

# BRIEFING TO MEMBER STATES ON UN80

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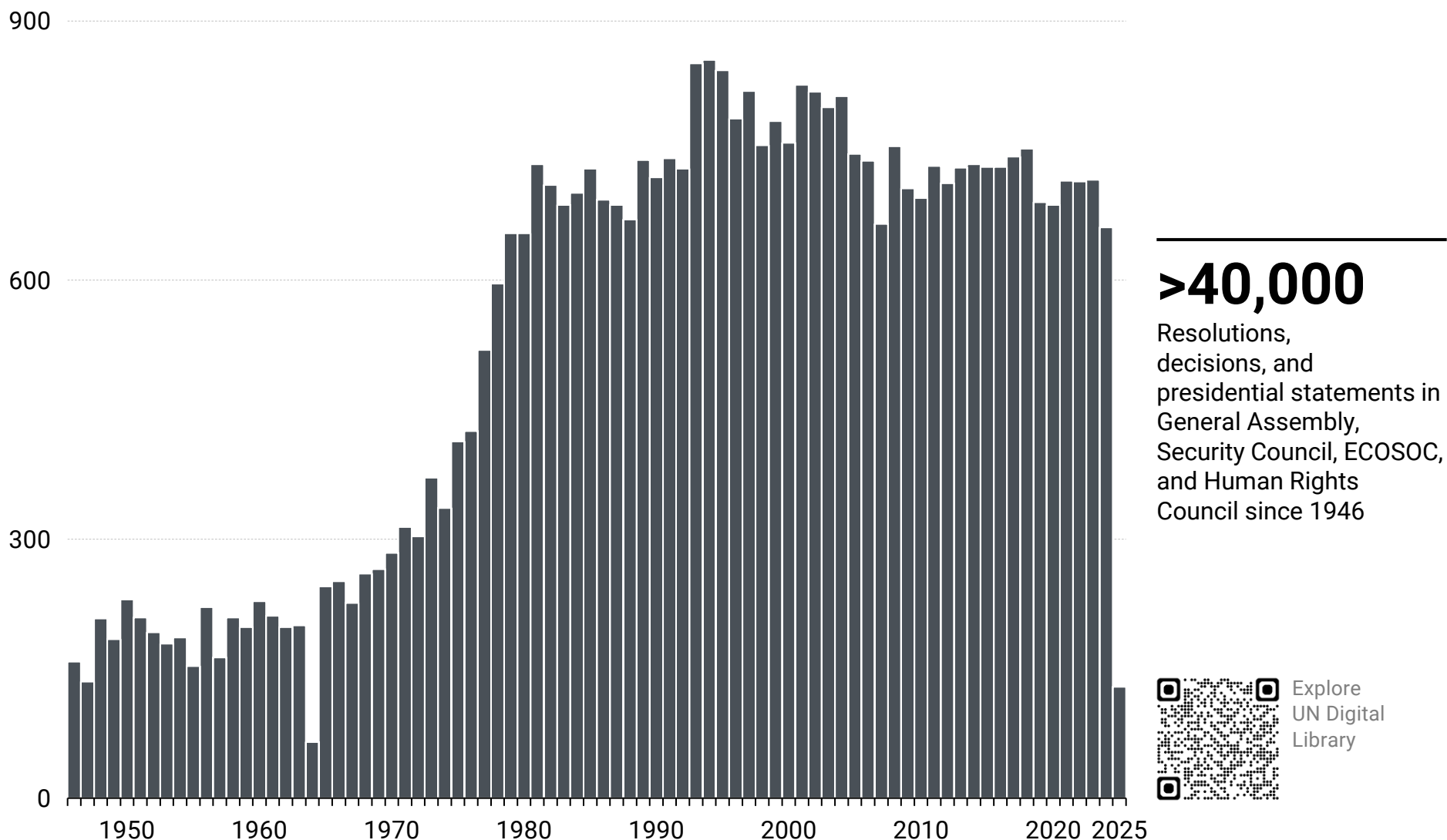
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# **INTRODUCTION**

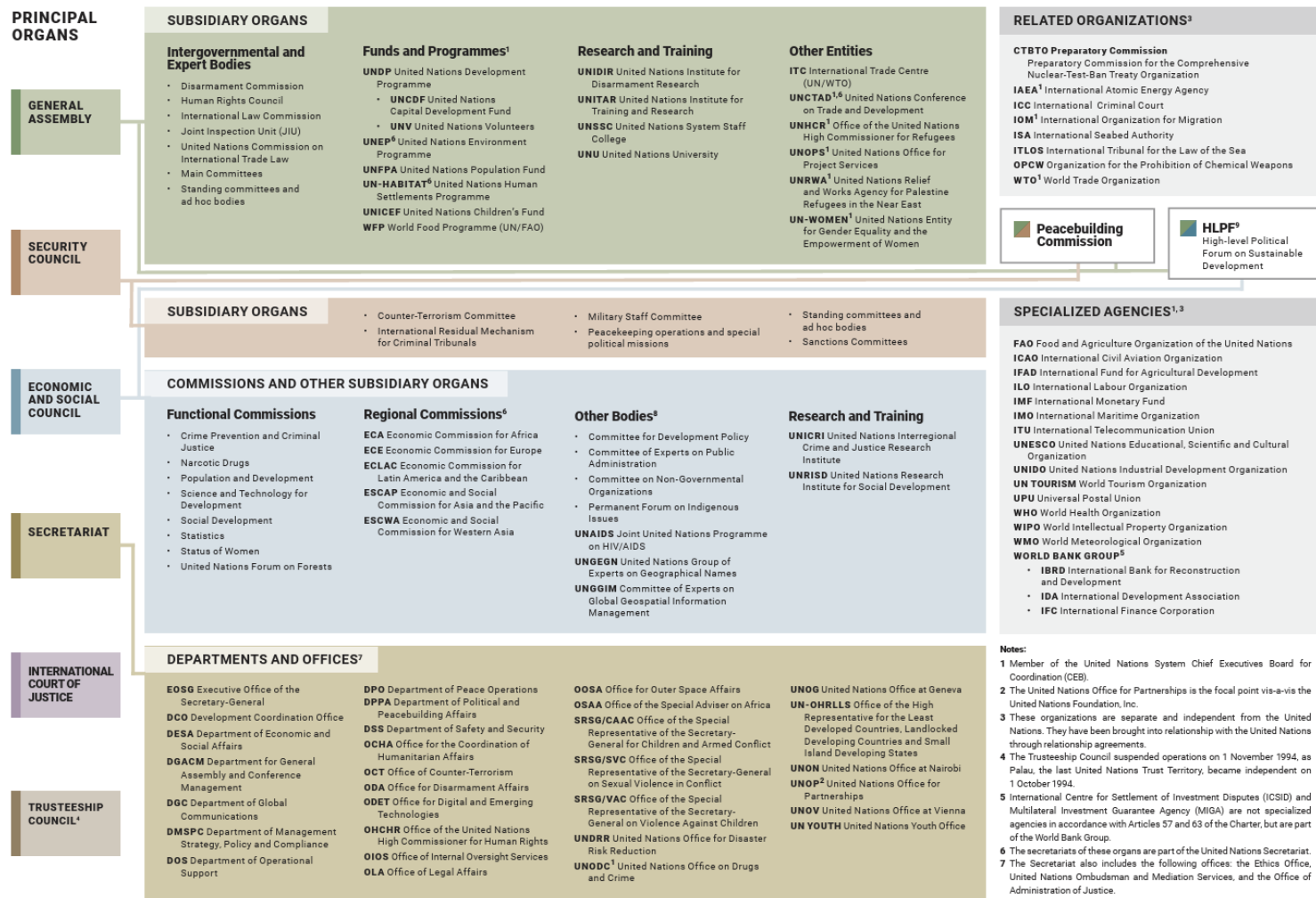


# Principal UN Organs and the Human Rights Council adopted over 40,000 resolutions, decisions, and presidential statements since 1946.





# A complex set of UN System entities has been created over the past 80 years to deliver on these mandates.



## UN SYSTEM CHART

Full version, March 2025 \*

**Notes:**

- Member of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- The United Nations Office for Partnerships is the focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- These organizations are separate and independent from the United Nations. They have been brought into relationship with the United Nations through relationship agreements.
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operations on 1 November 1994, as Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent on 1 October 1994.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the United Nations Secretariat.
- The Secretariat also includes the following offices: the Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.
- For a complete list of ECOSOC subsidiary organs see [un.org/ecosoc](http://un.org/ecosoc).
- HLPF was established by the General Assembly. Meetings of HLPF are separately convened under the auspices of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council.



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UN System  
Chart

This Chart is intended to provide a graphical reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations system and is for informational purposes only. The relevant rules of the organization concerned should be consulted in order to establish the legal status, functions and reporting lines of each entity shown in this Chart. The Chart does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations system. Published by the United Nations Department of Global Communications. 25-00005 – March 2025 © 2025 United Nations. All rights reserved worldwide.



# Today, over 140 entities work across the wider UN System in service of Member States and their populations.

DCO	DESA	DGACM	DGC	DMSPC	DOS	DPO	DPPA	DSS	EOSG
ITC	OAJ	OCHA	OCT	ODA	ODET	OHCHR	OICT	OIOS	OLA
OMS	OOSA	OSAA	PG	SEA	CAAC	SVC	VAC	PESG WS	UNOP
UNCTAD	UNDRR	UNEP	UNGC	UN Habitat	UNROD	UNODC	UNOG	OHRLLS	UNON
UNOV	UNYO	UNRWA	VRA	Other	BNUH	CNMC	MINURSO	MINUSCA	MONUSCO
OSASG CYP	OSESG GL	OSESG Horn	OSESG MYR	OSESG SYR	OSESG YEM	UNAMA	UNVMC	UNDOF	UNFI CYP
UNIFIL	UNISFA	UNMHA	UNMIK	UNMISS	UNMOGIP	UNOAU	UNOCA	UNOWAS	UNRCCA
UNRGID	UNSCO	UNSCOL	UNSMIL	UNSOM	UNSOS	UNTSO	Other	ECA	ECE
UNDP	UNCDF	UNEP	UNFPA	UNICEF	ECLAC	ESCAP	ESCWA	UNAIDS	Other
UNHCR	UNOPS	UNV	WFP	UN Women	UNIDIR	UNU	UNITAR	UNSSC	Other
FAO	ICAO	IFAD	ILO	IMO	ITU	UNESCO	UNIDO	UPU	WHO
WIPO	WMO	UN WTO	Other	CTBTO	IAEA	IOM	UNFCCC	WTO	Other

## UN SYSTEM CHART

Simplified version,  
1 box per entity \*

Secretariat Departments,  
Offices, etc.

67+

Peacekeeping Operations,  
Political Missions, etc.

33+

Regional Commissions,  
Other Bodies, etc.

7+

Funds, Programmes, etc.

15+

Specialized Agencies

14+

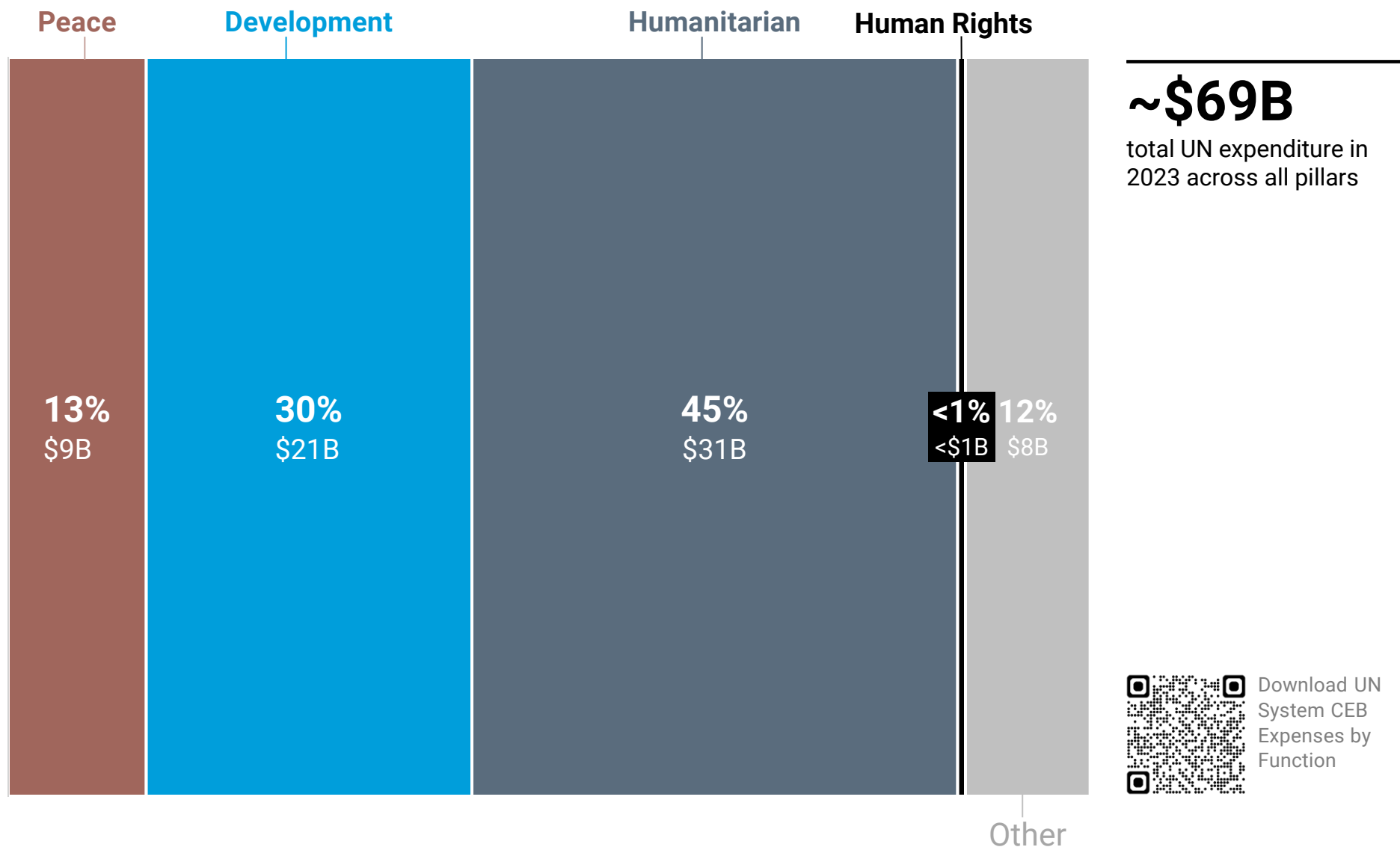
Related Organizations

6+

UN System Chart (2025). Entities that are subsidiary organs of General Assembly, incl. Training & Research and Other Entities, are included in "Funds, Programmes, etc". Some entities are not shown and are included in "Other".



# Across all pillars, UN System entities delivered about \$69 billion in support and services in 2023.



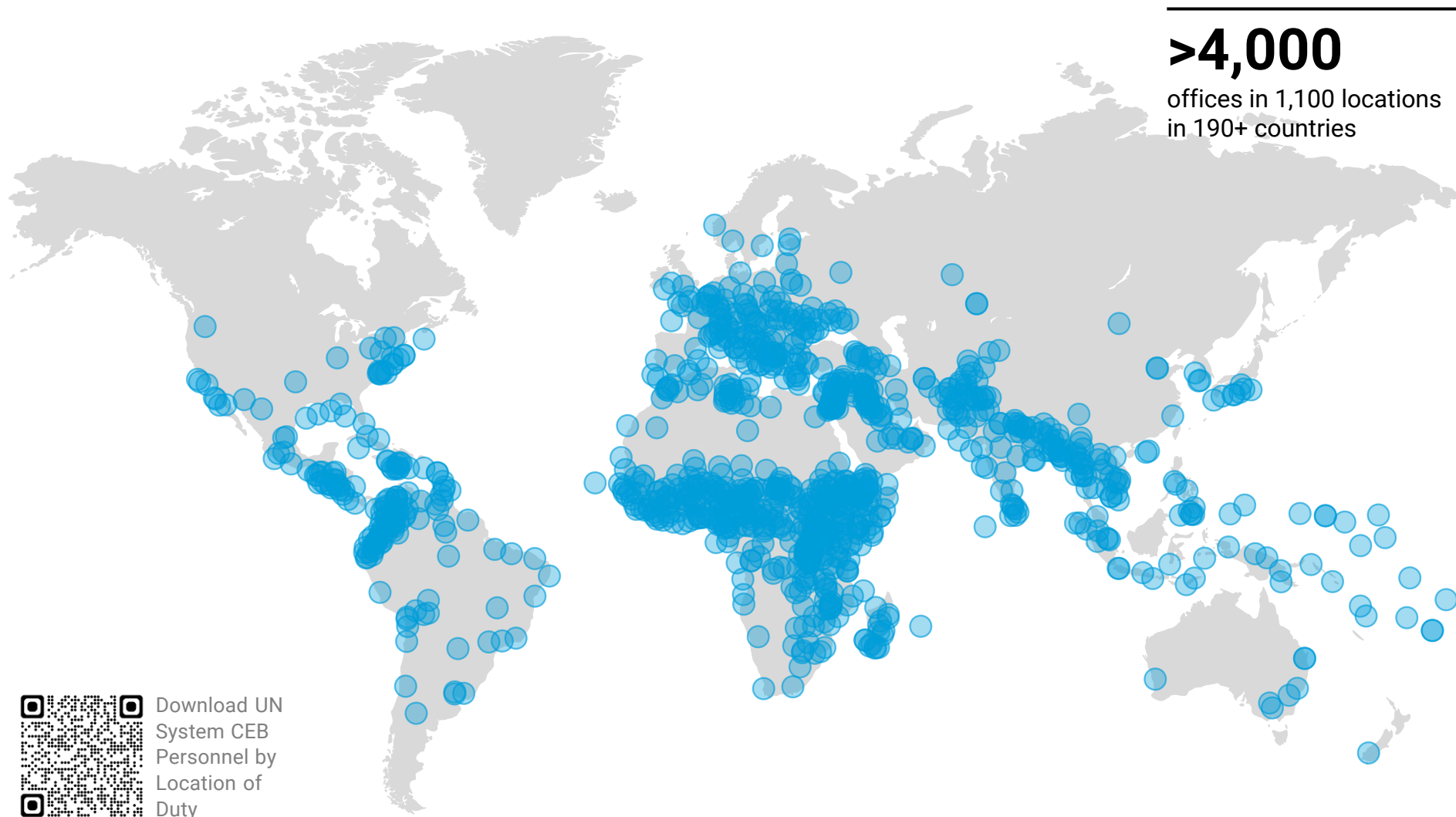
UN System Chief Executive Board Statistics (2023).

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System CEB  
Expenses by  
Function

**In 2023, the UN System connected with 193 Member States  
in over 4,000 offices in 1,100 duty stations across the world.**



UN System Chief Executive Board Statistics (2023). Blue dots represent the presence of UN System personnel in each duty station.



**The UN System is a global platform that links humanity to shared goals and impacts hundreds of millions of lives on the ground.**

**GLOBALLY**



**>8B**

people connected  
to global goals

**ON THE GROUND**



**>440M**

lives impacted  
directly

**IN EMERGENCIES**

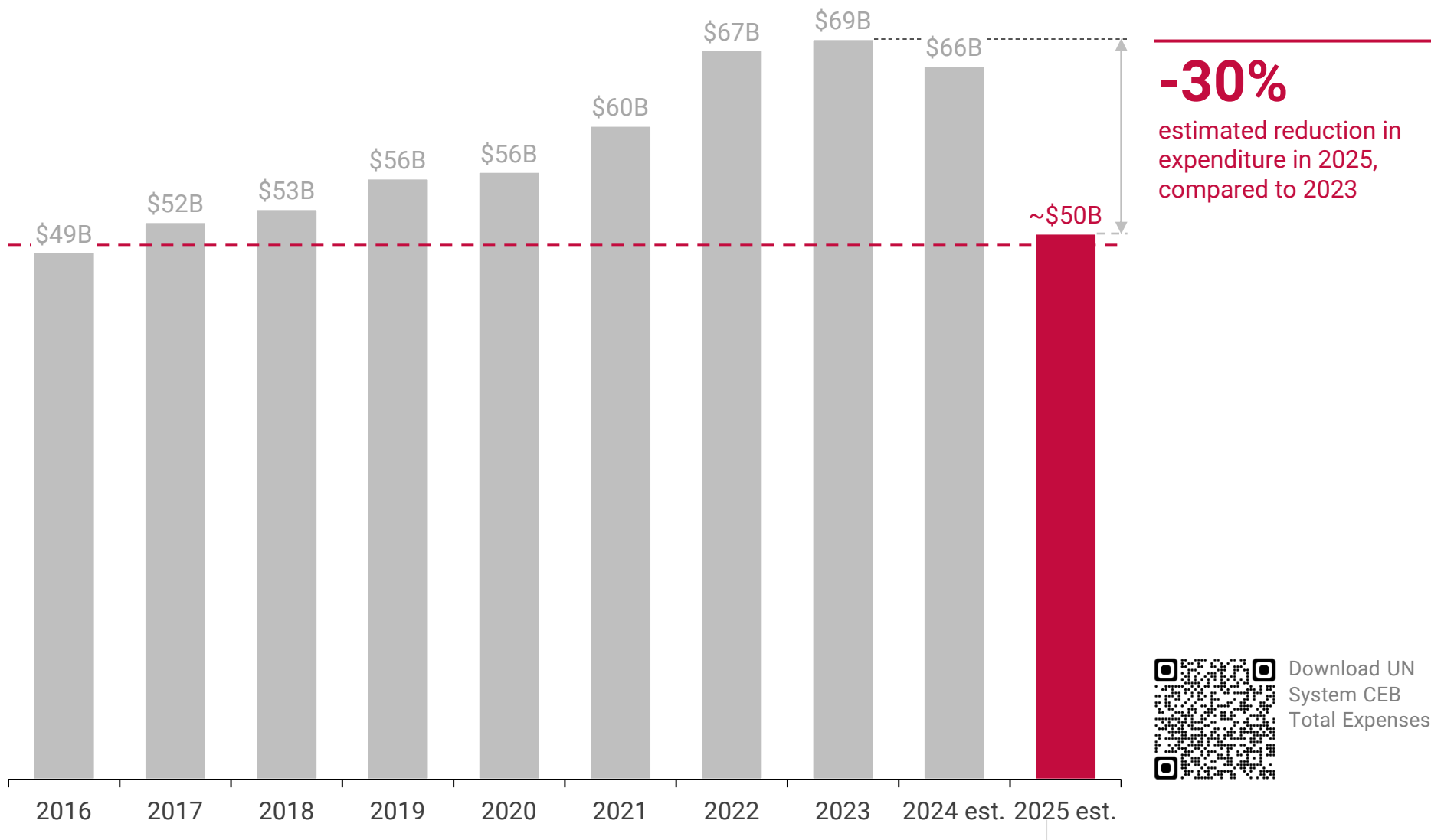


**140M**

people reached  
in crises



**In 2025, we expect resources across the UN System to shrink by up to 30% compared to 2023 – back to levels last seen 10 years ago.**





**Without action, we risk losing our ability to serve those who need us most – with at least 30 million and potentially nearly 60 million lives impacted.**

—  
GLOBALLY

**>8B**

people connected  
to global goals

—  
ON THE GROUND

**380M**

lives impacted  
directly

—  
IN EMERGENCIES

**114M**

people urgently  
prioritized

Note: Figures for on-the-ground and emergency support refer to estimated target population, based on evolving financial estimates.

# The UN80 Initiative is organized around 3 workstreams and 7 clusters.

## 1 TASK FORCE



UN System-wide task force to guide the process, including 15 principals from the UN Secretariat, Agencies, Funds, Programmes, and Regional Commissions.

## 3 WORKSTREAMS >>>

**EFFICIENCIES AND  
IMPROVEMENTS**



**MANDATE  
IMPLEMENTATION  
REVIEW**



**STRUCTURE &  
PROGRAMME  
REALIGNMENT**



## 7 CLUSTERS



**PEACE AND SECURITY**

**DEVELOPMENT (SECRETARIAT)**

**DEVELOPMENT (UN SYSTEM)**

**HUMANITARIAN**

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**TRAINING AND RESEARCH**

**SPECIALIZED AGENCIES**

## What a successful UN80 Initiative will result in:

MANDATE LANDSCAPE



**STREAMLINED**

STRUCTURES



**OPTIMIZED**

RESOURCES



**PRIORITIZED**

IMPACT



**IMPROVED**



# **UPDATES ON WORKSTREAM 2 MANDATE IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW**



# Our initial focus has been on the mandates for the >100 departments, offices, peace operations, and other entities in the UN Secretariat.

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UNOV	UNYO	UNRWA	VRA	Other	BNUH	CNMC	MINURSO	MINUSCA	MONUSCO
OSASG CYP	OSESG GL	OSESG Horn	OSESG MYR	OSESG SYR	OSESG YEM	UNAMA	UNVMC	UNDOF	UNFI CYP
UNIFIL	UNISFA	UNMHA	UNMIK	UNMISS	UNMOGIP	UNOAU	UNOCA	UNOWAS	UNRCCA
UNRGID	UNSCO	UNSCOL	UNSMIL	UNSOM	UNSOS	UNTSO	Other	ECA	ECE
UNDP	UNCDF	UNEP	UNFPA	UNICEF	ECLAC	ESCAP	ESCWA	UNAIDS	Other
UNHCR	UNOPS	UNV	WFP	UN Women	UNIDIR	UNU	UNITAR	UNSSC	Other
FAO	ICAO	IFAD	ILO	IMO	ITU	UNESCO	UNIDO	UPU	WHO
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## UN SECRETARIAT

Entities administered by the UN Secretariat

Secretariat Departments, Offices, etc.

67+

Peacekeeping Operations, Political Missions, etc.

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Regional Commissions, Other Bodies, etc.

7+

Not in initial scope: Specialized Agencies, Funds, Programmes, etc.

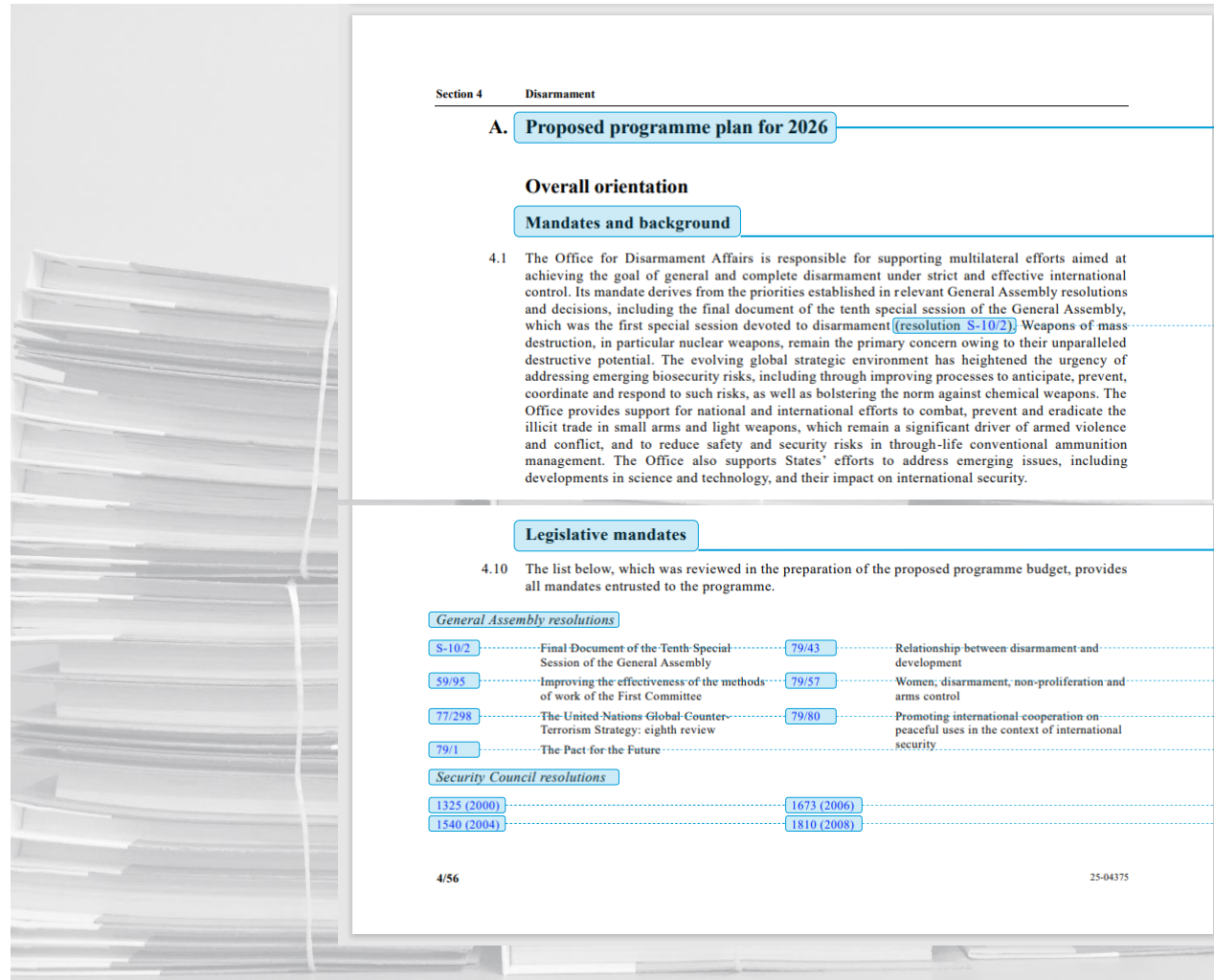
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# We compiled >3,900 'source documents' that entities cite in their budgets when explaining why their programmes exist & why they require resources.



## >3,900

mandate source documents cited in the **UN Secretariat's Programme Budgets\***

**WHY PROGRAMMES EXIST**  
see 'Mandates and Background'

**WHY THEY REQUIRE RESOURCES**  
see 'Legislative Mandates' for programmes and subprogrammes



Visit [mandates.un.org](https://mandates.un.org) to explore the compiled data for the Programme, Peacekeeping, and other budgets

# We have set up [mandates.un.org](https://mandates.un.org) so that you can explore the data compiled here. We will add more entities and details in the coming days.

## UN Mandate Source Registry (beta version)

Developed as part of the UN80 Initiative, this registry serves as a transparency tool for understanding UN mandates and programmes. It compiles the source documents that UN entities cite when explaining why their programmes exist and why they require resources, enabling better dialogue on mandate implementation. [Read More...](#)

### Mandate Source Documents

Source Documents	UN Organs & Bodies	UN Entities	Citations
3,919	23	109	5,906

Keyword Search (beta)

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UN Entity

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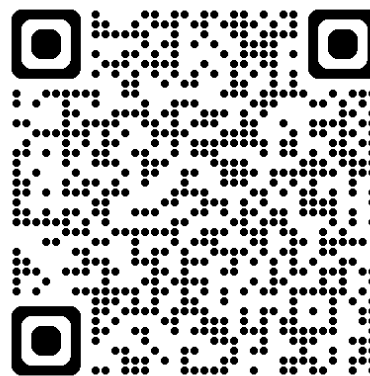
### Document List

Sort by Number of citing entities (High to Low)

<b>The Pact For The Future</b> Details <p> A/RES/79/1  General Assembly  2024</p> <p>Cited 38 times by 28 entities</p> <div> DESA, DGC, DOS, DPO, DPPA, ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, ITC, OCHA, OCT, ODA, ODET, OHCHR, OLA, OOSA, UN-Habitat, UN-OHRLLS, UN-Women, UNCTAD, UNDRR, UNEP, UNLB, UNOAU, UNODC, UNYO </div>
<b>Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development</b> Details <p> A/RES/70/1  General Assembly  2015</p> <p>Cited 28 times by 22 entities</p> <div> DESA, ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, ITC, OCHA, ODET, OHCHR, OLA, OOSA, OSAA, RCS, UN-Habitat, UN-OHRLLS, UN-Women, UNCTAD, UNEP, UNHCR, UNODC, UNRWA </div>
<b>Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review Of Operational Activities For Development Of The United Nations System</b> Details <p> A/RES/79/226  General Assembly  2024</p> <p>Cited 23 times by 18 entities</p> <div> CEB, DESA, ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, ITC, OCHA, OHCHR, RCS, UN-Habitat, UN-OHRLLS, UN-Women, UNCTAD, UNEP, UNODC, UNON </div>

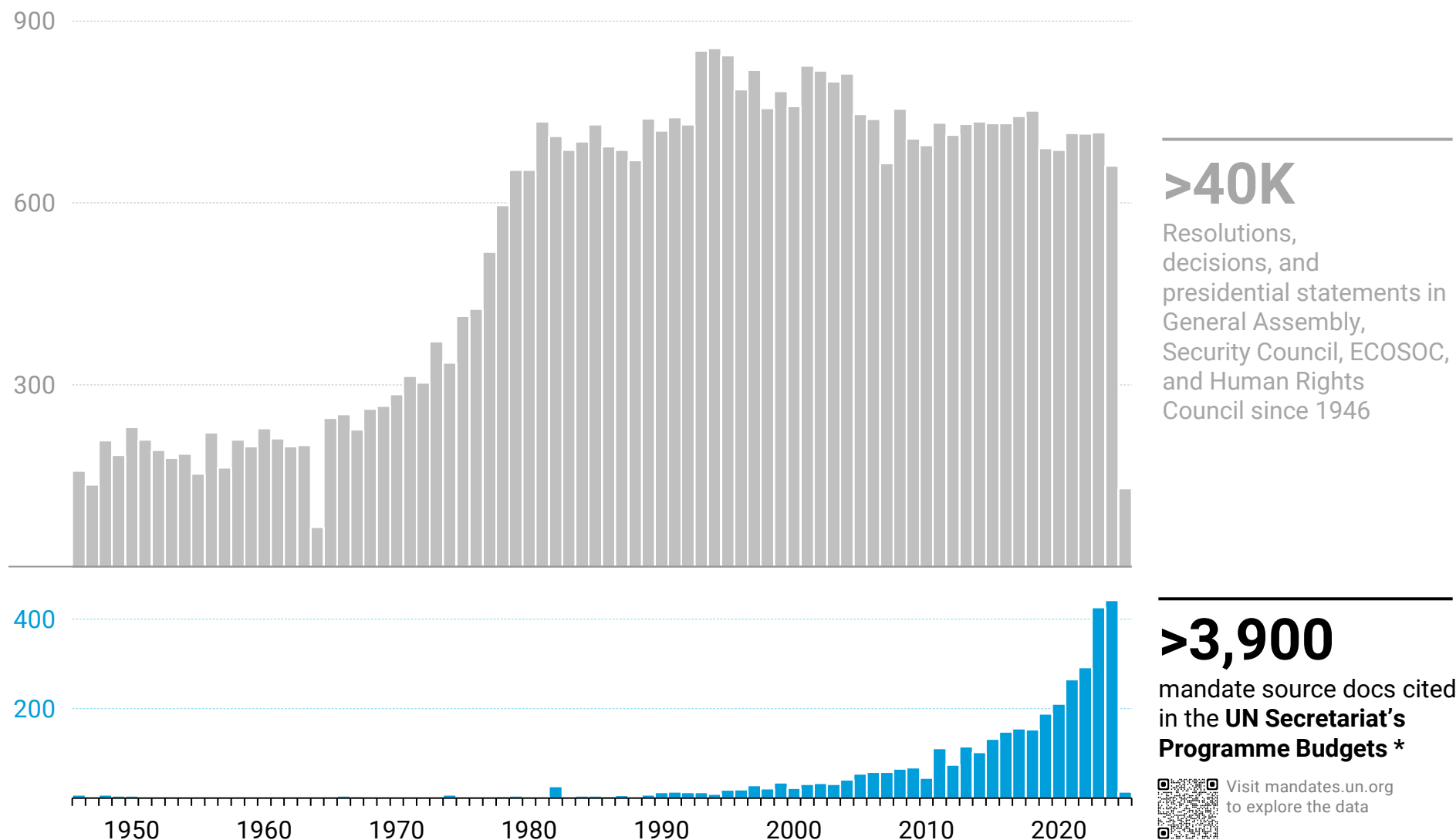
# mandates.un.org

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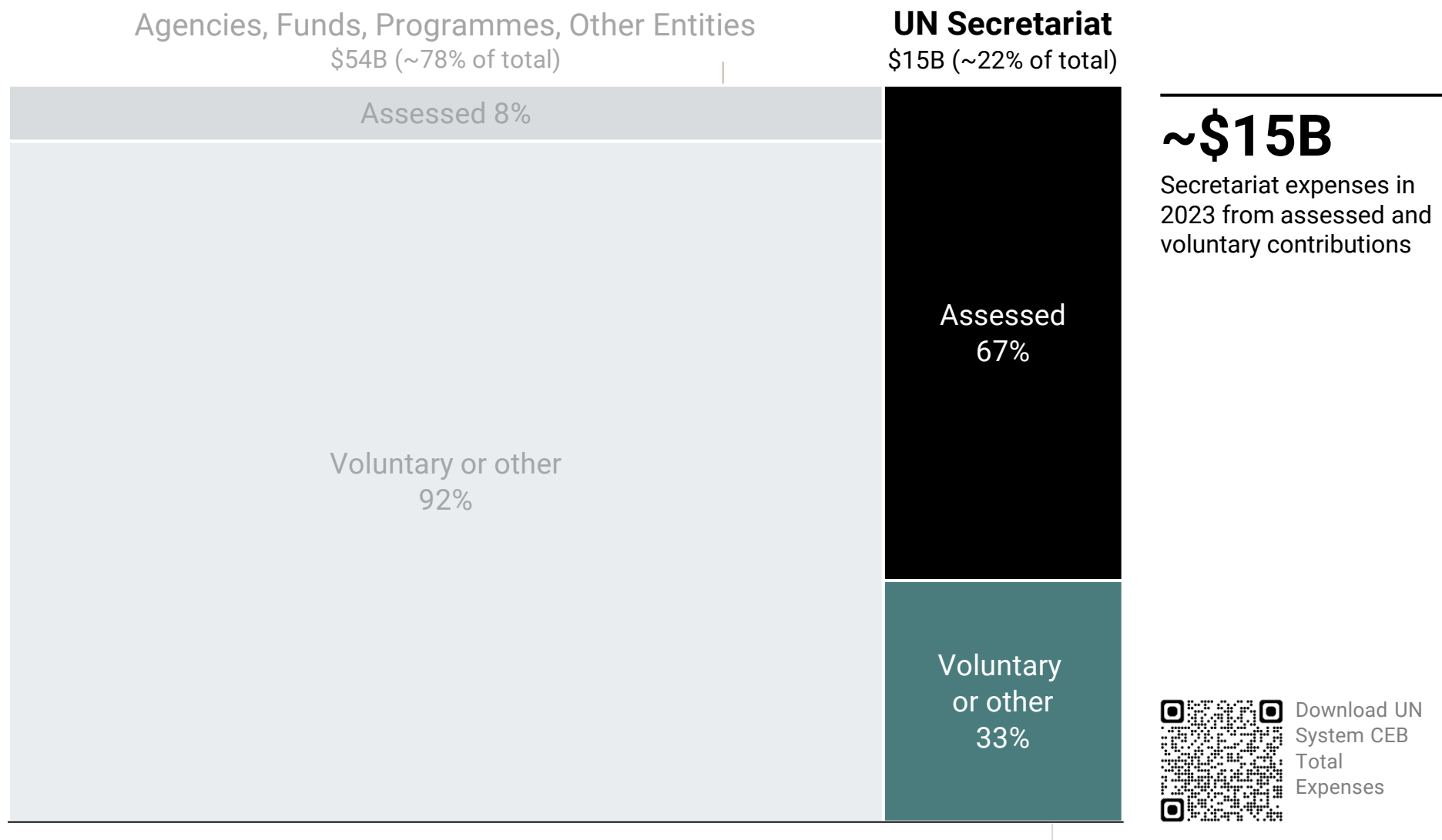
## Most of the >3,900 cited documents are from the body of resolutions passed since 1946 – and most of them date from the last 10 years.



UN Secretariat Proposed Programme Budget for 2026. Peacekeeping Budget for 2025/26. UN Digital Library. Number of resolutions and decisions in 1963 was likely affected by financial crisis. 1<sup>st</sup> session of Human Rights Council was in 2006.

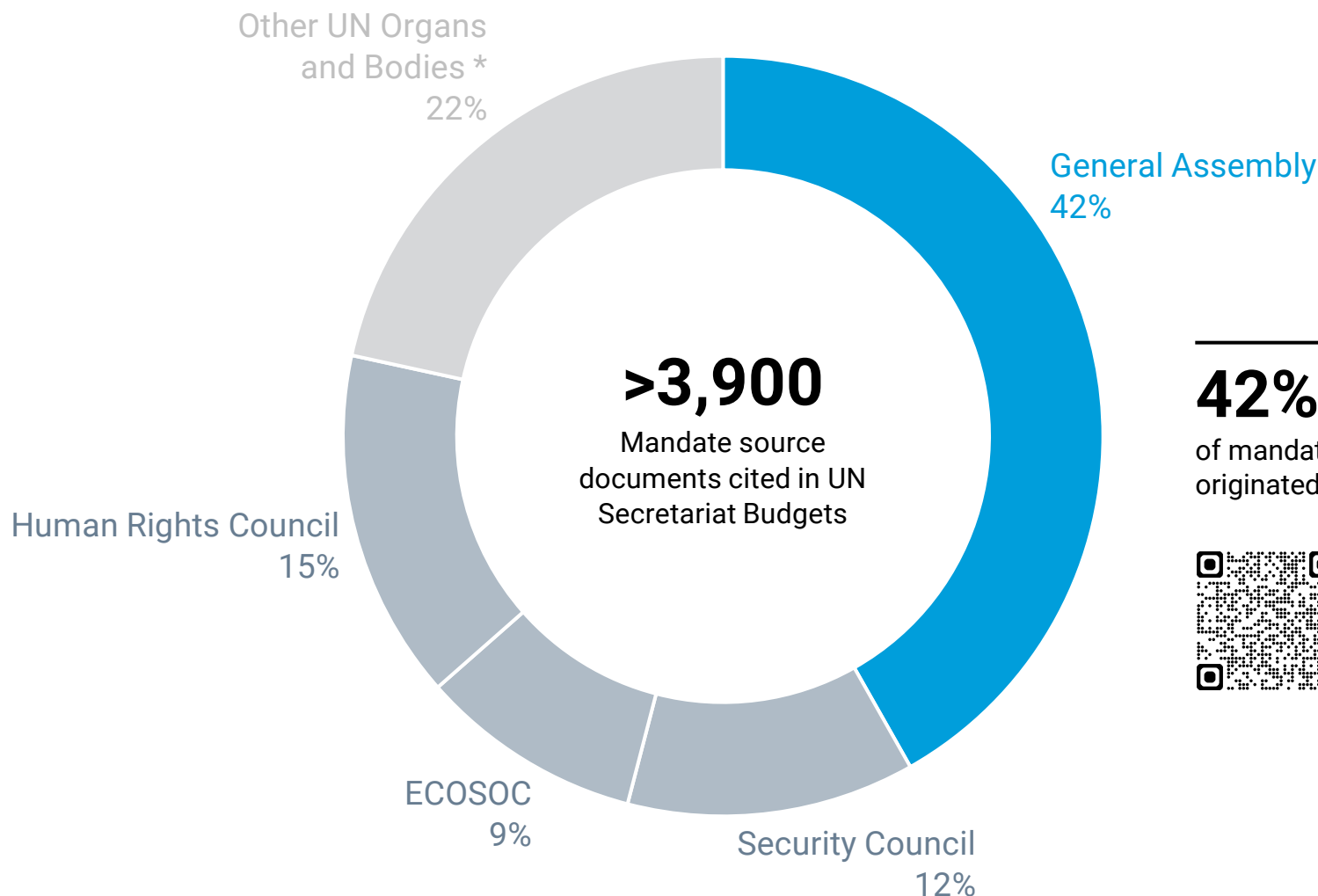


**The mandate documents are the basis of UN Secretariat resource requests, totaling about \$15B in 2023 – and representing 20% of the UN System total.**





**Over 40% of mandates originate from the GA – any changes in mandates will require joint work through the relevant intergovernmental organs.**



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**42%**

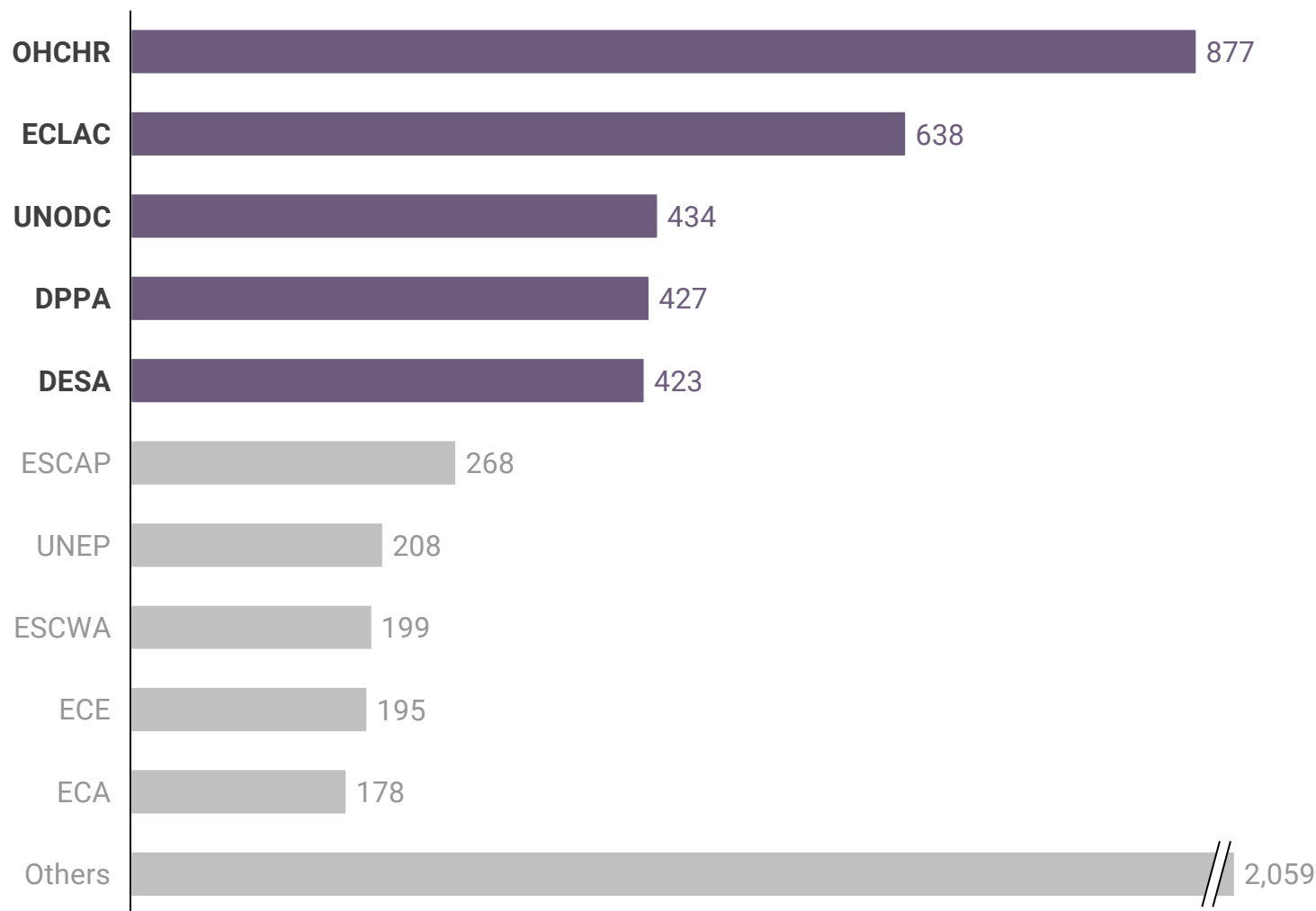
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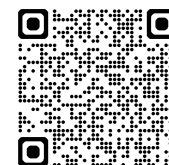


## Some UN entities cite a much larger number of mandate documents than others – and 50% of all citations are explained by only 5 entities.



**~50%**

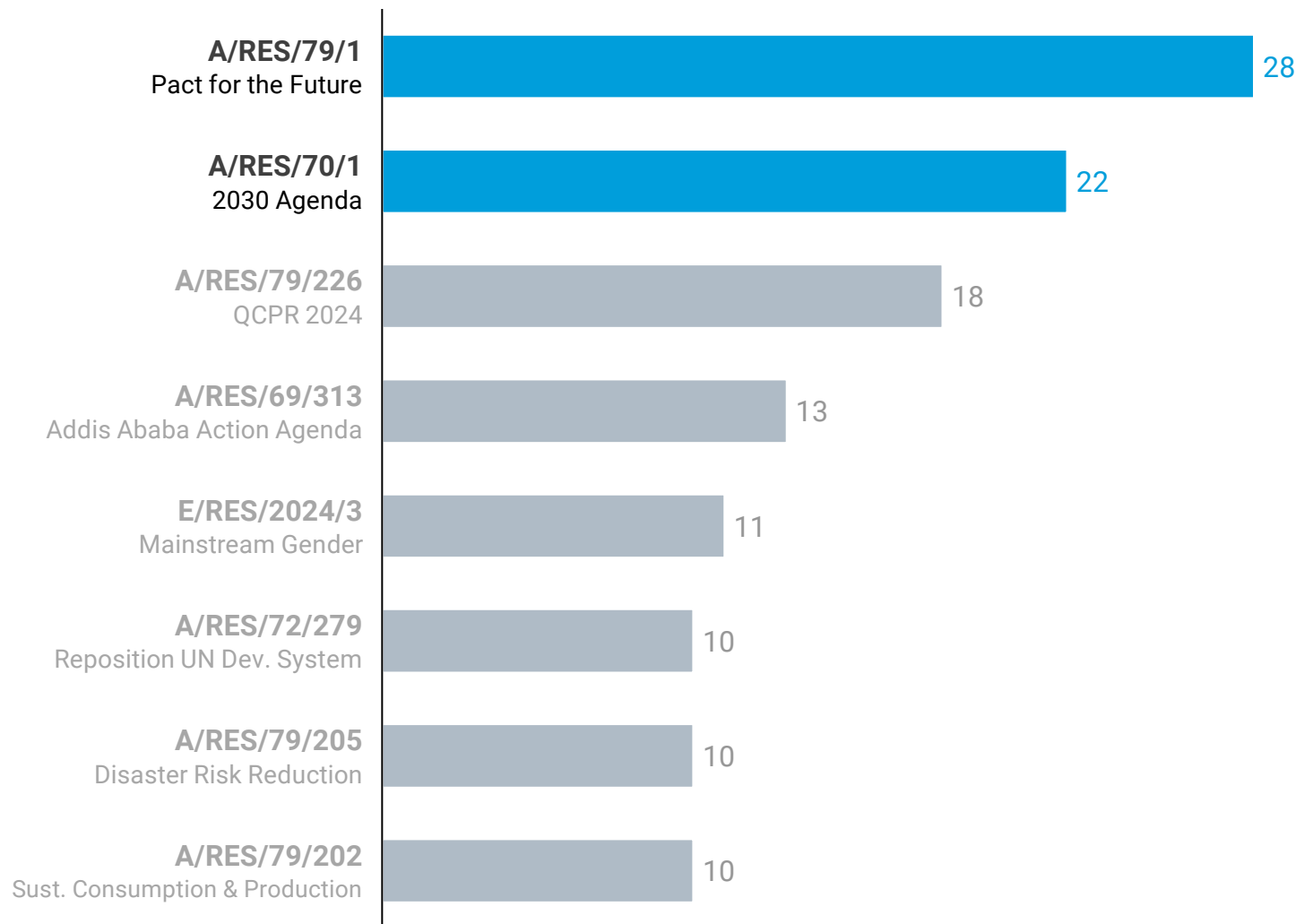
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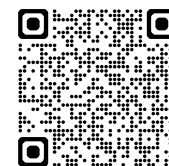


**Some source documents are cited by more than one UN entity, and often these are transformative agendas (e.g., Pact for the Future, 2030 Agenda).**



**~20%**

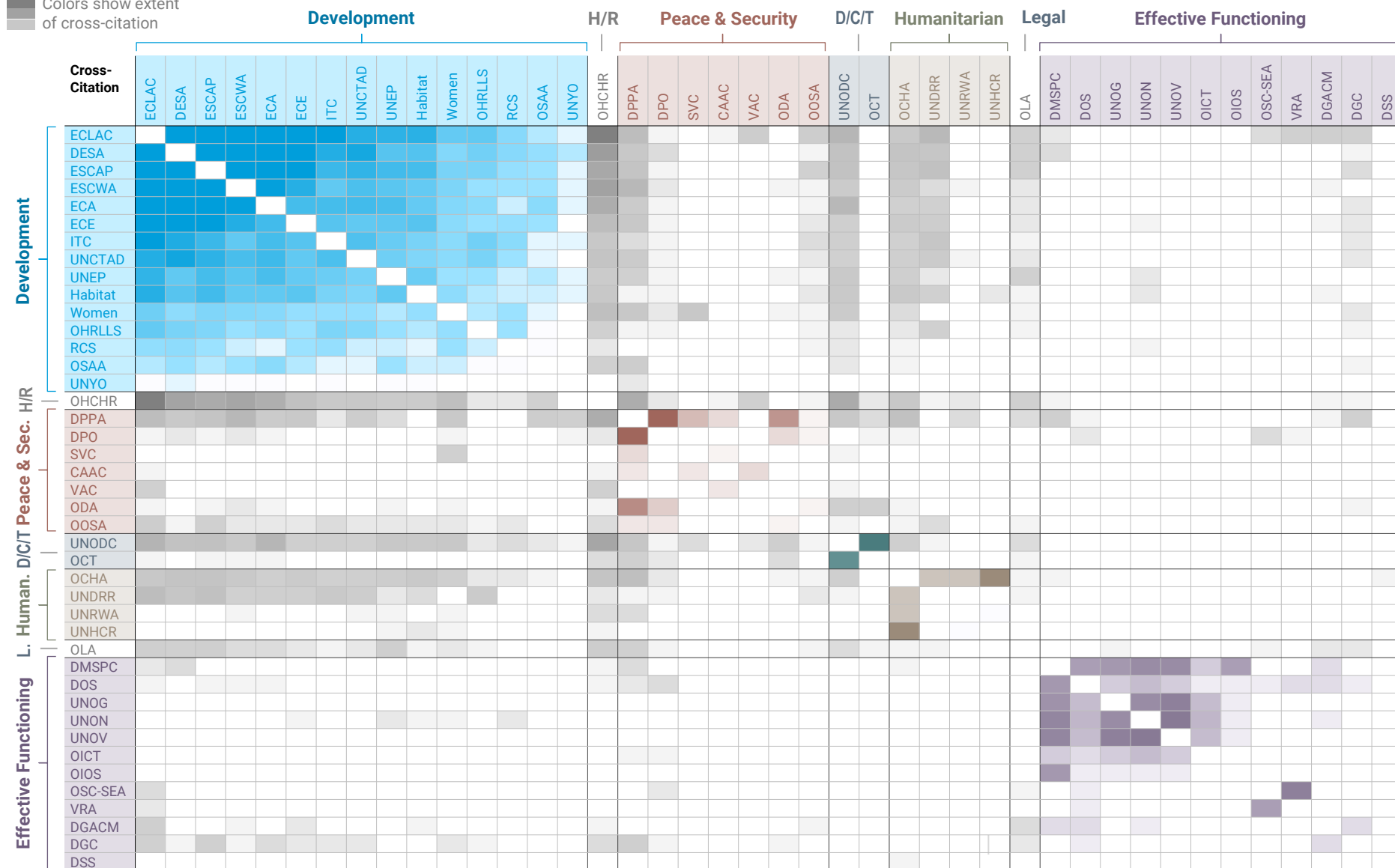
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# Most cross-citations, where two entities cite the same mandate, are in the development cluster: How can we specialize / collaborate more deeply?

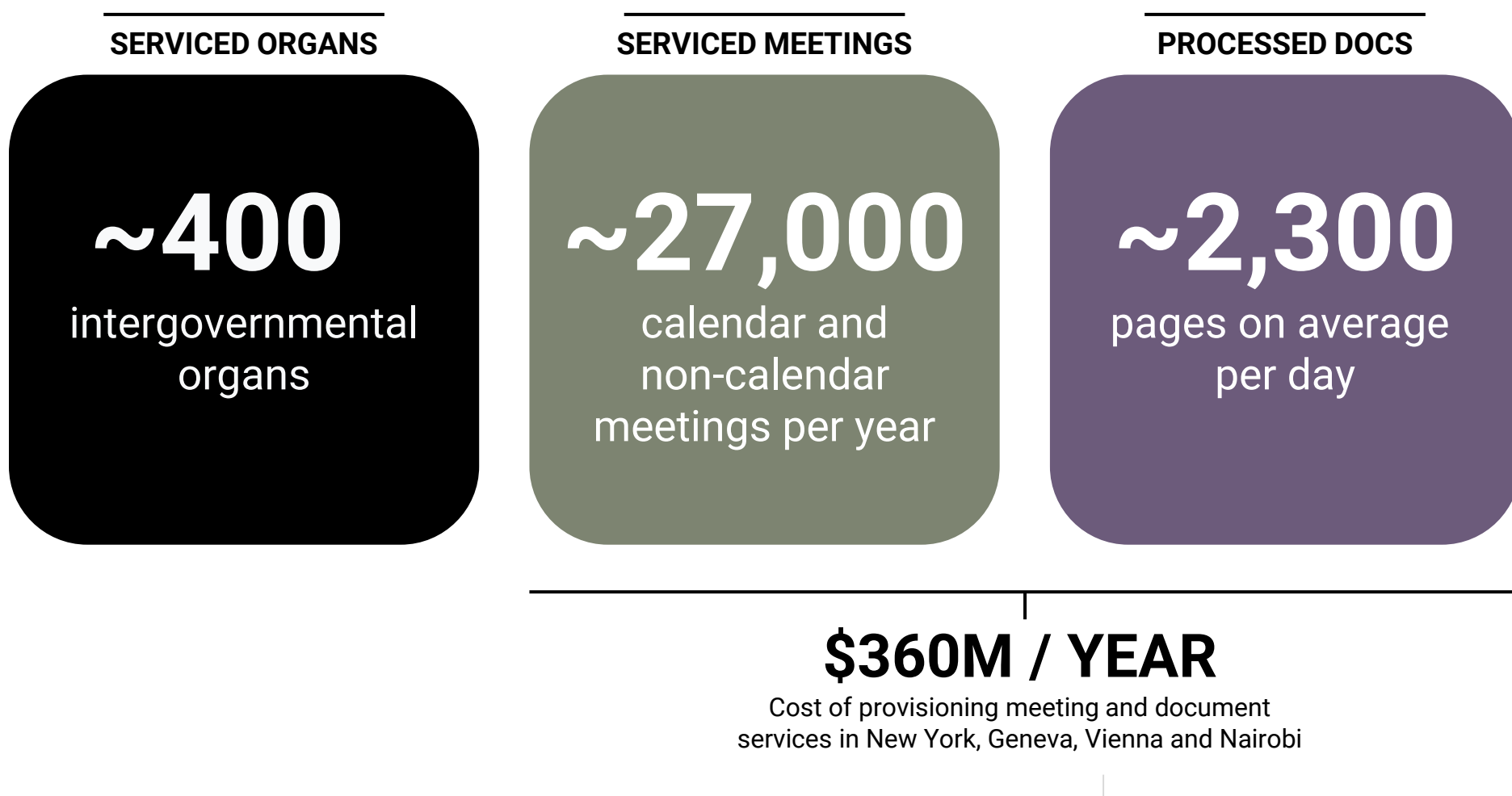
Colors show extent of cross-citation



UN Secretariat Proposed Programme Budget for 2026. Peacekeeping Budget for 2025/26. Note: H/R = Human Rights; D/C/T = Drugs, crime, terrorism; L = Legal; Human. = Humanitarian



**Mandates entail not only substantive work but also IT, public info, security, conference services. Streamlining mandates will also streamline services.**





## **KEY QUESTIONS & NEXT STEPS**



# Three strategic questions to shape our joint impact in serving humanity.

## MANDATE LANDSCAPE



CAN THIS COMPLEX  
MANDATE LANDSCAPE BE  
**STREAMLINED TO**  
**ENABLE MORE IMPACTFUL**  
**DELIVERY?** IF SO, **HOW?**

## STRUCTURES



CAN DELIVERY  
STRUCTURES BE  
**OPTIMIZED TO IMPROVE**  
**RESULTS FOR PEOPLE WE**  
**SERVE?** IF SO, **HOW?**

## RESOURCES



CAN FINITE RESOURCES  
BE BETTER  
**ALLOCATED TO**  
**THE AREAS OF GREATEST**  
**IMPACT?** IF SO, **HOW?**

## We will be working with you along this timeline.

