Formal and informal thematic discussions were held on agenda items of the Conference and other specific topics, consensus was reached on the annual report and a resolution was adopted by the General Assembly (resolution 78/61)	States members of the Conference reached an agreement on the establishment of subsidiary bodies and on recommendations for those bodies to resume their work in 2025	States members of the Conference are able to carry out substantive work in a sustained and progressive manner on priority and emerging issues	States members of the Conference are able to carry out substantive work in a sustained and progressive manner on priority and emerging issues

#### **Result 2: prevention of an arms race in outer space**

#### **Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026**

- 4.22 The subprogramme's work contributed to the adoption of a substantive report by the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space and inclusion of agreed language on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in the Pact

for the Future, facilitating the work of future intergovernmental processes on the topic, which met the planned target.

- 4.23 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.4).

**Table 4.4  
Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
–	<p>Adoption of substantive recommendations by the Disarmament Commission</p> <p>Conclusion of work within the open-ended working group on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours</p> <p>Initiation of work in the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space</p>	<p>Adoption of a substantive report by the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space and inclusion of agreed language on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in the Pact for the Future</p>	<p>Substantive deliberations in intergovernmental bodies contribute to negotiations for the conclusion of an international agreement or agreements to prevent an arms race in outer space</p>	<p>Substantive deliberations in intergovernmental bodies contribute to negotiations for the conclusion of an international agreement or agreements to prevent an arms race in outer space</p>

### **Result 3: strengthened disarmament expertise through the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme**

#### **Proposed programme plan for 2026**

- 4.24 Each year, the subprogramme provides training and study visit opportunities to representatives of Member States in the field of disarmament through the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme. Since 1979, the Programme has trained over 1,125 officials from 172 Member States, with the aim of providing participants, in particular in developing countries, with further knowledge and professional competence to fulfil their duties in the field of disarmament and international security. It addresses theory and practice through lectures, practical exercises, simulations and, upon invitation, visits to international organizations and States.

#### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 4.25 The lesson for the subprogramme, considering the value of in-country study visits in providing participants with practical exposure and a deeper understanding of key issues on disarmament, was the need to expand such study visits to cover all regions more equitably. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will intensify efforts to enhance training, including by incorporating more practical experiences and progressively expanding its study visits to cover all geographical regions equitably.

4.26 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.5).

**Table 4.5  
Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
–	–	For the first time since its establishment, the Programme conducted a study visit to an African country	Study visits under the Programme are conducted in all regions	Participants in the Programme are offered study visits that cover all geographical regions in an equitable manner

## Deliverables

4.27 Table 4.6 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

**Table 4.6  
Subprogramme 1: deliverables for the period 2024–2026, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>293</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>319</b>
1. Documents, verbatim records and reports of the Conference on Disarmament	86	95	130	86
2. Report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme	1	1	–	1
3. Report of the Secretary-General containing the substantive views of Member States and other non-governmental entities on lethal autonomous weapons systems	1	1	–	–
4. Report of the Secretary-General containing the substantive views of Member States on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues	1	1	–	–
5. Documents of the Review Conference and Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction	32	38	32	32
6. Documents of the Meetings of the Working Group and the Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction	80	81	80	80
7. Documents of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, of the annual conferences of its Amended Protocol II and Protocol V and of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems	40	88	40	40
8. Documents of the Review Conference and Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions	20	21	20	40
9. Reports and documents for the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space	30	15	–	–

**Part II      Political affairs**

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2024 actual</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>	<i>2026 planned</i>
10. Reports and documents for the open-ended working group on further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space	2	–	–	–
11. Reports and documents of the open-ended working group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects	–	–	42	40
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>217</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>221</b>
12. Consultations and meetings of the Conference on Disarmament	95	48	95	95
13. Review Conference and Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction	14	14	10	10
14. Meetings of the Working Group and Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction	36	31	36	36
15. Preparatory Committee, Review Conference and Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, the annual conferences of its Amended Protocol II and Protocol V, meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and the Meeting of Experts on Protocol V	36	36	36	46
16. Meetings of States Parties and the Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	8	6	8	14
17. Meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space	24	23	–	–
18. Meetings of the open-ended working group on further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space	4	–	–	–
19. Meetings of the open-ended working group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects	–	–	24	20
<b>Conference and secretariat services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>217</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>221</b>
20. Consultations and meetings of the Conference on Disarmament	95	48	95	95
21. Review Conference and Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction	14	14	10	10
22. Meetings of the Working Group and Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction	36	31	36	36
23. Preparatory Committee, Review Conference and Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, the annual conferences of its Amended Protocol II and Protocol V, meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and the Meeting of Experts on Protocol V	36	36	36	46
24. Meetings of States Parties and the Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	8	6	8	14
25. Meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space	24	23	–	–
26. Meetings of the open-ended working group on further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space	4	–	–	–
27. Meetings of the open-ended working group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects	–	–	24	20

**Section 4 Disarmament**

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>Documentation services for meetings</b> (thousands of pages)	<b>10.6</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>12.1</b>
28. All meetings serviced by the subprogramme	10.6	19.7	10.6	12.1
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
29. On the Biological Weapons Convention	4	6	4	4
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
30. United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme	70	70	70	70
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	–	<b>2</b>	–	–
31. On the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects	–	2	–	–
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> databases relating to annual national reports on compliance, Protocol V and Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, explosive remnants of war under Protocol V to the Convention, articles 7 and 8 (9) of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, and article 7 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions; electronic reporting system for the confidence-building measures and the cooperation and assistance database of the Biological Weapons Convention; website relating to the Conference on Disarmament, the Geneva Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, including web pages on financial matters, fissile material, the Biological Weapons Convention, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention and the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> briefings and outreach materials on disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation for the Geneva-based permanent missions and governmental, non-governmental and civil society organizations.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> web pages on financial issues in support of conventions; digital tools to improve national reporting and compliance (Biological Weapons Convention and Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons).				

## **Subprogramme 2** **Weapons of mass destruction**

### **Objective**

4.28 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance disarmament and non-proliferation in all aspects of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

### **Strategy**

4.29 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Support the process of negotiations, deliberations and consensus-building in the areas of disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons and their means of delivery;
- (b) Support the full implementation of international instruments dealing with the disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, including the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty;

- (c) Support the enhancement and implementation of further ways and means of cooperation among the States Parties to nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties and the protocols thereto;
- (d) Support Member States in their negotiations on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction;
- (e) Provide substantive and technical support to office bearers of the First Committee and the Disarmament Commission;
- (f) Continue to raise awareness of the dangers posed by nuclear weapons, including through substantive and technical support to the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and the International Day against Nuclear Tests;
- (g) Strengthen cooperation with relevant intergovernmental organizations, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency, including in areas such as nuclear security and non-proliferation, and expand interaction, as appropriate, with civil society, in particular research and academic institutions and non-governmental organizations working in the areas of disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems;
- (h) Continue its close cooperation with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to promote the universality and full implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
- (i) Support efforts to ensure accountability for the use of chemical weapons by, inter alia, supporting OPCW efforts in this regard and by working with members of the Security Council in order to build unity on the issue. The subprogramme will also continue to provide briefings to the Council on the implementation of resolution 2118 (2013) on the elimination of the chemical weapons programme of the Syrian Arab Republic;
- (j) Continue to enhance the operational readiness of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons by organizing, with interested Member States and relevant partners, training and capacity-building activities for experts and analytical laboratories.

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

- (a) The building of trust and understanding among Member States in order to facilitate consensus on effective measures relating to the total elimination of nuclear weapons and measures to prevent any use of a nuclear weapon, and to uphold the norms against the proliferation and testing of nuclear weapons;
- (b) The strengthening and reinforcement of the norm against chemical weapons use;
- (c) Enhanced ability of Member States to uphold the global norms against the use of weapons of mass destruction;
- (d) Strengthened coordination capabilities of Member States to respond to incidents involving the alleged use of biological weapons.

## Programme performance in 2024

### **States Parties to treaties establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones strengthened cooperation and consultation mechanisms**

4.31 As part of ongoing efforts by relevant States to strengthen coordination and cooperation among nuclear-weapon-free zones, the subprogramme co-organized a workshop with the Government of Kazakhstan to facilitate an exchange of views among representatives of States Parties to nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties on their experiences in implementing those treaties, including lessons learned and best practices. The workshop strengthened consultation and fostered cooperation

between Member States that are Parties to treaties establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones, including for coordination on future work. In addition, the subprogramme maintained and updated a dedicated platform on the programme's website to support States' efforts, which enhanced communication between zones.

- 4.32 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.7).

**Table 4.7  
Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)
A dedicated web-based platform on nuclear-weapon-free zones is available to States Parties to enhance cooperation and coordination	–	Strengthened cooperation and consultations among States Parties to nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties

## Planned results for 2026

### **Result 1: strengthening the multilateral nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime**

#### **Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026**

- 4.33 The subprogramme's work contributed to the successful conduct of the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which met the planned target.
- 4.34 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.8).

**Table 4.8  
Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
The 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty, which was delayed by two years owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, was held States Parties established a working group to further strengthen the review process of the Treaty	The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was held	The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was held	The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is held	The 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is held States agree on arrangements for the 2026 Review Conference

**Result 2: process to achieve the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction**

**Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026**

- 4.35 The subprogramme's work contributed to advancing the process of establishing a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, with the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction undertaking substantive deliberations, including through meetings of its intersessional working committee, to advance the preparations for the negotiation of a legally binding treaty and contributing to the implementation of the decision adopted at its fourth session on the time of endorsement of the presidency of the annual sessions of the Conference, as contained in document [A/CONF.236/2023/DEC.3](#), which met the planned target.
- 4.36 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.9).

Table 4.9  
**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
–	The Conference undertook substantive discussions and agreed to continue deliberations at its intersessional working committee meetings on, inter alia, nuclear verification, peaceful uses and technical cooperation and an index of the list of topics to be addressed by future sessions of the Conference	The Conference undertook substantive deliberations, including through meetings of its intersessional working committee, to advance the preparations for the negotiation of a legally binding instrument  The decision adopted at the fourth session on the time of endorsement of the presidency of the annual sessions of the Conference was implemented	The President of the sixth session, together with the members of the Conference, undertakes organizational and substantive preparations, including through the intersessional working committee, for the sixth session aimed at reaching a common position on the negotiation of a Middle East zone treaty	The President of the seventh session, together with the members of the Conference, undertakes organizational and substantive preparations for the seventh session aimed at reaching a common position on the negotiation of a Middle East zone treaty

**Result 3: improved readiness of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons**

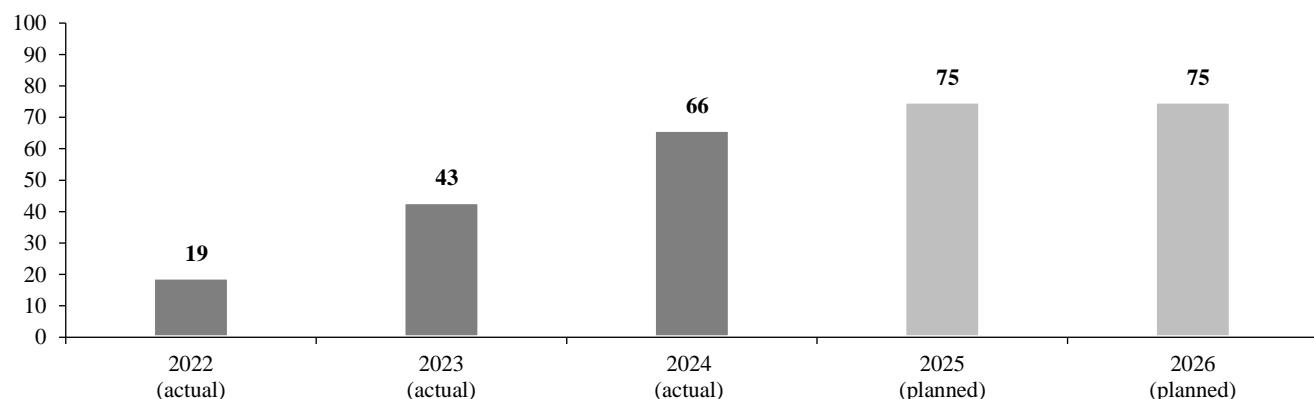
**Proposed programme plan for 2026**

- 4.37 The mandate for the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons was established in General Assembly resolution [42/37 C](#) and reaffirmed in Security Council resolution [620 \(1988\)](#). The subprogramme is tasked with ensuring its operational readiness to respond to reports from Member States. To this effect, the subprogramme maintains rosters of experts and analytical laboratories that may be called upon to support an investigation by the Mechanism in accordance with the guidelines and procedures in Assembly resolution [45/57 C](#).

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 4.38 The lesson for the subprogramme was that a well-supported training programme for experts nominated by Member States was essential for enhancing the operational readiness of the Mechanism. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will seek to expand training activities and foster a broader representation of experts from different regions who are prepared and available to support investigations if called upon.
- 4.39 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.I).

Figure 4.I

**Performance measure: number of trained experts on the Mechanism's roster (annual)****Deliverables**

- 4.40 Table 4.10 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.10

**Subprogramme 2: deliverables for the period 2024–2026, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>106</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>334</b>
1. Reports of and notes by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on nuclear and chemical weapons	10	10	8	10
2. Report by the Secretary-General transmitting a comprehensive study on the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all of its aspects	–	–	1	1
3. Report by the Secretary-General on the establishment of a Group of Scientific and Technical Experts on Nuclear Disarmament Verification	–	–	1	–
4. Reports and documents for the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction	16	15	20	18
5. Reports and documents for the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	80	67	88	–
6. Reports and documents for the first Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons	–	–	–	100
7. Reports and documents for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	–	–	–	205
8. Reports and documents for the Meetings of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons	–	–	30	–

**Part II      Political affairs**

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>84</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>232</b>
9. Meetings of the First Committee	25	25	25	25
10. Meetings of the Disarmament Commission	15	15	15	15
11. One-day symposium on victim assistance and environmental remediation in the context of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">79/60</a>	–	–	–	2
12. Meetings of a qualified group of experts to prepare a new comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects	–	–	10	20
13. Meetings convened by the Chair of the independent Scientific Panel on the Effects of Nuclear War	–	–	10	20
14. Plenary meetings of the high-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	2	2	2	2
15. High-level plenary meetings to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests	2	2	2	2
16. Meetings of the Conference and the Bureau of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty	–	–	2	–
17. Meetings of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction	10	10	10	10
18. Pre-session consultations and meetings for the Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons	–	27	60	–
19. Pre-session consultations and meetings of the first Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons	–	–	–	70
20. Pre-session consultations and meetings for the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	30	30	32	–
21. Pre-session consultations and meetings related to the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	–	–	–	66
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>35</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
22. Intersessional briefings of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction	3	8	8	8
23. Training courses for the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons on chemical weapons investigations and updating the roster of experts	32	49	30	30
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> impartial technical, substantive and procedural advice provided to Member States; consultations with civil society, including on participation by civil society in treaty-related conferences; consultations with academia and specialized technical institutions; liaison with relevant intergovernmental organizations (e.g. OPCW, International Atomic Energy Agency and Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization); interdepartmental coordination, including as Vice-Chair of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> fact sheets on weapons of mass destruction disarmament and associated treaties; side events at relevant United Nations and ad hoc conferences; newsletter of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons; outreach and advocacy to the general public and students conducted through events organized by the subprogramme.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> website and social media platforms related to weapons of mass destruction issues.				

### **Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms**

#### **Objective**

- 4.41 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance the regulation and limitation of conventional weapons and ammunition, taking into account the legitimate needs of States for self-defence.

#### **Strategy**

- 4.42 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide substantive support, including preparatory activities for intergovernmental processes, to the following:
    - (i) First Committee of the General Assembly and the Security Council;
    - (ii) Ninth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and its open-ended technical expert group to address developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technologies and design;
    - (iii) Preparatory meeting of States on the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management;
  - (b) Support and assist with the development, updating, revision, translation and dissemination, as appropriate, of the following:
    - (i) International Ammunition Technical Guidelines through the SaferGuard programme;
    - (ii) Database on military expenditures;
    - (iii) Register of Conventional Arms;
    - (iv) Modular Small-arms-control Implementation Compendium;
    - (v) Repository of military confidence-building measures;
    - (vi) Database on national reports of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;
    - (vii) Online platform and reporting database related to the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management;
    - (viii) Dedicated fellowship training programmes on through-life conventional ammunition management and on small arms and light weapons control;
  - (c) Implement and assist States in the implementation of the outcomes of the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;
  - (d) Assist States in the regional and national implementation of the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management;
  - (e) Provide capacity-building support for requesting States to collect and consolidate data to monitor indicator 16.4.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals;
  - (f) In partnership with United Nations system entities:
    - (i) Promote safe and secure weapons and ammunition management, in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes and in peace operation contexts;

- (ii) Support the integration of small arms control considerations into United Nations country-level system-wide approaches to development;
  - (g) Support, implement and facilitate assistance projects that develop the capacity of national institutions with regard to conventional arms and ammunition control, including through the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation, the Saving Lives Entity fund and the SaferGuard Programme, as well as the maintenance and expansion of the roster of experts validated according to the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines, through the establishment and operationalization of an efficient and agile global mechanism for requesting, offering and receiving assistance in through-life conventional ammunition management; support the continued work of the Ammunition Management Advisory Team; and support the Silencing the Guns by 2030 and its Africa Amnesty Month initiative of the African Union;
  - (h) Implement, as required, relevant recommendations issued in 2025 by the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms;
  - (i) Manage the transparency instruments on military expenditures and the Register of Conventional Arms and provide support to States for their increased participation and use;
  - (j) Support initiatives and efforts for fostering military confidence-building measures at the subregional and regional levels;
  - (k) Support efforts to combat, prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, their parts and ammunition in accordance with actions 18 (f) and 26 (g) of the Pact for the Future.
- 4.43 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Strengthened implementation of global arms control instruments, including legislation, policies and regulations on small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition at the national, regional and subregional levels;
  - (b) Enhanced effectiveness of existing international assistance frameworks through the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms, the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (the International Tracing Instrument) and the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management;
  - (c) Improved integration of small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition control considerations into development and prevention processes and frameworks;
  - (d) Reduced armed violence and risk of armed conflict by reducing the destabilizing effect of increasing arms and ammunition transfers and accumulations, as well as fostering confidence-building measures among States;
  - (e) Continued relevance and improved participation of States in the United Nations Report on Military Expenditures and the Register of Conventional Arms.

## Programme performance in 2024

### Renewed commitments to combat illicit small arms and light weapons

- 4.44 The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, and the risk of diversion to unauthorized recipients, may exacerbate the risk of armed conflict or violence. The subprogramme facilitated the convening in 2024 of the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, as well as the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons. The Review Conference concluded with the adoption of a political declaration and action-oriented

measures for the period 2024–2030. In addition, the subprogramme supported Member States in preparing voluntary national reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action, resulting in 100 reports submitted, an increase from the previous reporting period.

- 4.45 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.11).

Table 4.11  
**Performance measure**

<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (actual)</i>	<i>2024 (actual)</i>
Adoption of an outcome document at the eighth Biennial Meeting of States on Small Arms	–	Adoption of an outcome document at the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects 100 voluntary national reports submitted by Member States on implementation of the Programme of Action

### Planned results for 2026

**Result 1: strengthened implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons**

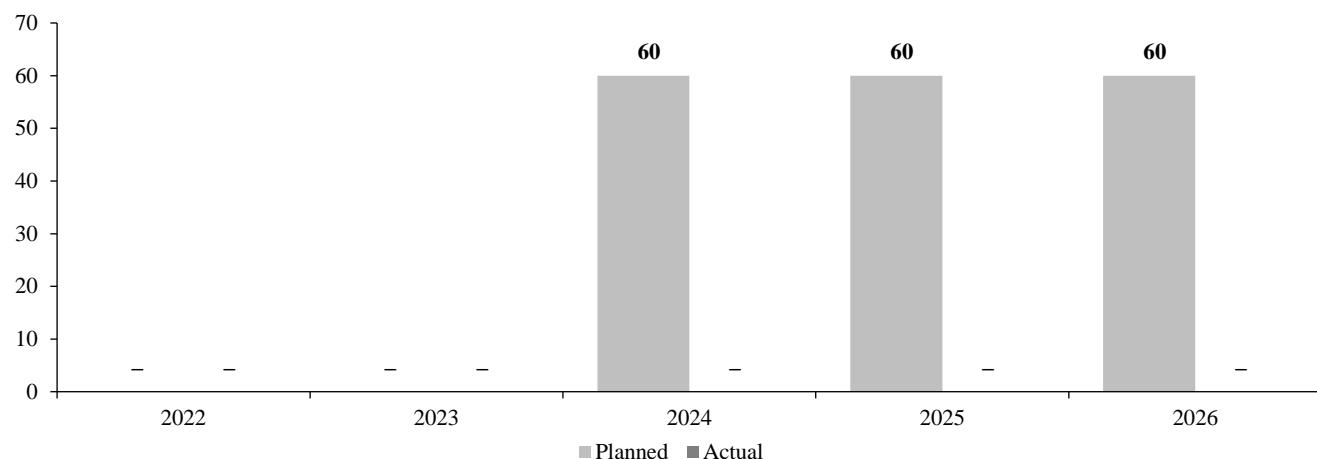
#### Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026

- 4.46 The subprogramme's work contributed to the development of course materials for a dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons, which did not meet the planned target of 60 governmental officials benefiting from such a fellowship. The target was not met due to the liquidity situation of the Organization, which delayed the recruitment of staff to manage the programme.
- 4.47 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.II).

Figure 4.II

**Performance measure: government officials benefiting from a dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons to strengthen the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument**

(Number of fellows)



**Result 2: increased utilization of the global assistance mechanism for through-life ammunition management**

**Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026**

- 4.48 The subprogramme's work contributed to the successful conceptualization of the global assistance mechanism for through-life ammunition management, which met the planned target.
- 4.49 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.12).

Table 4.12  
**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
–	The General Assembly requested the establishment, under the SaferGuard programme, of an efficient and agile global mechanism for requesting, offering and receiving assistance in through-life conventional ammunition management	The global assistance mechanism for through-life ammunition management, including its modalities and processes, was designed and conceptualized through multi-stakeholder consultations	Member States make requests and access offers for assistance in utilizing the global assistance mechanism for through-life ammunition management	Member States provide and receive assistance in through-life conventional ammunition management facilitated by the global assistance mechanism for through-life ammunition management

**Result 3: addressing developments in the manufacturing, technology and design of small arms and light weapons to prevent, combat and eradicate their illicit trade and misuse**

**Proposed programme plan for 2026**

- 4.50 In its resolution [79/40](#), the General Assembly decided to establish an open-ended technical expert group to develop agreed recommendations to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument in the light of developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technology and design, in particular polymer and modular weapons and firearms produced using three-dimensional printing, focusing on the provision of international cooperation and assistance.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 4.51 The lesson for the subprogramme, on the basis of its experience supporting other expert groups, was the importance of providing information on the work of the open-ended technical expert group, to keep all States informed of progress made. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will facilitate meetings of the expert group and increase information-sharing so that all Member States can monitor progress and outcomes.
- 4.52 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.13).

Table 4.13  
**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
The eighth Biennial Meeting of States on Small Arms requested States to discuss the establishment of a dedicated expert group to address developments in the manufacturing, technology and design of small arms and light weapons	–	The General Assembly, in its resolution <a href="#">79/40</a> , decided to establish an open-ended technical expert group, which would meet for the first time in 2026	Substantive and procedural preparations for the convening of the open-ended technical expert group are conducted	The meeting of the open-ended technical expert group is held

**Deliverables**

- 4.53 Table 4.14 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.14

**Subprogramme 3: deliverables for the period 2024–2026, by category and subcategory**

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2024 actual</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>	<i>2026 planned</i>
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>
1. Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on conventional arms, arms transfers, military expenditures, small arms and light weapons, disarmament and development, improvised explosive devices, depleted uranium and through-life conventional ammunition management	6	7	6	7
2. Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on small arms and light weapons	–	–	1	–
3. Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms	–	–	1	–
4. Report and documents of the preparatory meeting of States on the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management	–	–	15	–
5. Report and documents of the ninth Biennial Meeting of on Small Arms and of the open-ended technical expert group to address developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technologies and design	–	–	–	14
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>
6. Meetings of the First Committee	25	33	25	31
7. Meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms	10	9	20	–
8. Meetings of the fourth Review Conference of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons	20	18	–	–
9. Meetings of the preparatory committee for the fourth Review Conference of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons under the Programme of Action on Small Arms	10	10	–	–
10. Informal consultations among Member States related to the Programme of Action on Small Arms	6	13	–	6
11. Meetings of the Biennial Meeting of States on Small Arms and of the open-ended technical expert group to address developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technologies and design	–	–	–	10
12. Meetings of the preparatory meeting of States on the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management	–	–	10	–
13. Informal meetings of the SaferGuard Technical Review Board	–	4	20	20
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
14. On the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms	2	5	2	5
15. Assessments and quick-response deployments under the global assistance mechanism for through-life conventional ammunition management	–	1	4	4
16. Assessment deployments under the structured procedure for the Programme of Action	–	–	–	2
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>174</b>
17. Competency training and/or validation exercises on the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines	10	10	14	14
18. Fellowship programme on the Programme of Action on Small Arms	80	–	80	80
19. Fellowship programme on the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management	–	–	–	80

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> one briefing to delegates on United Nations transparency instruments (Register of Conventional Arms and United Nations Report on Military Expenditures) and one briefing to the Biennial Meeting of States on Small Arms on the Programme of Action on Small Arms; two regional briefings and consultations on the new Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management to support the development of regional and subregional commitments; and two expert seminars in preparation for the convening of the open-ended technical expert group.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> online reporting systems related to global reported arms trade, military expenditures, military confidence-building measures and implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms available for use in voluntary reporting by Member States; online collaborative platform for International Ammunition Technical Guidelines management; online secured platform for the global assistance mechanism for through-life conventional ammunition management; online reporting and data collection platform related to the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> conventional arms webpage; website of the SaferGuard programme on ammunition.				

## **Subprogramme 4** **Information and outreach**

### **Objective**

4.54 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to enhance awareness, understanding and knowledge by Member States and the public for advancing disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.

### **Strategy**

4.55 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Carry out outreach and information-sharing activities in cooperation with Member States and other relevant partners and stakeholders by organizing panel discussions, public events, exhibitions, media briefings, book launches, film screenings and other activities;
- (b) Produce publications, implement a comprehensive media strategy and engage in outreach targeting audiences of different ages, genders, disabilities, geographic locations and perspectives;
- (c) Support civil society engagement in intergovernmental forums by facilitating access arrangements, organizing consultative meetings and arranging for presentations by invited civil society representatives;
- (d) Implement the recommendations of the 2002 United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education, in cooperation with Member States and other relevant partners, by producing and disseminating educational materials, developing e-modules on substantive topics and organizing peace and disarmament education activities and contests, with particular emphasis on educating young people, including young women and those not traditionally engaged, to champion and promote disarmament efforts;
- (e) Seek specific measures to promote the meaningful and inclusive participation and empowerment of young people on disarmament and non-proliferation issues, including through the dedicated digital platform Youth for Disarmament and token grants and awards supported by voluntary contributions.

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

- (a) Increased interest in and support for multilateral disarmament efforts, enhancement of engagement by the general public and other stakeholders on these issues and the availability of clear, timely and impartial information to Member States;
- (b) Better informed stakeholders, including government officials, civil society representatives and the general public;
- (c) Progress in the development of common understandings in multilateral discussions by States on information and communications technology security in the context of international security, as well as improved awareness and knowledge of the subject among States and non-governmental actors.

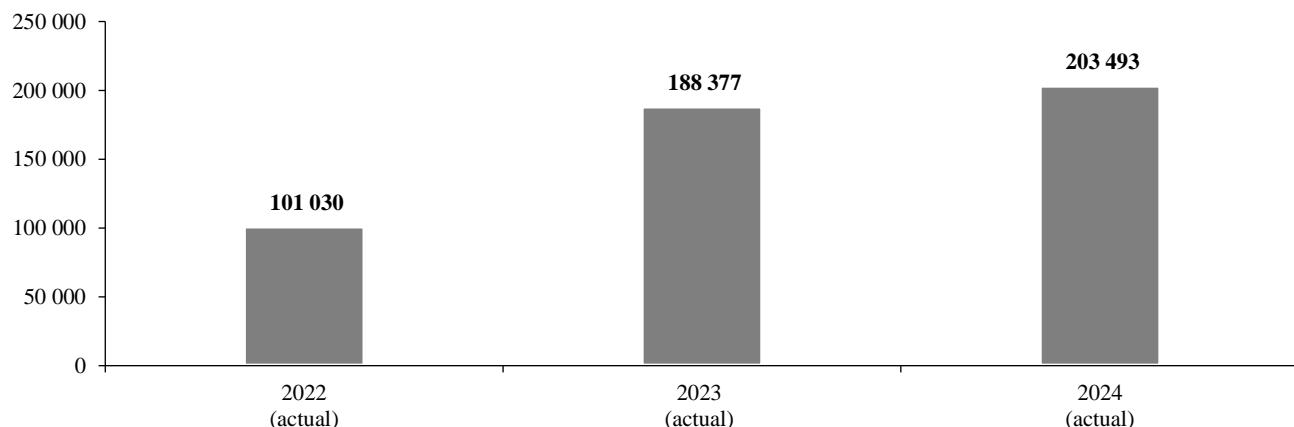
## Programme performance in 2024

### Enhanced awareness of global military expenditure among a wider audience

- 4.57 The subprogramme collaborated with the Department of Global Communications and other relevant entities to update a wall panel on military expenditure, first displayed in 2013, at the permanent disarmament exhibit at United Nations Headquarters. As a result, more than 200,000 visitors who visited the exhibit area in 2024 had access to up-to-date visual and educational information on global military expenditure, enhancing their understanding of the benefits of investing in disarmament efforts.
- 4.58 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.III).

Figure 4.III

**Performance measure: number of visitors to the permanent disarmament exhibit (annual)**



## Planned results for 2026

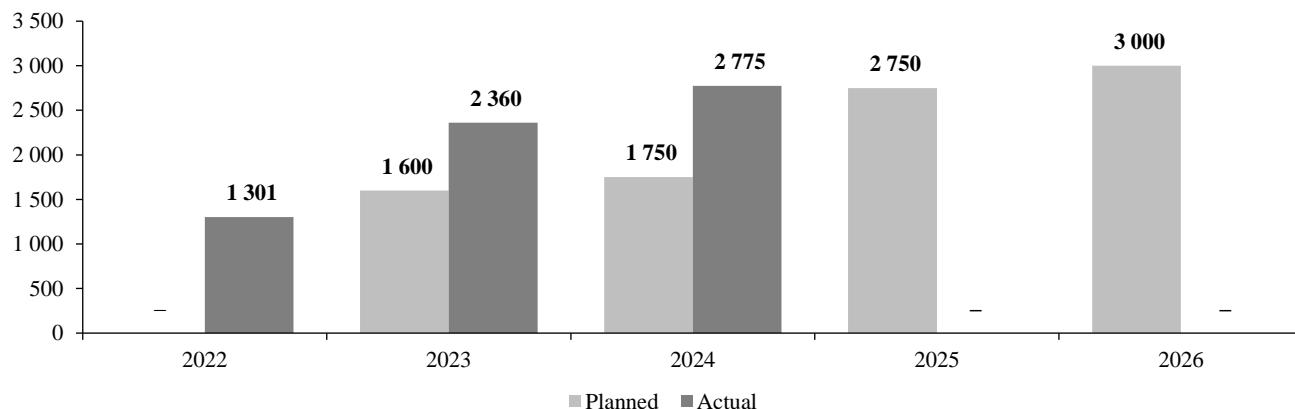
### **Result 1: *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* – strengthened engagement and increased reach of topical issues and trends with respect to multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control**

#### Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026

- 4.59 The subprogramme's work contributed to 2,775 unique visitors to the *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* website, which exceeded the planned target of 1,750.
- 4.60 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.IV).

Figure 4.IV

**Performance measure: number of unique visitors to the *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* website (annual)**



### **Result 2: empowerment of youth in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation**

#### **Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026**

- 4.61 The subprogramme's work contributed to 100 youth leaders from 64 countries participating in the first phase of the Youth Leader Fund for a World without Nuclear Weapons programme, which met the planned target.
- 4.62 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.15).

**Table 4.15**  
**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
Youth leaders developed projects to engage youth on topics related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control following the completion of the Leaders4Tomorrow training programme	100 youth leaders from 60 countries selected to participate in an online meeting to launch the Youth Leader Fund for a World without Nuclear Weapons	100 youth leaders from 64 countries participated in the first phase of the Youth Leader Fund for a World without Nuclear Weapons programme	Youth leaders organize and participate in activities, such as dialogues to raise awareness and networking events, related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation	Youth leaders participate in webinars, training sessions and site visits related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation for the second phase of the Youth Leader Fund for a World without Nuclear Weapons programme

### **Result 3: increased awareness of disarmament and non-proliferation issues**

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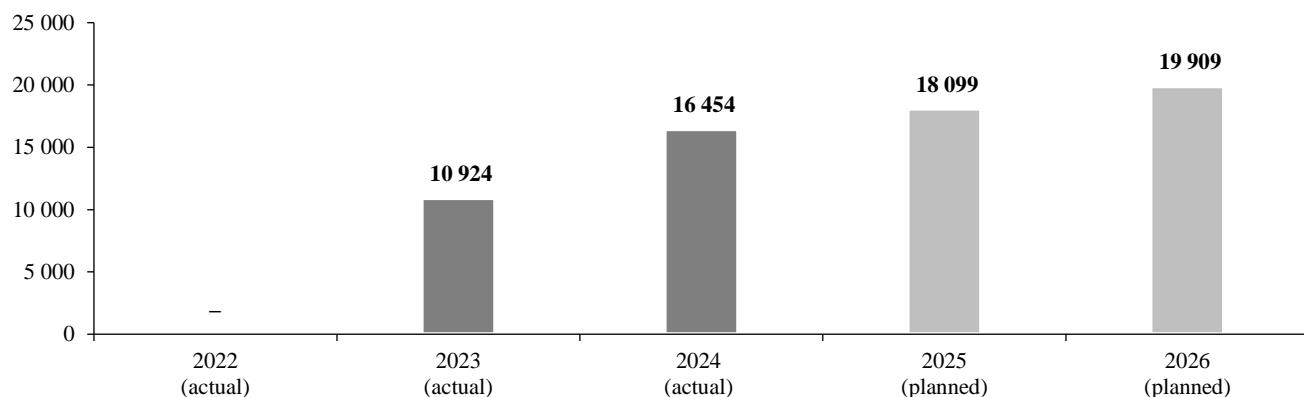
- 4.63 The subprogramme strives to enhance awareness and knowledge of and information on disarmament and non-proliferation issues among Member States, academia, civil society and the general public, in particular youth, through the increased production and dissemination of electronic publications, social media posts and other information materials.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 4.64 The lesson for the subprogramme was that traditional publications and dissemination methods were not effectively reaching younger demographics, as evidenced by stakeholder feedback collected during the 2023–2024 biennium. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will strengthen its digital outreach strategy in social media through multilingual content and the development of accessible resources to enhance public understanding of disarmament issues, while continuing to engage with academic institutions and civil society organizations to support Member States' efforts in respect of disarmament processes.
- 4.65 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.V).

Figure 4.V

**Performance measure: average number of unique accounts reached per month on Instagram (annual)**



Note: Data for 2022 were unavailable.

## Deliverables

- 4.66 Table 4.16 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.16

**Subprogramme 4: deliverables for the period 2024–2026, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	17	16	18	15
1. Reports of the Secretary-General, transmitting views of Member States to the General Assembly on: environmental norms in the context of disarmament and arms control; the promotion of multilateralism; the United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education; the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme; the role of science and technology; and artificial intelligence in the military domain	6	5	6	5
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (including pre-session, in-session and post-session documents)	10	10	10	10
3. Report of the Secretary-General on youth, disarmament and non-proliferation	-	-	1	-
4. Progress report of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025	1	1	1	-

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Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>
Meetings of:				
5. The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	12	12	12	12
6. The open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025	30	30	20	–
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
7. Training of teachers on disarmament and non-proliferation	1	1	1	1
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
8. On disarmament, including the <i>United Nations Disarmament Yearbook</i> , Occasional Papers and other serialized and non-serialized publications	8	8	8	8
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> database on the status of disarmament and arms regulation agreements, disarmament reference library and e-documents library.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> pamphlets, brochures, publicity kits, guides, posters, disarmament fact sheets; disarmament activities of the Messenger of Peace, including public service announcements; symposiums, workshops, youth contests and panel discussions on disarmament issues; briefings for visitors and outside groups on disarmament; disarmament and non-proliferation education materials; audiovisual resources, including videos, events and exhibits promoting disarmament and non-proliferation.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> opinion pieces placed in journals.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> websites on disarmament education and Securing Our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament; Youth for Disarmament web platform, the Office's Meetings Place website and the <i>United Nations Disarmament Yearbook</i> website.				

## Subprogramme 5 Regional disarmament

### Objective

4.67 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance regional disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control efforts and initiatives, and the effective implementation of global and regional disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control treaties and other instruments, and strengthen partnerships with regional organizations.

### Strategy

4.68 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Provide technical and legal training, conduct capacity-building activities and support the implementation by Member States of relevant treaties, international standards and guidelines, including the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, the Arms Trade Treaty, the Biological Weapons Convention, Security Council resolutions [1325 \(2000\)](#), [1540 \(2004\)](#), [1673 \(2006\)](#), [1810 \(2008\)](#), [1977 \(2011\)](#), [2055 \(2012\)](#), [2325 \(2016\)](#), [2370 \(2017\)](#), [2572 \(2021\)](#), [2622 \(2022\)](#) and [2663 \(2022\)](#) and General Assembly resolutions [79/57](#), [79/65](#), [79/66](#) and [79/67](#);
- (b) Cooperate with relevant regional, subregional, civil society and other organizations, such as the African Union, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Economic Community of West

African States, the Organization of American States, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Pacific Islands Forum, in the field of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, building on existing synergies and avoiding duplication with efforts already undertaken by such organizations.

- 4.69 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- Increased adherence to the disarmament instruments and strengthened small arms, light weapons and ammunition control, thereby curbing illicit trade and the circulation of small arms and light weapons to strengthen regional peace and security;
  - Confidence-building measures among Member States;
  - Closer partnerships with regional and subregional organizations.

### **Programme performance in 2024**

#### **Member States develop a road map for Central America and the Dominican Republic on preventing and combating illicit trafficking and the proliferation of firearms, ammunition and explosives**

- 4.70 The trafficking of illicit small arms and light weapons and ammunition contributes to all forms of armed violence, while enabling and multiplying violence and crime. The subprogramme, in collaboration with the Organization of American States and the Central American Integration System, provided technical support to seven Member States in the Central American region to develop a road map on preventing the illicit trafficking and proliferation of arms and ammunition, which was adopted on 12 February 2025. The road map is focused on strengthening norms and institutional coordination; preventing armed violence and the misuse of firearms; managing the life cycle of weapons, ammunition and accessories; and investigating and criminally prosecuting illicit trafficking, possession and use of arms and ammunition. With sustained support from the international community, the road map will provide effective, sustainable and comprehensive mechanisms for enhancing arms control and ammunition management by bringing together States, promoting information-sharing and mobilizing resources to address urgent challenges.
- 4.71 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.17).

Table 4.17

#### **Performance measure**

2022 ( <i>actual</i> )	2023 ( <i>actual</i> )	2024 ( <i>actual</i> )
—	—	Member States developed a road map for Central America and the Dominican Republic on preventing the trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives, along with an accompanying monitoring and evaluation framework

## Planned results for 2026

### Result 1: disarmament and non-proliferation education and training for all

#### Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026

- 4.72 The subprogramme's work contributed to greater regional spread of educational opportunities and increased access to tailored learning content for students, teachers and civil society, which met the planned target.
- 4.73 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.18).

**Table 4.18**  
**Performance measure**

2022 ( <i>actual</i> )	2023 ( <i>actual</i> )	2024 ( <i>actual</i> )	2025 ( <i>planned</i> )	2026 ( <i>planned</i> )
The General Assembly adopted resolution <a href="#">77/51</a> , proclaiming 5 March as the International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness. A common framework for education in disarmament and non-proliferation was made available to Member States, regional organizations and other stakeholders to strengthen coherence and coordination of educational initiatives	Greater engagement of educational and training partners in developing disarmament education programmes and non-formal education opportunities	Greater regional spread of educational opportunities through an incremental expansion of partnerships with academia and training partners  Increased access to tailored learning content for students, teachers and civil society through the delivery of tailored and contextualized education by educational partners and educators	Educators and educational partners, including academia, civil society and regional organizations, implement or contribute to educational initiatives in disarmament and non-proliferation in partnership with the subprogramme and use its educational materials, knowledge and skills development programmes  Educational tools and available content for educators and partners are expanded and diversified to maximize reach of knowledge and skills development in disarmament and non-proliferation	Educators and partners have greater access and understanding of disarmament topics through the online learning platforms of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, and use them for related disarmament initiatives

**Result 2: regional, subregional and national-level sensitization and support to the implementation of the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management**

**Programme performance in 2024 and target for 2026**

- 4.74 The subprogramme's work contributed to regional, subregional and national actors, including representatives of ministries of defence and interior, national militaries, law enforcement and investigative bodies, regional organizations and civil society, engaging in awareness-raising activities to promote the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management, which met the planned target.
- 4.75 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2026 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.19).

Table 4.19

**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
-	Adoption of the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management by the General Assembly in resolution <a href="#">78/47</a>	Regional, subregional and national actors participated in activities to raise awareness of the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management	States participate in the preparatory meeting of States and explore possible options for the development of the process and modalities for the effective implementation of the Global Framework at the regional, subregional and national levels	Increased information-sharing by States on ammunition management

**Result 3: increased integration of disarmament into national development frameworks**

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- 4.76 In its resolution [79/43](#), the General Assembly stressed the central role of the United Nations in the relationship between disarmament and development and encouraged the international community to make greater efforts to integrate disarmament, humanitarian and development activities.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 4.77 The lesson for the subprogramme is that promoting the integration of arms control and violence reduction into national development frameworks and into accompanying analytical, planning, political and programming support provided by the Organization will help to address both the supply of and demand for small arms and light weapons in a more holistic manner. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will work more closely with resident coordinator offices and United Nations country teams across all regions to promote multisectoral approaches to increase arms control and reduce armed violence.
- 4.78 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.20).

**Table 4.20**  
**Performance measure**

2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (planned)	2026 (planned)
—	—	—	Member States in at least one region develop national strategies informed by an analysis of arms control and violence reduction	Member States in one additional region develop national strategies informed by an analysis of arms control and violence reduction

## Deliverables

4.79 Table 4.21 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

**Table 4.21**  
**Subprogramme 5: deliverables for the period 2024–2026, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2024 planned	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
1. Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament; the strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region; and confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context	5	5	3	5
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
2. Meeting of the First Committee	1	1	1	1
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
3. On effective small arms control, including physical security and stockpile management	9	9	6	5
4. On the implementation of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">65/69</a> on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	3	3	3	3
5. On peace and disarmament education, including projects for young people, with an emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals	5	6	6	5
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>110</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>214</b>
6. Seminars, workshops and training and capacity-building events on small arms and light weapons	91	292	91	200
7. Seminars, workshops and training and capacity-building events on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the implementation and universalization of non-proliferation instruments and relevant Security Council resolutions	17	15	33	12
8. International conferences on disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	2	2	2	2
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
9. On disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	4	4	3	3

**Part II              Political affairs**

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2024 actual</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>	<i>2026 planned</i>
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**C. Substantive deliverables**

**Consultation, advice and advocacy:** substantive, technical and legal advice as well as training on the effective implementation of relevant instruments in accordance with Security Council and General Assembly mandates upon request by Member States, regional and subregional organizations and civil society organizations in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

**D. Communication deliverables**

**Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:** fact sheets on the work of the regional centres and liaison office in Vienna; outreach events for young people, women and other stakeholders; websites and e-learning platforms such as the Disarmament Education Dashboard.

**Digital platforms and multimedia content:** website and social media accounts.

## B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2026

### Overview

- 4.80 Pursuant to paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution [77/262](#), the Office for Disarmament Affairs carried out a spending review as part of its proposed programme budget for 2026. Under the strategic guidance of the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and with the engagement of all programme managers, a review was carried out for each component of the Office against the backdrop of a growing global need for disarmament, the rapid pace of scientific and technological advances in this field, the proliferation of conventional arms and rising military expenditure, and the critical need to fulfil long-standing commitments to nuclear disarmament amid increasing nuclear risks. The review also built on previous efforts undertaken by the Office aimed at achieving operational efficiency, including the changes presented and subsequently approved in the proposed programme budget for 2022 ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 4\)](#)), which resulted in the downward classification of two senior-level posts (1 D-2 to D-1 and 1 P-5 to P-4) and the upward reclassification of one P-2 post to P-3.<sup>1</sup>
- 4.81 The review included an in-depth analysis of the 73 posts and functional profiles in each office and location, and a comprehensive analysis of historical trends in non-post resource spending and distribution over the past five years, with a view to identifying efficiencies and resource realignments to support an optimal implementation of the Office's mandate and to achieving results, as set forth in the proposed programme plan for 2026. The review pointed to several opportunities for better and more efficient utilization of financial and human resources.
- 4.82 With regard to post resources, in response to the Advisory Committee's recommendation in paragraph II.75 of its first report on the 2025 proposed programme budget ([A/79/7](#)), endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [79/257](#), the Office conducted a systematic workload analysis of existing staffing capacities on the basis of workload indicators that are linked to its mandates, including a review of the structure and locations, to determine if there were opportunities for further optimization of post resources. The review also involved an analysis of skill sets aligned with United Nations 2.0 to ensure that the Office is well placed to deliver on its mandates in the future.
- 4.83 The spending review identified opportunities for alignment, consolidation and more efficient utilization of financial and human resources in the implementation of the Office's two global fellowship training programmes. The approved staffing structure to support the two programmes includes eight posts (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 General Service (Principal Level) and 5 National Professional Officer). Instead of having two separate teams, the fellowship programme would be supported by a unified team of six staff (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 General Service (Principal Level) and 3 National Professional Officer), resulting in the proposed abolishment of two posts (2 National Professional Officer) in the regional centres and a commensurate decrease of \$152,800 under posts. In respect of non-post resources, the synergies created through the consolidation of the fellowship training programmes, including by finding lower costs for the delivery of training services and travel of fellows, would result in a total reduction of \$308,600 (\$37,800 under contractual services, \$258,000 under grants and contributions and \$12,800 under non-post costs associated with the abolished posts, comprising \$4,600 under contractual services, \$4,800 under general operating costs, \$400 under supplies and materials, and \$3,000 under furniture and equipment).
- 4.84 The total reduction of \$461,400 would be repurposed to cover the proposed establishment of two new posts to support the Office's increased focus on the Secretary-General's Mechanism for the Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, for which one post of Political

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<sup>1</sup> This resulted in the downward reclassification of the post of Director (D-2) of the Geneva Branch to Chief of Service (D-1) in order to align the management structure in Geneva with that of other subprogrammes of the Office, and the downward reclassification of one post of Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) to Political Affairs Officer (P-4). One post of Associate Information Technology Officer (P-2) was also reclassified as Information Systems Officer (P-3), responding to a need for stronger capacity to modernize information systems to meet the standard of service needed by Member States and the intergovernmental bodies supported by the Office.

Affairs Officer (P-3) is proposed within the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch. The function would ensure that the Mechanism can sustainably maintain a roster of experts to carry out prompt investigations in response to allegations of the possible use of chemical and bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons. In addition, one post of Associate Political Affairs Officer (P-2) is proposed for establishment in the Science, Technology and International Security Unit to enable the Office to address the growing number of requirements in the area of emerging technologies in the context of international security, and to provide efficient, timely and high-quality services in relation to this subject matter to Member States. Further details on the justification of both posts are provided in annex II.

- 4.85 The Office has also identified opportunities to mainstream United Nations 2.0 principles in its work to enhance efficiency and effectiveness to better support to Member States. Specifically, the Office would establish a common online platform for Member States to submit the national reports required under the instruments and conventions that the Office supports. The portal would increase efficiency and improve the accessibility, usability, transparency and integration of Member State data, as it would consolidate the existing databases the Office currently maintains, such as MiEX (military expenditure) and the Register of Conventional Arms. The portal is expected to eventually reduce the Office's reliance on consultancies for basic database maintenance and data entry, through consolidation and the automation of data processing tasks once the portal is fully developed and operational, which is anticipated to take two years. The cost for the development of the portal would amount to \$102,000.
- 4.86 The review also indicated that there could be efficiencies gained from co-locating the Office's regional centre with larger regional presences. This would require further consideration, however, and is accordingly not being presented at this juncture. The review also showed that the resource requirements for consultants and experts are mainly for specific General Assembly mandates, the costs of which are predetermined, thus limiting the possibility of seeking further efficiencies.
- 4.87 With regard to other staff costs, the review highlighted the need to reflect existing operations with respect to the management of resources for other staff costs. The Executive Office currently has three staff (1 P-5 and 2 General Service (Principal Level)) and three general temporary assistance positions (two Administrative Assistant and one Finance and Budget Assistant (3 General Service (Other Level)). The costs of the three general temporary assistance positions are cost-shared among the subprogramme budgets for other staff costs. To streamline the process, the cost-neutral redeployment of resources from subprogrammes 1 through 5 to the Executive Office under the programme support component is proposed.
- 4.88 With regard to Office's travel budget, the review highlighted the growing demand for outreach and advocacy by senior management, in particular to countries of the global South. To ensure that travel and meetings in the same region are coordinated to maximize efficiencies and reduce costs, including through the prioritization of using hybrid and virtual engagement where feasible, and after taking into account the recent pattern of overexpenditure against the budget, which was distributed across five subprogrammes, it is proposed to consolidate travel resources under executive direction and management. The cost-neutral redeployment of resources from the respective subprogrammes to executive direction and management would allow for more coherent and optimized utilization of resources, while ensuring effective control of expenditure, which has in recent years exceeded the approved budget.
- 4.89 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 4.22 to 4.24.

**Table 4.22**  
**Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure**  
 (Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Changes				2026 estimate	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		
Posts	10 930.1	12 438.3	265.6	167.6	46.9	480.1	3.9	12 918.8
Other staff costs	322.5	350.7	–	14.0	–	14.0	4.0	364.7
Hospitality	–	2.3	–	–	–	–	–	2.3
Consultants	352.0	1 322.5	(44.7)	54.2	–	9.5	1.1	1 332.0
Experts	368.7	855.4	(124.8)	165.2	–	40.4	3.1	895.8
Travel of representatives	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Travel of staff	204.9	259.7	(10.3)	100.8	–	90.5	34.8	350.2
Contractual services	423.7	1 140.5	(47.5)	229.7	35.6	217.8	19.1	1 358.3
General operating expenses	296.3	378.3	–	2.1	(3.0)	(0.9)	(0.2)	377.4
Supplies and materials	19.1	18.2	–	0.4	–	0.4	2.2	18.6
Furniture and equipment	77.8	97.0	(6.3)	4.6	1.6	(0.1)	(0.1)	96.9
Improvement of premises	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grants and contributions	1 259.9	2 264.8	–	667.7	(258.0)	409.7	18.1	2 674.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 254.8</b>	<b>19 127.7</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>1 406.3</b>	<b>(176.9)</b>	<b>1 261.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>20 389.1</b>

**Table 4.23**  
**Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2026**  
 (Number of posts)

	Number	Details
Approved for 2025	73	1 USG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 12 P-5, 11 P-4, 12 P-3, 3 P-2/1, 5 NPO, 6 GS (PL), 13 GS (OL), 4 LL
Establishment	4	1 P-2 under executive direction and management, 1 P-3 under weapons of mass destruction (subprogramme 2) and 1 P-3 and 1 GS (OL) under conventional arms (subprogramme 3)
Abolishment	(2)	2 NPO under regional disarmament (subprogramme 5)
Proposed for 2026	75	1 USG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 12 P-5, 11 P-4, 14 P-3, 4 P-2/1, 3 NPO, 6 GS (PL), 14 GS (OL), 4 LL

**Table 4.24**  
**Overall: proposed posts by category and grade**  
 (Number of posts)

Category and grade	2025 approved	Changes				2026 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Professional and higher</b>						
USG	1	–	–	–	–	1
D-2	1	–	–	–	–	1
D-1	5	–	–	–	–	5
P-5	12	–	–	–	–	12
P-4	11	–	–	–	–	11

*Note:* The following abbreviations are used in tables and figures: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; USG, Under-Secretary-General.

**Part II**      **Political affairs**

Category and grade	2025 approved	Changes				Total	2026 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other			
P-3	12	–	1	1		2	14
P-2/1	3	–	–	1		1	4
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>45</b>	–	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>General Service and related</b>							
NPO	5	–	–	(2)		(2)	3
GS (PL)	6	–	–	–		–	6
GS (OL)	13	–	1	–		1	14
LL	4	–	–	–		–	4
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28</b>	–	<b>1</b>	<b>(2)</b>		<b>(1)</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	–	<b>2</b>	–		<b>2</b>	<b>75</b>

- 4.90 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in tables 4.25 to 4.27 and figure 4.VI.
- 4.91 As shown in tables 4.25 (1) and 4.26 (1), the overall resources proposed for 2026 amount to \$20,389,100, reflecting a net increase of \$1,261,400 (or 6.6 per cent) compared with the approved budget for 2025. Resource changes result from technical adjustments, new and expanded mandates, and other changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

**Table 4.25**  
**Overall: evolution of financial resources by source of funding, component and subprogramme**  
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Changes				Total	Percentage	2026 estimate
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other				
A. Policymaking organs	–	9.2	–	–	(9.2)		(9.2)	(100)	–
B. Executive direction and management	2 480.9	2 877.8	–	100.8	256.5		357.3	12.4	3 235.1
C. Programme of work									
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	3 111.3	3 642.2	–	–	(76.0)		(76.0)	(2.1)	3 566.2
2. Weapons of mass destruction	1 802.9	2 026.7	–	179.7	50.7		230.4	11.4	2 257.1
3. Conventional arms	1 670.8	4 860.6	(18.8)	1 125.8	(437.0)		670.0	13.8	5 530.6
4. Information and outreach	1 394.3	1 631.9	–	–	76.8		76.8	4.7	1 708.7
5. Regional disarmament	3 028.4	3 323.1	50.8	–	(207.2)		(156.4)	(4.7)	3 166.7
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>11 007.7</b>	<b>15 484.5</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>1 305.5</b>	<b>(592.7)</b>		<b>744.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>16 229.3</b>
D. Programme support	766.2	756.2	–	–	168.5		168.5	22.3	924.7
<b>Subtotal, 1</b>	<b>14 254.8</b>	<b>19 127.7</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>1 406.3</b>	<b>(176.9)</b>		<b>1 261.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>20 389.1</b>

**Section 4 Disarmament**

**(2) Extrabudgetary**

Component/subprogramme	2024 expenditure	2025 estimate	Change	Percentage	2026 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	—	—	—	—	—
B. Executive direction and management	355.4	302.0	—	—	302.0
C. Programme of work					
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	8 778.5	7 900.0	150.0	1.9	8 050.0
2. Weapons of mass destruction	3 364.3	3 027.0	250.0	8.3	3 277.0
3. Conventional arms	3 943.9	3 700.0	—	—	3 700.0
4. Information and outreach	192.3	198.0	22.0	11.1	220.0
5. Regional disarmament	4 373.9	4 036.0	—	—	4 036.0
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>20 652.9</b>	<b>18 861.0</b>	<b>422.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>19 283.0</b>
D. Programme support	382.0	400.0	10.0	2.5	410.0
<b>Subtotal, 2</b>	<b>21 390.3</b>	<b>19 563.0</b>	<b>432.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>19 995.0</b>
<b>Total (1+2)</b>	<b>35 645.1</b>	<b>38 690.7</b>	<b>1 693.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>40 384.1</b>

Table 4.26

**Overall: proposed posts for 2026 by source of funding, component and subprogramme**

(Number of posts)

**(1) Regular budget**

Component/subprogramme	2025 approved	Changes				2026 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
A. Policymaking organs	—	—	—	—	—	—
B. Executive direction and management	14	—	—	1	1	15
C. Programme of work						
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	9	—	—	—	—	9
2. Weapons of mass destruction	8	—	—	1	1	9
3. Conventional arms	10	—	2	—	2	12
4. Information and outreach	8	—	—	—	—	8
5. Regional disarmament	21	—	—	(2)	(2)	19
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>
D. Programme support	3	—	—	—	—	3
<b>Subtotal, 1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>75</b>

**Part II**      **Political affairs**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component/subprogramme	2025 estimate	Change	2026 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	—	—	—
B. Executive direction and management	—	—	—
C. Programme of work			
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	18	2	20
2. Weapons of mass destruction	3	3	6
3. Conventional arms	8	—	8
4. Information and outreach	—	—	—
5. Regional disarmament	15	—	15
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>49</b>
D. Programme support	2	—	2
<b>Subtotal, 2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total (1+2)</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>126</b>

Table 4.27

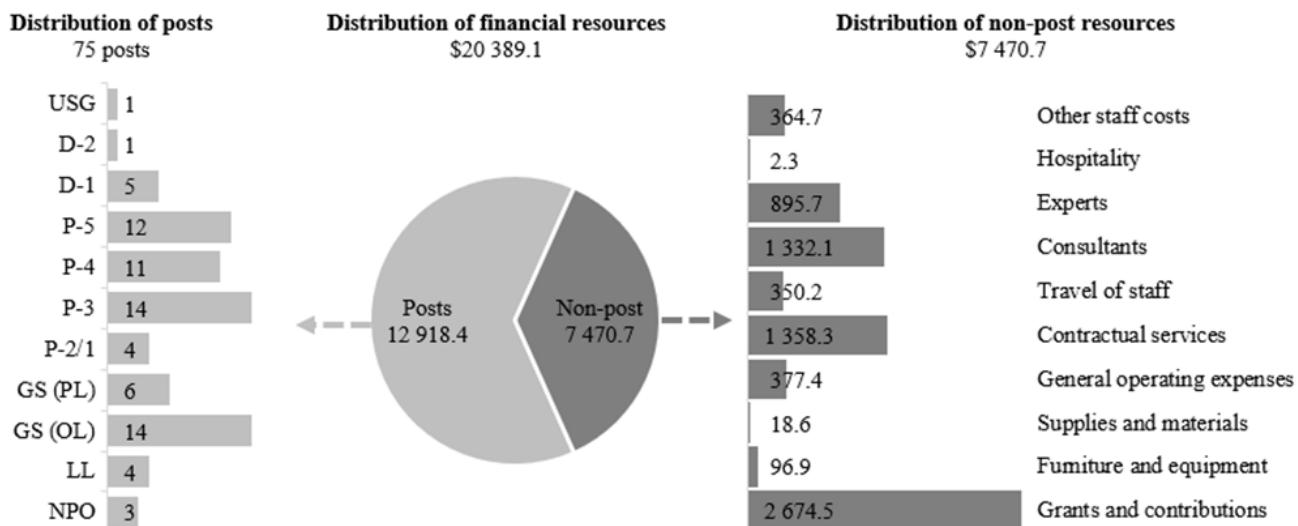
**Overall: evolution of financial and post resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							
	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	2026 estimate
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>								
Posts	10 930.1	12 438.3	265.6	167.6	46.9	480.1	3.9	12 918.4
Non-post	3 324.7	6 689.4	(233.6)	1 238.7	(223.8)	781.3	11.7	7 470.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 254.8</b>	<b>19 127.7</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>1 406.3</b>	<b>(176.9)</b>	<b>1 261.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>20 389.1</b>
<b>Post resources by category</b>								
Professional and higher	45	—	1	2	3	—	48	
General Service and related	28	—	1	(2)	(1)	—	27	
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>75</b>	

Figure 4.VI  
**Distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



### Explanation of variances by factor, component and subprogramme

#### Overall resource changes

##### Technical adjustments

4.92 As shown in table 4.25 (1), resource changes reflect a net increase of \$32,000, as follows:

(a) **Subprogramme 3, Conventional arms.** The net decrease of \$18,800 is comprised of:

- (i) A decrease of \$233,600 related to the removal of non-recurrent provisions for consultants, experts and travel associated with the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms regarding transparency in armaments pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/69](#) (\$134,000); the removal of non-recurrent provisions related to revised estimates resulting from Assembly resolution [79/1](#), entitled “The Pact for the Future” ([A/79/583](#)) (\$93,300); and the removal of non-recurrent provisions for furniture and equipment related to the new posts created in 2025 (\$6,300);
- (ii) An increase of \$214,800 related to the higher provision at continuing vacancy rates for three posts – 1 Political Affairs Officer (P-4), 1 Programme Management Officer (P-3) and 1 Senior Programme Management Assistant (General Service (Principal Level)) – established in 2025 pursuant to Assembly resolution [78/47](#) on through-life conventional ammunition management, which were subject to a 50 per cent vacancy rate in accordance with the established practice for newly established posts;

(b) **Subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament.** The increase of \$50,800 relates to the higher provision at continuing vacancy rates for two posts of Programme Management Officer (National Professional Officer, level C) established in 2025 pursuant to Assembly resolution [78/47](#), which were subject to a 50 per cent vacancy rate in accordance with the established practice for newly established posts.

**New and expanded mandates**

- 4.93 As shown in table 4.25 (1), resource changes reflect an increase of \$1,406,300, as follows:
- (a) **Executive direction and management.** The increase of \$100,800 under travel of staff is comprised of \$35,900 to support nationally owned assessments and scoping missions, upon request by States pursuant to General Assembly resolution [79/40](#) on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects; and \$64,900 to support the four-week in-person training programmes in the four regions starting in 2026 pursuant to Assembly resolution [78/47](#);
  - (b) **Subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction.** The increase of \$179,700 is comprised of (i) \$111,500 for experts to cover travel of up to 25 experts, including the Chair, to participate in two meetings in New York, as well as for travel of the Chair to attend the presentation of the comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects to the Assembly at its eighty-first session; (ii) \$54,200 for consultants to provide substantive support to the Chair and the expert group during the meetings in New York and provide assistance in drafting the comprehensive study from the start of the process to the transmission of the study to the Assembly at its eighty-first session; and (iii) \$14,000 for general temporary assistance to support the meetings pursuant to Assembly resolution [79/241](#) on a comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects.
  - (c) **Subprogramme 3, Conventional arms.** The increase of \$1,125,800 is comprised of:
    - (i) An increase of \$167,600 under posts to cover the proposed establishment of two posts in New York (1 Political Affairs Officer (P-3) and 1 Administrative Assistant (General Service (Other Level)) pursuant to Assembly resolution [79/40](#) (see annex II);
    - (ii) An increase of \$958,200 under non-posts as follows:
      - a. An amount of \$53,700 to provide for travel of experts to undertake two technical assessment missions per year to support nationally owned assessments and scoping missions upon request by States pursuant to Assembly resolution [79/40](#);
      - b. An amount of \$226,900 under contractual services to develop a structured procedure to process offers and requests for assistance submitted under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Tracing Instrument to facilitate matching needs and resources pursuant to Assembly resolution [79/40](#); and for organizing in-person training programmes in four regions pursuant to resolution [78/47](#);
      - c. An amount of \$9,900 to provide mainly for non-post requirements to support the two new posts proposed for establishment, including \$2,800 under contractual services, \$2,100 under general operating expenses, \$400 for stationery and office supplies, and \$4,600 under furniture and equipment;
      - d. An amount of \$667,700 under grants and contributions to cover the costs of travel of 15 fellows per region (four regions) to participate in the four-week in-person training programmes in the four regions in connection with Assembly resolution [78/47](#).

**Other changes**

- 4.94 As shown in table 4.25 (1), resource changes reflect a net decrease of \$176,900, as follows:
- (a) **Policymaking organs.** The decrease of \$9,200 under travel of staff relates to the redeployment of resources to executive direction and management as explained in paragraph 4.94 (b) (iii) below;
  - (b) **Executive direction and management.** The net increase of \$256,500 comprises:

- (i) An increase of \$90,900 under posts relating to the proposed establishment of one post of Associate Political Affairs Officer (P-2), as explained in paragraph 4.84 (see annex II);
  - (ii) A decrease of \$14,600 under other staff costs, as explained in paragraph 4.87;
  - (iii) An increase of \$175,400 under travel of staff relating to the redeployment of resources for travel of staff from policymaking organs and subprogrammes 1 through 5 to executive direction and management, as explained in paragraph 4.88;
  - (iv) An increase of \$4,800 relating to the non-post costs associated with the proposed establishment of one post, including \$1,400 under contractual services, \$900 under general operating costs, \$200 under supplies and materials, and \$2,300 under furniture and equipment;
- (c) **Subprogramme 1, Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation.** The decrease of \$76,000 is comprised of:
- (i) A decrease of \$39,300 under other staff costs, as explained in paragraph 4.87;
  - (ii) A decrease of \$36,700 under travel of staff, as explained in paragraph 4.88;
- (d) **Subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction.** The net increase of \$50,700 is comprised of:
- (i) An increase of \$108,800 under posts relating to the proposed establishment of one post of Political Affairs Officer (P-3), as explained in paragraph 4.84 (see annex II);
  - (ii) A decrease of \$57,000 under other staff costs, as explained in paragraph 4.87;
  - (iii) A decrease of \$5,900 under travel of staff, as explained in paragraph 4.88;
  - (iv) An increase of \$4,800 relating to the non-post costs associated with the proposed post, including \$1,400 under contractual services, \$900 under general operating costs, \$200 under supplies and materials and \$2,300 under furniture and equipment;
- (e) **Subprogramme 3, Conventional arms.** The decrease of \$437,000 is comprised of:
- (i) A decrease of \$50,100 under other staff costs, as explained in paragraph 4.87;
  - (ii) A decrease of \$91,100 under travel of staff, as explained in paragraph 4.88;
  - (iii) A decrease of \$37,800 under contractual services, as explained in paragraph 4.83;
  - (iv) A decrease of \$258,000 under grants and contributions, as explained in paragraph 4.83.
- (f) **Subprogramme 4, Information and outreach.** The increase of \$76,800 is comprised of:
- (i) A decrease of \$17,400 under other staff costs, as explained in paragraph 4.87;
  - (ii) A decrease of \$7,800 under travel of staff, as explained in paragraph 4.88;
  - (iii) An increase of \$102,000 under contractual services, as explained in paragraph 4.85;
- (g) **Subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament.** The decrease of \$207,200 is comprised of:
- (i) A decrease of \$152,800 under posts related to the proposed abolishment of two posts of National Professional Officer (one in Kathmandu and one in Lima), as explained in paragraph 4.83 (see annex II);
  - (ii) A decrease of \$16,900 under other staff costs, as explained in paragraph 4.87;
  - (iii) A decrease of \$24,700 under travel of staff, as explained in paragraph 4.88;
  - (iv) A decrease of \$12,800 relating to the non-post costs associated with the proposed abolishment of two posts of National Professional Officer, including \$4,600 under contractual services, \$4,800 under general operating costs, \$400 under supplies and materials and \$3,000 under furniture and equipment;

(h) **Programme support.** The net increase of \$168,500 is comprised of:

- (i) An increase of \$195,300 under other staff costs, as explained in paragraph 4.87. The costs would cover three general temporary assistance positions, comprising one Finance and Budget Assistant (General Service (Other Level)) to support various finance and budget functions and two Administrative Assistants (General Service (Other Level)) to support various administrative functions, including human resources, procurement and travel. The increase would be offset in full by a corresponding decrease in other staff costs under other components and subprogrammes as explained in paragraphs 4.94 (b) (ii), (c) (i), (d) (ii), (e) (i), (f) (i) and (g) (ii);
- (ii) A decrease of \$26,800 under contractual services relating to the adjustment of standard information and communications technology rates for Headquarters personnel, and non-field personnel outside of Headquarters.

### **Extrabudgetary resources**

- 4.95 As reflected in tables 4.25 (2) and 4.26 (2), extrabudgetary resources amount to \$19,995,000. The resources would complement regular budget resources and be used mainly to provide for 51 posts (2 P-5, 6 P-4, 19 P-3, 2 P-2 and 22 General Service (Other Level)). The resources would be used mainly to perform the following functions: (a) conduct research and analysis on topics such as conventional arms ammunition management and its global trends, biological and toxin weapons threats, new developments in weapon technologies, and women, youth and disarmament issues; (b) support meetings and conventions, raise awareness and build technical and substantive capacity at the national and regional levels; and (c) strengthen partnerships and participation aimed at contributing to the advancement of international agreements on disarmament best practices. Anticipated in-kind contributions would provide for rent-free premises with an estimated value of \$86,800.
- 4.96 The extrabudgetary resources under the present section are subject to the oversight of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, in accordance with the delegation of authority by the Secretary-General. The extrabudgetary resources under the present section for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) are subject to the oversight of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.

### **Policymaking organs**

- 4.97 The resources proposed under this component would provide for the policymaking organs as shown in table 4.28.

Table 4.28

#### **Policymaking organs**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Policymaking organ</i>	<i>Additional information</i>	<i>2025 approved</i>	<i>2026 estimate</i>
Conference on Disarmament	Mandate: General Assembly resolution <a href="#">S-10/2</a> , para. 120  The Conference on Disarmament is the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community. As requested by the Assembly in its resolution <a href="#">34/83 L</a> , the Secretary-General provides staff, as well as the assistance and services needed by the Conference and any subsidiary bodies that it might establish, in accordance with the arrangements set out in its rules of procedure. The secretariat of the Conference consists of officers of the secretariat and the Geneva Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs  Membership: 65 government officials, including representatives of 5 nuclear weapon States and other key militarily significant States  Number of sessions in 2026: 1 session of 24 weeks conducted in 3 parts	9.2	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>9.2</b>	—

- 4.98 There are no regular budget resources proposed for 2026, reflecting a decrease of \$9,200 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraph 4.94 (a). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.29.

Table 4.29

**Policymaking organs: evolution of financial resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	Changes			2026 estimate
				New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>							
Non-post	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel of staff	9.2	—	—	(9.2)	(9.2)	(100)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.2</b>	—	—	<b>(9.2)</b>	<b>(9.2)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	—

**Executive direction and management**

- 4.99 The executive direction and management component comprises the immediate Office of the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, the Office of the Director and Deputy to the High Representative, the Science, Technology and International Security Unit and the Policy Coordination and Change Management Unit. The High Representative is assisted by a director who serves as Deputy. The component is responsible for the overall direction, supervision and management of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the implementation of its mandates and its approved programme of work and advises and supports the Secretary-General on all disarmament, non-proliferation, arms control and related security matters and, in that respect, represents the Secretary-General, as required. The component is also responsible for providing authoritative analysis and assessment of developments for policy guidance and decision-making purposes and acts as focal point on these matters between the Secretariat and Member States.
- 4.100 The Office of the Director is responsible for supporting the High Representative; preparing and monitoring the implementation of the programme of work of the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the effective delivery of the programmatic mandates of the Office; preparing reports and notes on political and managerial issues; providing strategic guidance on programme implementation; and providing advice to the High Representative on all substantive, organizational, administrative, personnel and budgetary matters, including the overall coordination in the preparation and revision of the inputs of the Office to the annual programme plan and the programme budget.
- 4.101 The Science, Technology and International Security Unit provides advice to the Office of the High Representative, the Office of the Director and subprogrammes on scientific and technological issues in the context of international security, other strategic issues, including autonomous weapons, outer space, and information and telecommunications technology issues, and normative and analytical research activities, in support of the priorities of the Secretary-General related to disarmament. The Unit is responsible for the preparation of political analyses and substantive background notes on a broad range of initiatives and topics within its area of expertise.
- 4.102 The Policy Coordination and Change Management Unit provides direct support to the High Representative and the Office for Disarmament Affairs on cross-cutting policy issues, and internal coordination and change management, including coordination of the mainstreaming and inclusion of gender perspectives in the programmatic work of the Office and oversight of gender parity within the Office.

- 4.103 In accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 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 for Disarmament Affairs will continue to reduce its carbon footprint by significantly reducing the usage of photocopy paper and the printing of documentation by encouraging staff to work increasingly with only electronic versions of various documents, including mission reports, assessment notes, inter-office memorandums, submissions by Member States, background materials and talking points. Additional efforts will be made to reduce travel and instead optimize participation in meetings through videoconferencing.
- 4.104 Information on the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 4.30. The non-compliance rate in 2024 is due mainly to the late confirmation of meetings. Travel ticket purchases will continue to be monitored closely by the Office, and reports will be shared with all branch chiefs and the High Representative for intervention, as required.

**Table 4.30  
Compliance rate**

(Percentage)

	2022 actual	2023 actual	2024 actual	2025 planned	2026 planned
Timely submission of documentation	100	100	100	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least two weeks before the commencement of travel	39	63	62	100	100

- 4.105 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026 amount to \$3,235,100 and reflect an increase of \$357,300 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraphs 4.93 (a) and 4.94 (b). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.31 and figure 4.VII.

**Table 4.31  
Executive direction and management: evolution of financial and post resources**

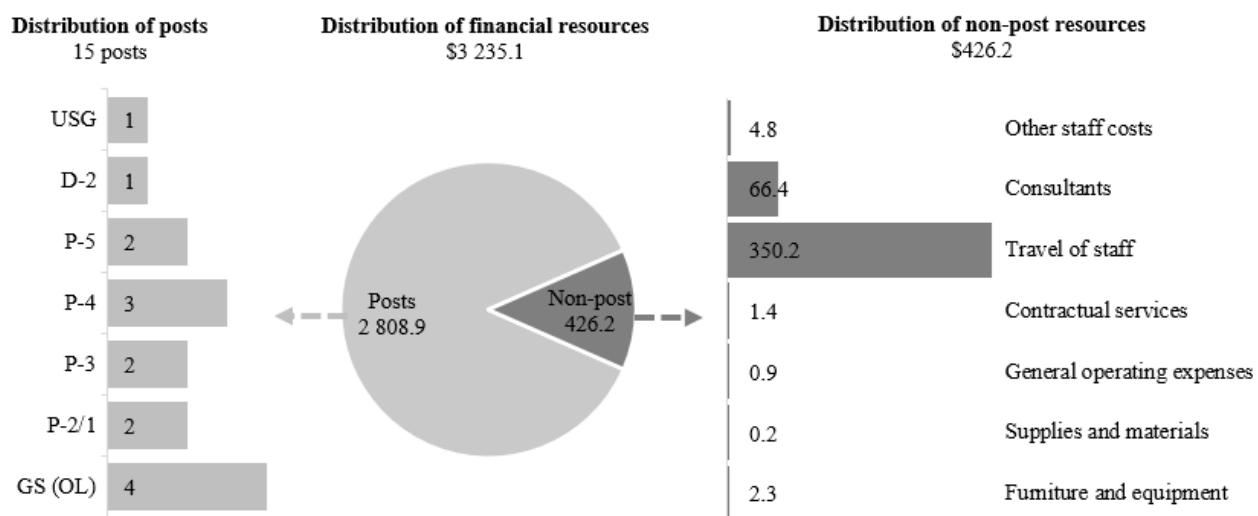
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	<i>Changes</i>							
	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	2026 estimate
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>								
Posts	2 337.8	2 718.0	–	–	90.9	90.9	3.3	2 808.9
Non-post	143.0	159.8	–	100.8	165.6	266.4	166.7	426.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 480.9</b>	<b>2 877.8</b>	–	100.8	256.5	357.3	12.4	3 235.1
<b>Post resources by category</b>								
Professional and higher	10	–	–	1	1	–	–	11
General Service and related	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	–	–	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	–	–	<b>15</b>

Figure 4.VII

**Executive direction and management: distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Programme of work****Subprogramme 1****Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation**

- 4.106 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026 amount to \$3,566,200 and reflect a decrease of \$76,000 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraph 4.94 (c). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.32 and figure 4.VIII.
- 4.107 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/253](#) A, the amount of \$3,566,200 includes a provision for a subvention in the amount of \$786,500 to UNIDIR for 2026, reflecting no change compared with the appropriation for 2025. The amount is reflected under grants and contributions and includes a provision of: (a) \$696,000 towards the costs of two posts (1 D-2 and 1 P-5) and general temporary assistance to help organize quarterly briefings for all regional groupings on research and ideas of relevant disarmament topics to promote disarmament and non-proliferation knowledge, ideas and dialogue to a broader and more diverse community; and (b) \$90,500 to support the conduct of three events in countries that are not members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to promote disarmament and non-proliferation knowledge, ideas and dialogue to a broader and more diverse community.

Table 4.32

**Subprogramme 1: evolution of financial and post resources**

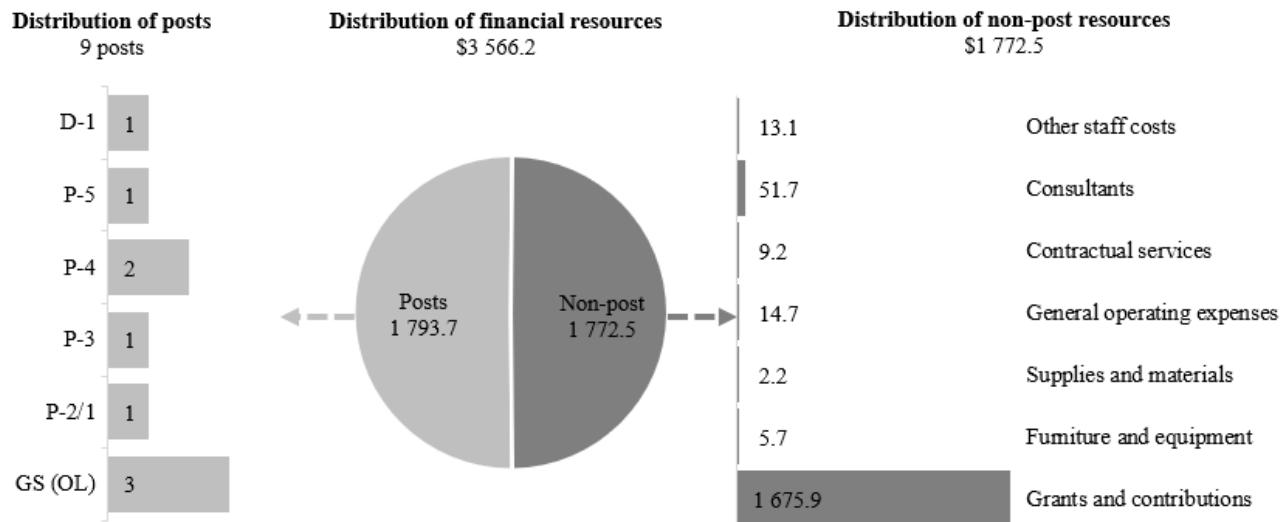
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	Changes			2026 estimate
				New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>							
Posts	1 737.9	1 793.7	–	–	–	–	1 793.7
Non-post	1 373.5	1 848.5	–	–	(76.0)	(76.0)	(4.1) 1 772.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 111.3</b>	<b>3 642.2</b>	–	–	(36.7)	(76.0)	(2.1) <b>3 566.2</b>
<b>Post resources by category</b>							
Professional and higher	6	–	–	–	–	–	6
General Service and related	3	–	–	–	–	–	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>9</b>

Figure 4.VIII

**Subprogramme 1: distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



## Subprogramme 2

### Weapons of mass destruction

- 4.108 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026 amount to \$2,257,100 and reflect a net increase of \$230,400 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraphs 4.93 (b) and 4.94 (d). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.33 and figure 4.IX.

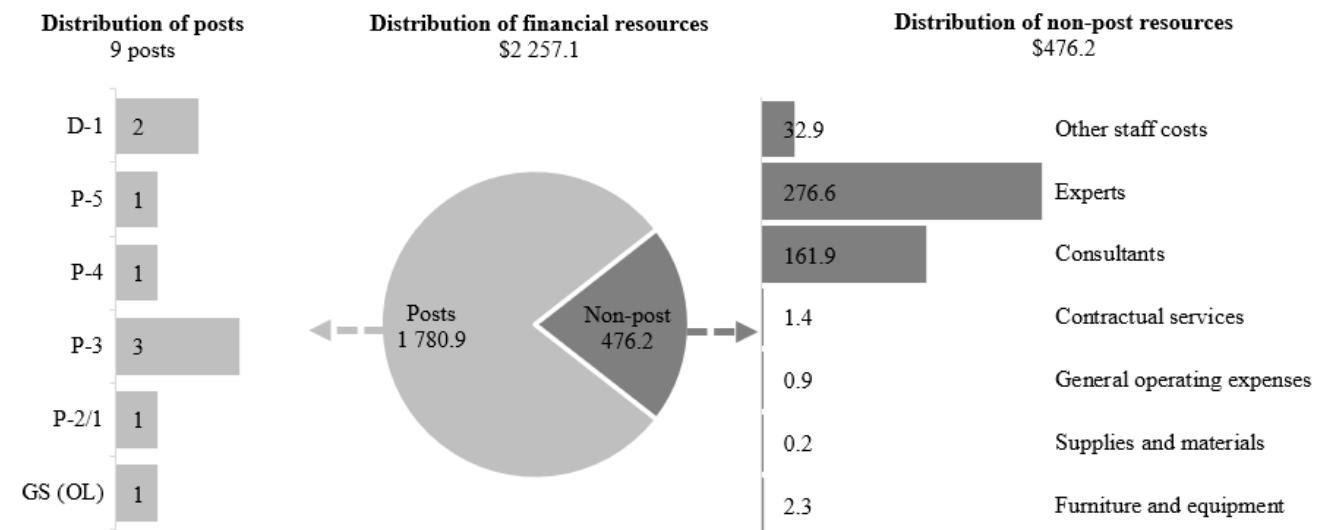
Table 4.33  
**Subprogramme 2: evolution of financial and post resources**

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	Changes			2026 estimate
				New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>							
Posts	1 580.5	1 672.1	–	–	108.8	108.8	6.5 1 780.9
Non-post	222.4	354.6	–	179.7	(58.1)	121.6	34.3 476.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 802.9</b>	<b>2 026.7</b>	–	<b>179.7</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>230.4</b>	<b>11.4 2 257.1</b>
<b>Post resources by category</b>							
Professional and higher	7	–	–	1	1	1	14.3 8
General Service and related	1	–	–	–	–	–	– 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	–	–	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>9</b>

Figure 4.IX  
**Subprogramme 2: distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



### Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms

- 4.109 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026 amount to \$5,530,600 and reflect a net increase of \$670,000 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraphs 4.92 (a), 4.93 (c) and 4.94 (e). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.34 and figure 4.X.

Table 4.34

**Subprogramme 3: evolution of financial and post resources**

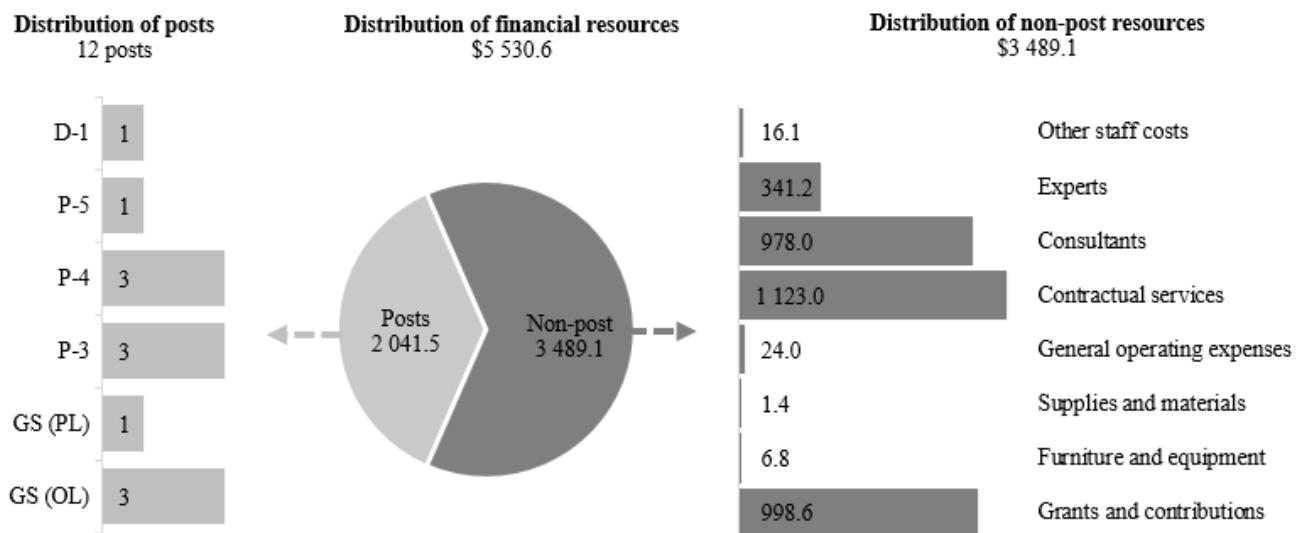
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	Changes			2026 estimate
				New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>							
Posts	1 024.0	1 659.1	214.8	167.6	–	382.4	23.0 2 041.5
Non-post	646.8	3 201.5	(233.6)	958.2	(437.0)	287.6	9.0 3 489.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 670.8</b>	<b>4 860.0</b>	<b>(18.8)</b>	<b>1 125.8</b>	<b>(437.0)</b>	<b>670.0</b>	<b>13.8 5 530.6</b>
<b>Post resources by category</b>							
Professional and higher	7	–	1	–	1	14.3	8
General Service and related	3	–	1	–	1	33.3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>12</b>

Figure 4.X

**Subprogramme 3: distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



## Subprogramme 4

### Information and outreach

- 4.110 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026 amount to \$1,708,700 and reflect an increase of \$76,800 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraph 4.94 (f). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.35 and figure 4.XI.

Table 4.35

**Subprogramme 4: evolution of financial and post resources**

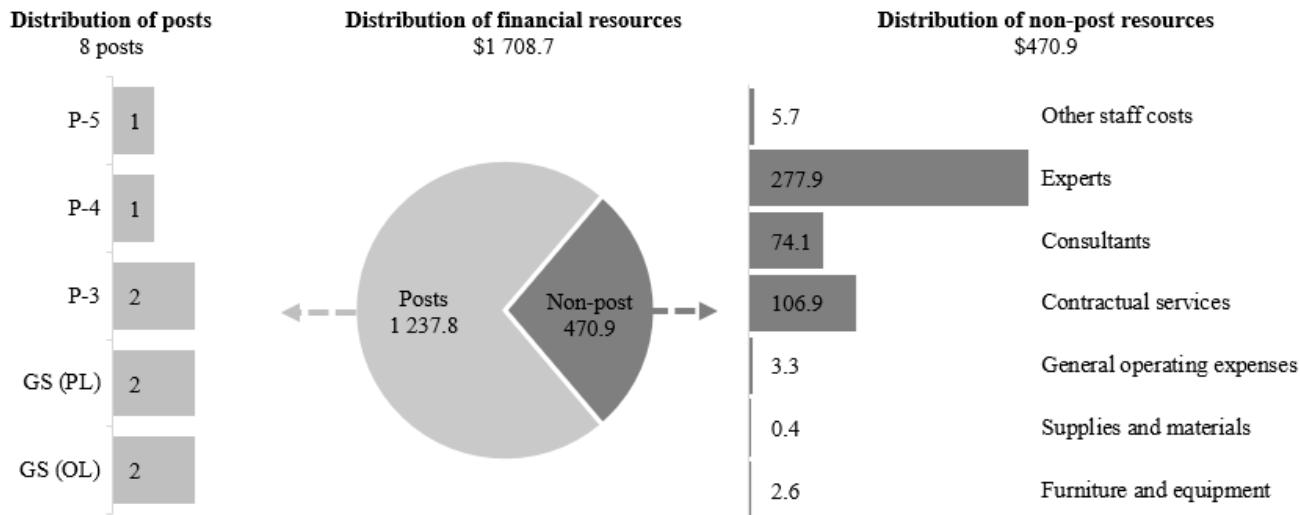
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	Changes			2026 estimate
				New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>							
Posts	1 102.1	1 237.8	–	–	–	–	1 237.8
Non-post	292.2	394.1	–	–	76.8	76.8	19.5 470.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 394.3</b>	<b>1 631.9</b>	–	–	<b>76.8</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>4.7 1 708.7</b>
<b>Post resources by category</b>							
Professional and higher	4	–	–	–	–	–	4
General Service and related	4	–	–	–	–	–	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>8</b>

Figure 4.XI

**Subprogramme 4: distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Subprogramme 5  
Regional disarmament**

- 4.111 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026 amount to \$3,166,700 and reflect a net decrease of \$156,400 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraphs 4.92 (b) and 4.94 (g). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.36 and figure 4.XII.

Table 4.36

**Subprogramme 5: evolution of financial and post resources**

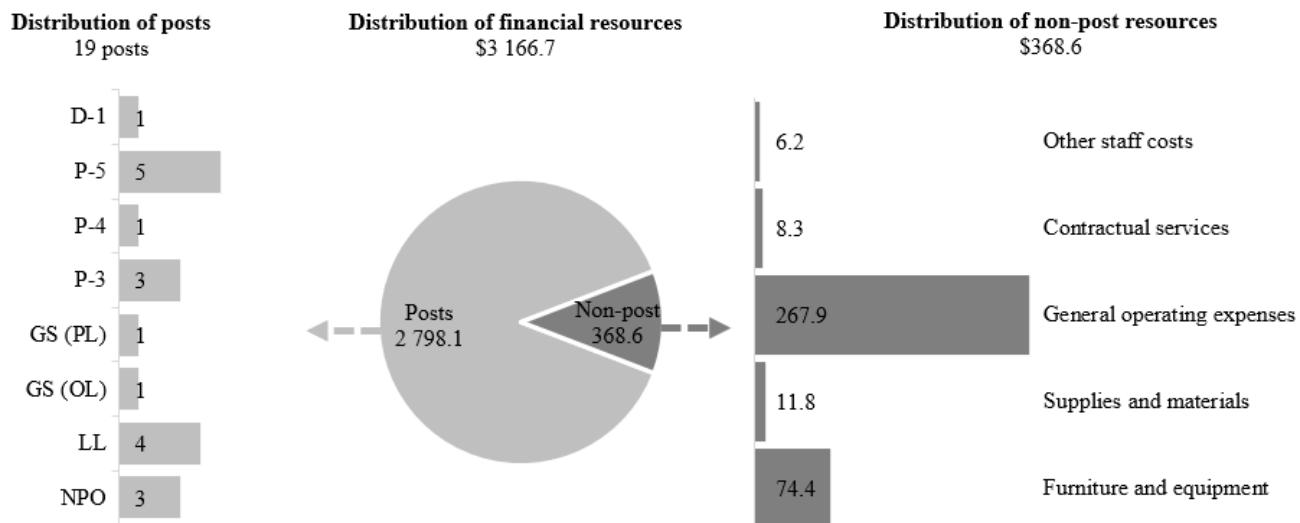
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	Changes			2026 estimate
				New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>							
Posts	2 676.9	2 900.1	50.8	–	(152.8)	(102.0)	(3.5) 2 798.1
Non-post	351.5	423.0	–	–	(54.4)	(54.4)	(12.9) 368.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 028.4</b>	<b>3 323.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(207.2)</b>	<b>(156.4)</b>	<b>(4.7) 3 166.7</b>
<b>Post resources by category</b>							
Professional and higher		10	–	–	–	–	– 10
General Service and related		11	–	–	(2)	(2)	(18.2) 9
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(9.5) 19</b>

Figure 4.XII

**Subprogramme 5: distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Programme support**

- 4.112 The Executive Office provides central administrative services related to human resources and financial and general administration, including resource planning and the use of common services, together with administrative support for policymaking organs and meetings, as required.
- 4.113 The proposed regular budget resources for 2026 amount to \$924,700 and reflect an increase of \$168,500 compared with the approved budget for 2025. The proposed change is explained in paragraph 4.94 (h). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2026 are reflected in table 4.37 and figure 4.XIII.

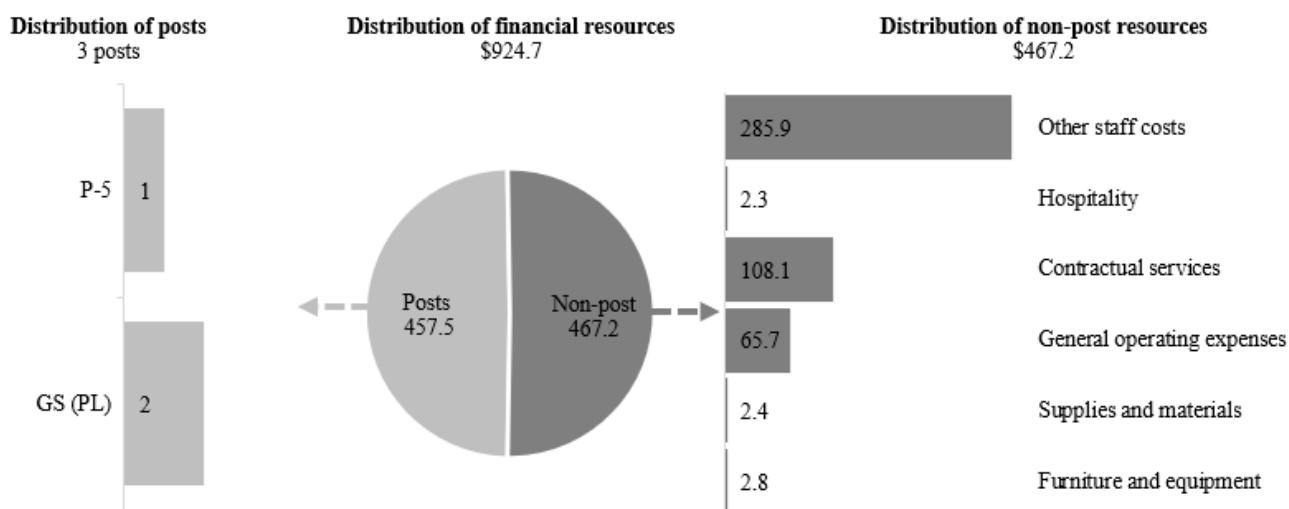
**Table 4.37  
Programme support: evolution of financial and post resources**

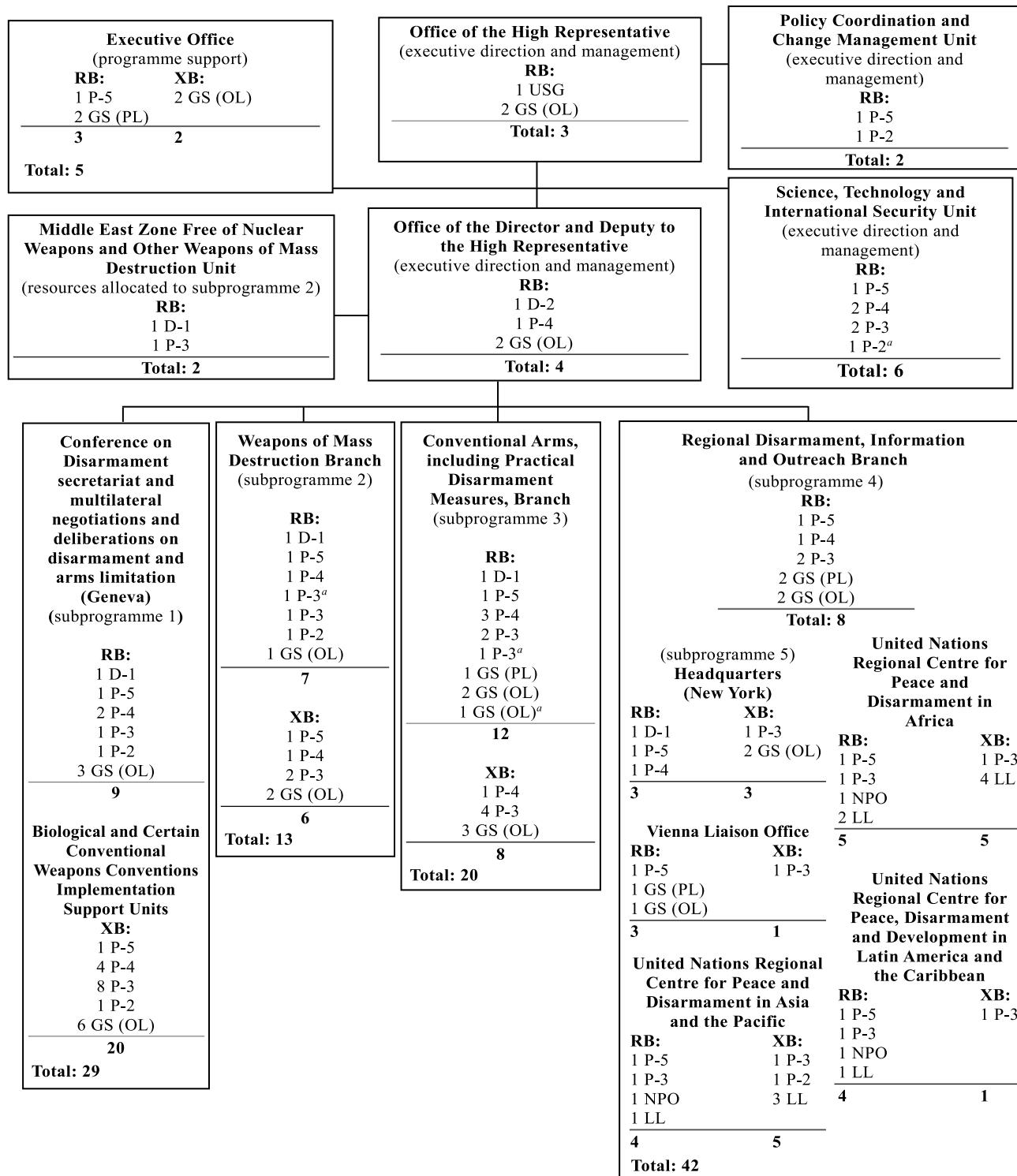
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2024 expenditure	2025 approved	Technical adjustments	Changes			2026 estimate
				New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	
<b>Financial resources by main category of expenditure</b>							
Posts	470.8	457.5	–	–	–	–	457.5
Non-post	295.4	298.7	–	–	168.5	168.5	56.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>766.2</b>	<b>756.2</b>	–	–	<b>168.5</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>22.3</b>
<b>Post resources by category</b>							
Professional and higher	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
General Service and related	2	–	–	–	–	–	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>3</b>

**Figure 4.XIII  
Programme support: distribution of proposed resources for 2026**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



**Annex I****Organizational structure and post distribution for 2026**

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); LL, local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; RB, regular budget; USG, Under-Secretary-General; XB, extrabudgetary.

<sup>a</sup> New posts.

## Annex II

### Summary of proposed post changes, by component and subprogramme

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
Science, Technology and International Security Unit (under executive direction and management)	1	P-2	<b>Establishment</b> of Associate Political Affairs Officer (New York)	The proposed establishment reflects the outcome of the spending review as explained in paragraph 4.84. The post would enable the Office to address the growing number of requirements in the area of emerging technologies in the context of international security and to provide efficient, timely and high-quality delivery of services to Member States at a critical juncture. The incumbent would ensure adequate servicing of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies and the provision of support to the First Committee and Disarmament Commission, as well as the preparation of technical reports for the Secretary-General. The incumbent would also support the functions of the Science, Technology and International Security Unit, which include coordinating with other United Nations entities, representing the Office for Disarmament Affairs in working groups such as the Inter-Agency Working Group on Artificial Intelligence, the Global Digital Compact core group, the working group on digital technologies and the Pact for the Future steering committee. In addition, the Science, Technology and International Security Unit provides advice on the rapidly evolving technological issues in international security, autonomous weapons and information and communications technology, while providing political analysis and background notes on related initiatives, all of which have increased in scope, salience and urgency in recent times. The Unit is comprised of five staff and it was determined during the spending review that the functions of the new post cannot be absorbed by existing staff.
Subprogramme 2 Weapons of mass destruction	1	P-3	<b>Establishment</b> of Political Affairs Officer (New York)	The proposed establishment reflects the outcome of the spending review as explained in paragraph 4.84. The post will support the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, as established by General Assembly resolution <a href="#">42/37</a> C and reaffirmed by Security Council in its resolution <a href="#">620 (1988)</a> . The post will ensure that the Mechanism can conduct regular training around the world and sustainably maintain a roster of experts to carry out prompt investigations in response to allegations of the possible use of chemical and bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons, the threat of which has increased with the advent of new and emerging technology and advances in synthetic biology and artificial intelligence. The Weapons and Mass Destruction Branch is comprised of six staff and it was determined during the spending review that the functions of the new post cannot be absorbed by existing staff.
Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms	1	P-3	<b>Establishment</b> of Political Affairs Officer (New York)	To implement the mandate provided in paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">79/40</a> , the incumbent would manage the establishment and maintenance of a structured procedure within the Secretariat, starting in 2026, to process offers of and requests for assistance under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Tracing Instrument. The incumbent would coordinate the structured procedure, facilitate the identification and matching of assistance needs with resources and oversee the monitoring process. These matchmaking efforts would require scoping and assessment missions, data analysis and management, and monitoring and reporting, which the Political Affairs Officer and the Administrative Assistant would provide.

**Part II****Political affairs**

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms	1	GS (OL)	<b>Establishment of</b> Administrative Assistant (New York)	<p>In addition, the post would be responsible for, inter alia, maintaining an up-to-date information-sharing platform related to implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including the collection and sharing of good practices; liaising with bilateral and multilateral assistance providers; supporting requesting States in refining requests; supporting voluntary national assessments and scoping missions; and providing technical assistance and support for the development of project proposals.</p> <p>The structured procedure is a new mechanism to be established in the Office for Disarmament Affairs and cannot be undertaken within existing resources, as determined during the spending review.</p>
Subprogramme 5	2	NOC	<b>Abolishment of</b> Programme Management Officer	<p>To implement the mandate provided in paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">79/40</a>, the incumbent would support the Political Affairs Officer (P-3) with the establishment and maintenance of a structured procedure within the Secretariat, starting in 2026, to process offers of and requests for assistance under the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. The incumbent would manage the administrative and financial aspects of the structured procedure, including by monitoring budgets, taking the lead on logistical tasks and handling travel and contractual services. Requests will be received on a rolling basis, often through national reports under the Programme of Action, and must be responded to with a speed in line with the urgency of the requesting State. The structured procedure is a new mechanism to be established in the Office and cannot be undertaken within existing resources, as determined during the spending review.</p> <p>The proposed abolishment reflects the outcome of the spending review, as explained in paragraph 4.83. The approved staffing structure of the two fellowship training programmes will be reconfigured under a unified team of six staff (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 3 NPO and 1 GS (PL)), resulting in the proposed abolishment of two posts (2 NOC) in the regional centres (Kathmandu and Lima).</p>

*Abbreviation:* GS (OL), General Service (Other level); NOC, National Professional Officer, level C.