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### **Draft budget proposals of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the budget period 2025-2026**

**Presented by the Tribunal**

#### **I. Overview**

##### **Introduction**

1. During its fifty-seventh session (11–22 March 2024), the Tribunal considered and approved its budget proposals for 2025–2026. In accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal, the budget proposals have been prepared in euros and cover a biennial budget period.
2. In line with established practice, the budgetary requirements of the Tribunal for 2025–2026 are based on: (a) the expected volume of judicial work; (b) the Tribunal’s administrative work; and (c) the operation of the Tribunal’s premises.
3. Any consideration of the budget resources necessary for the programme of work of the Tribunal must take account of the fact that the Tribunal, as a judicial body established under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, is responsible for its own administrative and financial management.
4. In accordance with the approach adopted by the second Meeting of States Parties, the budgetary arrangements established for the Tribunal are based on an evolutionary approach, taking into account the needs of the Tribunal and optimizing efficiency. In this respect, due regard should be given to the judicial workload of the Tribunal.
5. On the basis of the Tribunal’s list of cases, appropriations for one case on the merits, namely, case No. 32, *The M/T “Heroic Idun” (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)*, submitted to a Special Chamber of the Tribunal, are included in the budget for 2025–2026. In addition, as required under the Convention, the Tribunal must be prepared to deal with any urgent cases submitted to it during the budget period concerned, such as provisional measures proceedings under article 290 of the Convention and prompt release proceedings under article 292 of the Convention.

6. With the exception of case-related expenditures, the amount of which may vary depending on the judicial workload of the Tribunal, the budget for 2025–2026 follows an overall zero-growth approach.

### **Parameters used in preparing the budget proposals**

7. In accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal, the proposed budget for 2025–2026 is presented in euros. However, the United States dollar remains the reference currency for some budget lines, such as the judges' pension scheme and representation allowance. The dollar is also used as the reference currency for the budget estimates of common staff costs, as well as those of translators, interpreters and verbatim reporters. These budget lines are subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

8. In this respect, it should be noted that the exchange rate of the dollar to the euro is higher than in March 2022, when the 2023–2024 budget was prepared. In March 2022, the exchange rate of the dollar to the euro fixed by the United Nations stood at 0.913. In February 2024, the exchange rate of the dollar to the euro fixed by the United Nations was 0.933, representing a 2.2 per cent increase with respect to the former rate. This has resulted in increases in the aforementioned budget lines.

9. For the budget period 2025–2026, an amount of €2,965,900 is proposed under part C (Case-related costs), which is €575,800 more than the appropriations approved for 2023–2024. As indicated in paragraph 5, this increase is due to the foreseeable judicial workload of the Tribunal for the budget period 2025–2026. It should be noted that in June 2023, the thirty-third Meeting of States Parties authorized the Tribunal to use up to €1,241,200 from the 2021–2022 cash surplus to finance the expenses related to case No. 31 that exceed the approved budget for 2023–2024 (see para. 13(c)). Considering the 2023–2024 budget and this supplementary budget for case No. 31, the amount of €2,965,900 represents a decrease of €665,400 in part C.

10. Pursuant to the decision of the thirteenth Meeting of States Parties (SPLOS/98, paragraph (a)), budgetary appropriations in respect of established posts have been calculated on the basis of gross salary. Assessments of the contributions of States Parties include a credit in respect of the amount of staff assessment relating thereto. Consequently, in the budget proposals, separate budget lines show the gross salary and the staff assessment credit (see para. 61).

11. In view of the above, the following parameters have been applied in preparing the budget proposals:

- (a) The judicial workload of the Tribunal;
- (b) The decisions of the Meeting of States Parties;
- (c) An exchange rate of the United States dollar to the euro of 0.933, as adopted by the United Nations for February 2024;
- (d) The daily subsistence allowance for Hamburg, Germany, in February 2024, amounting to €325, as adopted by the International Civil Service Commission ("the ICSC");
- (e) Estimates relating to staff costs, based on standard costs issued by the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance of the United Nations. The cost of living index for Hamburg is applied to the costs for Professional staff. The standard costs applicable to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, for 2025 are used for the General Service salaries;

(f) Estimates relating to judges' remuneration, on the basis of the post adjustment multiplier of 57.2 and the exchange rate of the United States dollar to the euro for February 2024 (0.933), as indicated above;

(g) An average inflation rate of 6.38 per cent, as determined by the Federal Statistical Office of Germany for the period from February 2022 to January 2024, which has been applied to the following items:

- Rental and maintenance of equipment;
- Communications;
- Purchase of equipment.

12. A table showing the proposed budget of the Tribunal for 2025–2026 is contained in annex I to the present document. The table also includes the approved budgets for 2019–2020, 2021–2022 and 2023–2024 and performance records for 2019–2020 and 2021–2022.

### Judicial work

13. The Tribunal has dealt with a number of cases in the course of the past three budget periods:

(a) In the budget period 2019–2020, the Tribunal continued to deal with case No. 25, *The M/V "Norstar" Case (Panama v. Italy)*, and delivered its judgment in 2019. The same year, the Tribunal delivered an order in provisional measures proceedings in case No. 26, *Case concerning the detention of three Ukrainian naval vessels (Ukraine v. Russian Federation), Provisional Measures*. Also in the same year, the Tribunal delivered another order in provisional measures proceedings in case No. 27, *The M/T "San Padre Pio" Case (Switzerland v. Nigeria), Provisional Measures*. In September 2019, a Special Chamber was constituted to deal with case No. 28, *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Mauritius and Maldives in the Indian Ocean (Mauritius/Maldives)*. In respect of that case, Maldives raised preliminary objections in December 2019. The oral proceedings and deliberations on the preliminary objections as well as the meetings of the Drafting Committee were held in 2020. The judgment on preliminary objections was delivered on 28 January 2021 and was covered by the 2019–2020 budget.

(b) During the budget period 2021–2022, the Special Chamber continued to deal with case No. 28 (*Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Mauritius and Maldives in the Indian Ocean (Mauritius/Maldives)*). The oral proceedings on the merits of case No. 28 and part of the deliberations took place in 2022. Provisions for case No. 29, *The M/T "San Padre Pio" (No. 2) Case (Switzerland/Nigeria)*, in the amount of €2,197,300, were included in the budget proposals for 2021–2022. At the request of the parties, by order of the President of the Tribunal of 29 December 2021, case No. 29 was removed from the Tribunal's list of cases. No oral proceedings or meetings on case No. 29 were held in 2021.

(c) During the budget period 2023–2024, the Special Chamber continued its deliberations in case No. 28 (*Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Mauritius and Maldives in the Indian Ocean (Mauritius/Maldives)*) and delivered its judgment on 28 April 2023. On 12 December 2022, the Tribunal received a request from the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law to render an advisory opinion. The request for an advisory opinion was entered in the list of cases as case No. 31, *Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law*. The oral proceedings and deliberations as well as the

meetings of the Drafting Committee in case No. 31 were held in 2023 and 2024, and the Tribunal delivered its advisory opinion in May 2024. Provisions for case No. 31 were not included in part C of the budget proposals for 2023–2024. In June 2023, the thirty-third Meeting of States Parties approved a supplementary budget authorizing the Tribunal to use part of the cash surplus from the 2021–2022 budget to finance an additional appropriation in the amount of €1,241,200 in order to cover the estimated costs of case No. 31 that could not be absorbed by the approved budget of the Tribunal for the period 2023–2024.

14. The oral proceedings in case No. 32, *The M/T “Heroic Idun” (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)*, deliberations as well as meetings of the Drafting Committee and the delivery of the judgment will take place during the budget period 2025–2026. The costs relating thereto in the amount of €1,134,900 are included in the budget proposals for 2025–2026.

15. In addition, in order to ensure the discharge of the judicial functions of the Tribunal under articles 290 and 292 of the Convention, the budget proposals for 2025–2026 include provisions enabling the Tribunal to handle two urgent cases, for an amount of €1,831,000. As has been the Tribunal’s practice, and in order to optimize efficiency and reduce costs, administrative sessions of the Tribunal will be held, to the extent possible, in conjunction with judicial proceedings before the Tribunal.

16. In the budget proposals for 2025–2026, the estimates to deal with case No. 32 (see paras. 14 and 93–96) and the estimates for two urgent cases are included in part C (Case-related costs) as follows:

(a) Case No. 32 (*The M/T “Heroic Idun” (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)*):

- 52 days of meetings of the Special Chamber;
- 28 days of meetings of the Drafting Committee;

(b) Two urgent proceedings (see para. 97):

- Three weeks of meetings in 2025 and three weeks of meetings in 2026, including oral proceedings, deliberations and the rendering of orders and judgments.

## **Judges**

17. In determining the level of remuneration of the members of the Tribunal, in 1996, the fourth Meeting of States Parties adopted the principle of maintaining equivalence with the remuneration levels of judges of the International Court of Justice.

18. The fourth Meeting of States Parties also decided that the annual remuneration of judges other than the President would consist of three elements (see SPLOS/8 and SPLOS/WP.3/Rev.1):

- (a) An annual allowance, payable monthly, which is one third of the maximum annual net base salary (based on the current level of remuneration);
- (b) A special allowance payable for each day that a judge is engaged in the business of the Tribunal. The maximum special allowance is one third of the annual net base salary divided into 220 working days;
- (c) A subsistence allowance for each day that a judge is required to be present at the seat of the Tribunal. The level of subsistence allowance is determined by the ICSC and is paid up to a maximum of one third of the annual net base salary.

19. In June 2009, the nineteenth Meeting of States Parties decided

to set, effective 1 July 2009, the annual net base salary of the members of the Tribunal at \$161,681, with a corresponding post adjustment multiplier equal to 1 per cent of the net base salary, to which would be applied the post adjustment multiplier for Hamburg, as appropriate, taking into account the post adjustment mechanism as proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 77 of his report A/62/538. (SPLOS/200)

20. In June 2011, the twenty-first Meeting of States Parties decided that

on the occasion of future revisions to the base scale applicable to staff of the United Nations in the Professional and higher categories that are effected through the consolidation of post adjustment multiplier points into the base scale with a corresponding readjustment in the post adjustment multipliers, the annual base salary of the members of the Tribunal also be adjusted by the same percentage and at the same time as in the case of judges of the International Court of Justice. (SPLOS/230)

21. Pursuant to successive revisions of the salary of the staff in the Professional and higher categories (see General Assembly resolutions 76/240 and 77/256 B), the annual net base salary of the members of the International Court of Justice was increased to \$187,000, effective 1 January 2022, and \$191,263, effective 1 January 2023. There were no revisions as of 1 January 2024. In accordance with the decision of the twenty-first Meeting of States Parties adopted on 17 June 2011 (SPLOS/230), the maximum remuneration of judges of the Tribunal was adjusted to the same level as the remuneration of the members of the International Court of Justice and effective the same date.

22. In view of the aforementioned decisions, the estimates for annual and special allowances of judges of the Tribunal for 2025–2026 contained in annexes V, VII and VIII have been calculated by applying to the adjusted annual base salary the post adjustment multiplier applicable to Hamburg for February 2024 and the exchange rate of the dollar to the euro for February 2024 fixed by the United Nations.

## **Registry**

23. The Tribunal is an autonomous judicial institution and the staff of the Registry must therefore discharge a wide range of tasks relating to judicial and legal matters, budget and finance, and administration.

24. The Registry provides all the necessary support and assistance required by the Tribunal for dealing with cases submitted to it, including provision of legal research, documentation, translation, interpretation, verbatim records, and communications to judges, the parties in the cases and other interested States and organizations.

25. The Registry is also responsible for the discharge of administrative tasks relating to the functioning of the Tribunal. These tasks include: staff and personnel matters; management of the Tribunal's finances and collection of contributions from States Parties; operation and maintenance of the premises of the Tribunal, including security matters; provision of library services and maintenance of archives; protocol; operation and maintenance of the electronic systems, including equipment, databases and the Tribunal's website; and administrative and logistical support for the travel of judges engaged in the business of the Tribunal. It also manages the internship and training and capacity-building programmes on dispute settlement under the Convention. Furthermore, the Registry assists in maintaining relations with the United Nations and other international organizations as well as with relevant

departments and agencies of the Government of the host country and the Governments of States Parties.

26. Since the budget period 2015–2016, the number of staff members has remained at 38. Given the limited number of staff, several staff members are required to fulfil a variety of duties, particularly during the consideration of cases, in order to undertake all the tasks to be discharged by the Registry. Whenever a case has to be dealt with, additional temporary support is procured (interpreters, translators, verbatim reporters and secretarial assistance).

27. It may be noted that the recent increase in the Tribunal's judicial work has produced a substantial increase in the workload of the Registry, in particular of its Linguistic Services, requiring staff members to carry out more tasks over an extended period of time. The work of Linguistic Services is essential for the efficient discharge of the core business of the Tribunal; it performs multiple tasks (*inter alia*, translating written pleadings, the Tribunal's judgments/opinions, session documents and Registry documents; organizing conference services for hearings, sessions and other events, including interpretation; preparing verbatim records of oral proceedings), usually under severe time constraints. This department consists of three Professional staff, namely, the Head of Linguistic Services who is also the French language Senior Translator/Reviser (P-5), an English language Translator/Reviser (P-4) and a French language Translator (P-3). Both the Head of Linguistic Services (French Senior Translator/Reviser, P-5), and the Translator (P-3) provide translation services in the French section. The P-3 Translator position was created in 2003, which was the last time a post was created in Linguistic Services.

28. Since 2003, the overall workload of Linguistic Services has grown considerably, consistent with the increasing number of cases submitted to the Tribunal. In particular, it is apparent from the workload carried out by the two French language translators that there is an overwhelming demand for the translation of documents from English into French, which the current staff is no longer able to absorb. Indeed, most of the written pleadings submitted to the Tribunal, as well as other documents, must be translated from English into French; the number of words translated into French has doubled over the past two years. It may also be recalled that there is a clear distinction in terms of responsibility between Translators (P-2/P-3) and Translators/Revisers (P-4/P-5). Specifically, this means that the work of the Translator (P-3) must be revised, which places a heavy burden on the Head of Linguistic Services (Senior Translator/Reviser, P-5). Although some of the workload has been relieved by having recourse to external translators, it should be noted that, for confidentiality reasons, a significant number of documents cannot be outsourced and, at any rate, such services cannot always be arranged on short notice. Furthermore, because external collaborators are not ultimately accountable for the work of Linguistic Services, it is still necessary for the Head of Linguistic Services, as Senior Translator/Reviser (P-5), to revise every translation for accuracy and ensure that the Tribunal's high quality standards are met. In addition, the responsibility of overseeing the discharge of all associated tasks and performing other managerial duties also falls on the Head of Linguistic Services.

29. In view of the above, it is therefore proposed that a new post of French language Translator/Reviser (P-4) be included in the budget for 2025–2026. The duties of this post would be, *inter alia*, translating and revising legal texts, documents, publications and other texts of the Tribunal and its Registry from English into French. This would relieve some of the burden on the Senior Translator/Reviser and reinforce the capacity of the Registry to provide in-house translation services. The budgetary increase would amount to €195,900 for two years.

## **Increases and decreases**

30. As indicated in paragraph 6, the Tribunal, in preparing the budget proposals for 2025–2026, continued to be guided by an overall zero-growth approach. Nevertheless, some parameters beyond the control of the Tribunal, such as the judicial workload, salaries and allowances, the exchange rate of the US dollar to the euro, have led to certain increases and decreases compared with the appropriations for 2023–2024. The major items are listed below.

### **Increases**

31. The budget proposals for 2025–2026 show increases in the following sections of the budget:

### **Recurrent expenditures**

#### **Section 1 (*Judges*)**

(a) The annual net base salary of members of the Tribunal, as referred to in paragraph 21, was last revised to \$191,263, effective 1 January 2023. In addition, the post adjustment multiplier for Hamburg was increased by 8.8 per cent compared with January 2023, effective 1 February 2023, by 7.6 per cent compared with June 2023, effective 1 July 2023, and by 2.3 per cent compared with January 2024, effective 1 February 2024. The daily subsistence allowance rate for Hamburg was also increased to €325 per day (from €319 in March 2022). Accordingly, the budget line “Annual allowances” shows an increase of €888,600 compared with the appropriations approved for the period 2023–2024. This includes an annual allowance for one judge whose term of office expired in September 2023 but who will continue to sit in case No. 32 (*The M/T “Heroic Idun” (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)*) until the delivery of the judgment. In addition, the appropriation for the budget line “Special allowances” shows an increase of €106,000 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

(b) The budget line “Travel to sessions” envisages a provision of €336,000 for 2025–2026, which is an increase of €37,200 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024. This reflects the sharp increase in international airfares over the past 24 months and represents a new development. The performance for the year 2023 confirms the recent price increases in airline tickets. In previous budget periods, there have been only moderate increases in this budget line. For instance, a total increase of 7.7 per cent over 12 years was recorded between the budget periods 2011–2012 (approved amount of €277,500) and 2023–2024 (approved amount of €298,800).

(c) A new president will be elected in October 2026. The change in the presidency requires a provision for the settling-in and relocation grants for the new president, as well as for the relocation and repatriation grants for the outgoing president. An amount of €213,400 is envisaged for the budget line “Judges’ common costs”. The provision for 2025–2026 in the budget line “Common costs” under section 1 (Judges) is therefore €6,500 higher than the amount approved for the period 2023–2024, mainly owing to the increased salary costs for members of the Tribunal and the higher daily subsistence allowance rate for Hamburg.

(d) On the basis of the above, section 1 (Judges) shows an overall increase of €1,038,300 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

#### **Section 2 (*Judges’ pension scheme*)**

(e) The 2023–2024 budget provided for pension payments in the amount of \$92,933 per month to 15 former judges and eight surviving spouses. The 2025–2026

budget proposals provide for pension payments in the amount of \$113,151 per month to 16 former judges and 11 surviving spouses. On that basis, the budget proposal for 2025–2026 envisages an amount of €2,533,600 in the budget line “Pension in payment”, which is €497,200 higher than the appropriation approved for 2023–2024.

(f) Taking into account the increase of €497,200 in the budget line “Pension in payment” and the decrease in “Pension for retiring judges” in the amount of €423,900 (see para. 32 (a)), section 2 (Judges’ pension scheme) shows an overall increase of €73,300 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

### **Section 3 (Staff costs)**

(g) The Tribunal’s budgetary estimates relating to established posts are based on standard costs issued by the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance of the United Nations. The standard costs have increased over the past two years because of the higher post adjustment multiplier for Hamburg and the increased salaries for General Service staff. In addition, a new P-4 post has been included in the budget proposals. On that basis, an amount of €6,842,300 is proposed for the budget lines “Established posts” and “Staff assessment” in 2025–2026. This represents an increase of €777,900 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

(h) The budget line “Common staff costs” envisages a provision of €2,641,300, which represents an increase of €325,100 compared with the amount of appropriations approved for 2023–2024. This increase is mainly due to the increase in contributions to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund following the revision of the pensionable remuneration for Professional and General Service staff. The exchange rate applies to staff entitlements based on the dollar, such as contributions to the pension fund, the medical insurance plan and the after-service health insurance. The new P-4 post also adds to the increase.

(i) The provision for the budget line “Temporary assistance for meetings” shows an increase of €15,600 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024, which is mainly caused by the increase in the daily subsistence allowance rate for Hamburg payable to interpreters and the increase in the hourly rate for short-term staff.

(j) Section 3 (Staff costs) shows an overall increase of €1,098,600 compared with the appropriations approved for 2023–2024.

### **Section 4 (Representation allowance)**

(k) The total amount of €14,200 proposed for 2025–2026 is €300 more than the amount approved for 2023–2024. This is because of the increase in the exchange rate of the dollar to the euro.

### **Section 7 (Operating expenditure)**

(l) The budget line “Maintenance of premises” includes provisions for the facility management contracts, including gardening and security services. These contracts will expire in 2025 and must be renewed. A significant increase is anticipated given the rise in labour costs over the past five years and the level of inflation in Germany over the past two years. In addition, an increased provision for maintenance contracts, in particular for the new audiovisual system in the courtroom, has been included. Energy prices, in particular for electricity, have increased and are expected to remain at a high level in future. The budget line “Maintenance of premises” shows an increase of €477,700 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024 (see paras. 72–79).

(m) The budget line “Rental and maintenance of equipment” includes provisions for rental and leasing costs for computer equipment, photocopiers and the



official cars of the Tribunal. It also includes provisions for the maintenance costs of the Tribunal’s digital and information technology equipment, such as the Tribunal’s computer operating system, the library software and archiving software, the email system, the telephone system and a new document management system. A provision of €460,500 is proposed for 2025–2026, which has been adjusted for inflation (see para. 11 (g)). In comparison with the amount approved for 2023–2024, the proposed amount represents an increase of €41,000.

(n) The budget line “Communications” includes provisions for telephone charges, online charges, courier services and postage. An adjustment of 6.38 per cent for inflation has been included (see para. 11 (g)). An increase of €13,300 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024 is proposed.

(o) The external auditor of the Tribunal’s financial statements for the financial periods 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 will be appointed by the Meeting of States Parties in June 2024. The Tribunal has received three different quotations for the audits of the financial statements for these financial periods. These quotations range from €24,200 to €60,000 for two years. The lowest quotation of €24,200 has been included in the budget proposal. This amount represents an increase of €9,800 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024. The amount will be adjusted according to the decision to be taken by the Meeting of States Parties.

(p) In total, the proposed amount for section 7 (Operating expenditure) is €483,800 higher compared with 2023–2024 (see paras. 80, 82 and 86), taking account of the decrease mentioned in paragraph 32 (e).

#### **Section 8 (*Library and related costs*)**

(q) The budget line “External printing and binding” envisages a provision of €102,000, which represents an increase of €13,700 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024. The increase is due to price increases for external printing and related services. The amount proposed for section 8 (Library and related costs) is therefore €13,700 higher than the amount approved for 2023–2024.

### **Non-recurrent expenditure**

#### **Section 9 (*Furniture and equipment*)**

(r) The budget line “Purchase of equipment” includes provisions for the purchase of electronic equipment (such as computers, laptops, printers and servers), furniture and other equipment. The provision for “Purchase of equipment” has been adjusted for inflation (see para. 11 (g)). An increase of €10,700 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024 is proposed.

### **Case-related costs**

#### **Section 12 (*Judges*) and section 13 (*Staff costs*)**

(s) All budget lines under part C (Case-related costs) show increases owing to the judicial workload of the Tribunal for the budget period 2025–2026. The 2023–2024 budget provided for part of the deliberations (deliberations, meetings of the Drafting Committee and judgment) for case No. 28 submitted to a Special Chamber (consisting of seven judges and two judges ad hoc) and for two urgent cases. The budget for 2025–2026 provides for case No. 32, *The M/T “Heroic Idun” (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)*, submitted to a Special Chamber of the Tribunal (consisting of three judges and two judges ad hoc). In line with the budget proposals for previous budget periods, the budget proposal for 2025–2026 includes provisions for two urgent cases.

(t) On that basis, the provision for section 12 (Judges) amounts to €1,994,900, which is an increase of €302,800 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024. The increase is due to the increase in the judicial workload and in the judges' allowances (see para. 31 (a)). The proposed appropriation for section 13 (Staff costs) amounts to €971,000, which represents an increase of €273,000.

## **Decreases**

32. The budget proposals for 2025–2026 show decreases in the following sections of the budget:

### **Recurrent expenditure**

#### **Section 2 (*Judges' pension scheme*)**

(a) The budget line "Pension for retiring judges" provides for seven judges whose terms of office expire in September 2026 for a period of three months, while the budget for 2023–2024 provided for seven judges for a period of 15 months. The proposed appropriation amounts to €84,200, which represents a decrease of €423,900 in the 2025–2026 proposed budget compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024. The final number of retiring judges will depend on the results of the election in June 2026.

#### **Section 3 (*Staff costs*)**

(b) On the basis of the performance during the budget period 2021–2022 and during the year 2023, it is proposed that the amount for the budget line "General temporary assistance" be reduced by €10,000.

(c) Since the COVID pandemic, many training courses have been available online; staff members have participated in such online trainings to the extent possible. Travel costs for training courses could therefore be reduced. It is proposed that the amount for the budget line "Training" be reduced by €10,000 to €76,600.

#### **Section 5 (*Official travel*)**

(d) Given the travel restrictions during the pandemic, many meetings were organized online. While many meetings are once again being organized in person, some meetings nevertheless continue to be held online. It is therefore proposed, despite higher international airfares and accommodation costs, that the amount for the budget line "Official travel" be reduced by €10,000 to €175,000.

#### **Section 7 (*Operating expenditure*)**

(e) The budget for 2023–2024 included a provision for interest charges on cash deposits. However, interest rates have risen and the Tribunal has not been charged with such interest since July 2022. The budget line "Miscellaneous services and charges (incl. bank charges)" shows a decrease of €58,000 in comparison with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

### **Total increases and decreases**

33. Taking into account the proposed increases listed in paragraph 31 (€3,796,400) and the decreases listed in paragraph 32 (-€511,900), an overall increase of €3,284,500 is envisaged for the budget period 2025–2026.

## II. Draft budget proposals

### Part A (sections 1 to 8) Recurrent expenditure

34. As in previous years, the Tribunal will hold four weeks of meetings during each calendar year to deal with legal matters related to the discharge of its judicial functions as well as administrative and organizational issues. One two-week session will be held in February/March and another in September/October of each year.

35. During these sessions, matters relating to the work of the Tribunal are considered by the plenary, the committees of the Tribunal and the chambers of the Tribunal: the Seabed Disputes Chamber, the Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes, the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes, and the Chamber for Fisheries Disputes. The legal issues addressed in 2023 pertained, *inter alia*, to the Tribunal's jurisdiction, rules and procedures.

36. At these meetings, the Tribunal also addresses administrative and organizational matters. In order to ensure that these are dealt with efficiently, the Tribunal has established special committees composed of judges, to which the Tribunal refers various matters for detailed consideration and for recommendations for approval by the plenary (Committee on the Rules and Judicial Practice; Committee on Budget and Finance; Committee on Staff and Administration; Committee on Public Relations; Committee on Buildings and Electronic Systems; and Committee on Library, Archives and Publications). Administrative issues addressed include decisions to be taken as regards staff appointments, supervision of the work and organization of the Registry, maintenance of the premises and related facilities of the Tribunal, public relations and publications of the Tribunal, such as judgments and orders, and preparation of the draft budget, the annual report and proposals for submission to the Meeting of States Parties.

#### Section 1 Judges

37. Pursuant to the decisions of the fourth and twenty-first Meeting of States Parties (see paras. 18 and 20), the level of remuneration of judges at the International Court of Justice is used as the comparator. Consequently, effective 1 January 2024, the annual base salary of judges at the Tribunal is set at the level indicated in paragraph 21.

38. The budgetary estimates for the remuneration of judges for 2025–2026 under part A (Recurrent expenditure) are set out in annex V.

39. As in previous years, appropriations relating to cases are placed under part C (Case-related costs) and will be used for such purposes only (see part C and annexes VII and VIII).

## 1.1 Annual allowances

40. This budget line consists of the following: the annual allowances of the President and the other members of the Tribunal and the allowances of the President and the Vice-President (see annex V). It also includes an annual allowance for one judge (non-pensionable) whose term of office expired in September 2023 but who will continue to sit in case No. 32 (*The M/T "Heroic Idun" (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)*) until the delivery of the judgment. A provision for the pension of this judge has not been included in these budget proposals.

41. The President is required to reside at the seat of the Tribunal and receives an annual remuneration of \$191,263. The annual allowance of the other members of the Tribunal amounts to one third of the maximum annual remuneration (\$63,754).

42. In addition, the special allowance of the President is paid in the amount of \$25,000 per annum in line with the practice at the International Court of Justice, the President of which has been entitled to such an amount since 1 January 2011, in keeping with the decision adopted by the General Assembly on 24 December 2010 (see resolution 65/258, para. 6). The President is not entitled to the judges' special allowance or subsistence allowance for attending meetings of the Tribunal.

43. An allowance is provided for each day on which the Vice-President acts as President. The rate for this allowance is fixed at \$156 per day in line with the practice at the International Court of Justice, the Vice-President of which has been entitled to such an amount since 1 January 2011 (United Nations General Assembly resolution 65/258, para. 6). As in previous years, budgetary appropriations have been calculated on the basis that the Vice-President is present at the seat of the Tribunal to act as President for up to two weeks per annum (this includes a daily subsistence allowance, a special allowance and a special allowance when the Vice-President acts as President). Accordingly, a provision of €24,200 is made to meet the requirement. This represents an increase of €1,600 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, resulting from the increase in the daily subsistence allowance rate and the post adjustment multiplier applicable to Hamburg.

44. A provision of €4,559,000 is envisaged under this budget line, which represents an increase of €888,600 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, as explained in paragraph 31 (a).

## 1.2 Special allowances

45. Judges are paid a special allowance for each day that they are engaged in the business of the Tribunal during its sessions, and a subsistence allowance is paid for each day that a judge is required to be present at the seat of the Tribunal (see annex V).

46. Judges are paid a special allowance for preparatory work which they undertake before meetings of the Tribunal. A subsistence allowance is also payable to judges when they carry out preparatory work related to the activities of the Tribunal away from their normal place of residence.

47. In respect of sessions for a total of four weeks each year, it is proposed, as in the past, that provision be made for a special allowance for preparatory work for a total of 10 days for each of the 20 judges. Payment of this allowance is subject to authorization by the President.

48. In the budget period 2023–2024, a provision was approved regarding subsistence allowance for preparatory work for a total of five days for up to 10 judges per annum (50 days of daily subsistence allowance). An amount of €45,600 is proposed for 2025–2026, which represents an increase of €1,000 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024. Subject to authorization by the President, this

provision may be used to pay a daily subsistence allowance to judges when they carry out preparatory work away from their normal place of residence or to pay special and daily subsistence allowances when they are engaged in the business of the Tribunal (e.g. for attending special meetings of the Committee on Budget and Finance to prepare the biennial budget proposals, including special allowance for preparatory work, or for attending the Meeting of States Parties).

49. A provision of €1,078,000 is made under this budget line on the basis of the exchange rate, the post adjustment multiplier and the daily subsistence allowance rate for February 2024. This represents an increase of €106,000 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, as explained in paragraph 31 (a).

### **1.3 Travel to sessions**

50. The President resides at the seat of the Tribunal. Except for the President, judges are required to travel to Hamburg to attend sessions of the Tribunal.

51. This budget line covers the costs incurred for judges' travel to Hamburg to attend sessions during the budget period 2025–2026. A provision of €336,000 has been envisaged to meet the requirements. The sum of €168,000, representing the amount per annum, is intended to cover 20 judges travelling each year to two sessions. This amount is €37,200 higher than the amount approved for the 2023–2024 budget for the reasons explained in paragraph 31 (b).

### **1.4 Common costs**

52. This budget line includes the common costs in respect of the President, the insurance scheme for work-related accidents and removal costs of personal effects of judges whose mandate ends during the budget period concerned (see annex VI).

53. A new president will be elected in October 2026. The change in the Presidency requires a provision for the settling-in and relocation grants for the new president, as well as for the relocation and repatriation grants for the outgoing president. In addition, a provision of €8,400 is envisaged in 2026 for removal costs of seven judges whose term of office will expire on 30 September 2026. The amount that will actually be used will depend on the result of the election in June 2026. The increase of €6,500 compared with the amount approved for the 2023–2024 budget is due to the increase in the daily subsistence allowance rate for Hamburg. On that basis, a total amount of €213,400 is proposed for 2025–2026 under this budget line.

## **Section 2 Judges' pension scheme**

54. The ninth Meeting of States Parties approved the Pension Scheme Regulations for Members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (SPLOS/47, SPLOS/200).

55. In order to cover the costs of pension payments, a total amount of €2,617,800 is proposed for 2025–2026 (see annex IX). This represents an increase of €73,300 compared with the provision made for 2023–2024, as explained in paragraphs 31 (f) and 32 (a).

### **2.1 Pension in payment**

56. At present, pensions are payable to 16 former judges and 11 surviving spouses. These pension payments will continue during 2025–2026, which will require a

provision of €2,533,600. As explained in paragraph 31 (e), this amount is €497,200 higher than the provision for 2023–2024.

## **2.2 Pension for retiring judges**

57. A triennial election of seven judges will take place in June 2026. A provision for pension payments to the seven judges whose terms of office will expire has been envisaged in the budget for 2025–2026 for a period of three months starting in October 2026. This amounts to €84,200, which is €423,900 lower than the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, when a provision for seven judges for 15 months was included, as explained in paragraph 32 (a).

## **Section 3 Staff costs**

### **3.1 Established posts**

58. As explained in paragraphs 23 to 26, the functioning of the Tribunal presupposes the discharge by the Registry of many different responsibilities, including legal and administrative tasks.

59. The 2025–2026 post requirements for staff in the Professional and higher categories are set out in annex II and those for staff in the General Service category in annex III. For the reasons given in paragraphs 27 and 28 above, it is proposed that a new French language Translator/Reviser (P-4) be included in the budget for 2025–2026. The budgetary increase would amount to €195,900 for two years. The number of posts totals 39, including the new position for a P-4 French language Translator/Reviser.

60. Budgetary estimates relating to staff costs of the Tribunal are based on standard costs issued by the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance of the United Nations. The post adjustment multiplier for Hamburg has been applied to the standard costs in the Professional category. Standard costs for Hamburg are available only for Professional posts. For posts in the General Service category, the standard costs applicable to the International Court of Justice for 2025 have been applied, in accordance with previous years' practice. On that basis, it is proposed to appropriate a net amount of €6,842,300 for the established posts in 2025–2026. After deduction of the staff assessment, this amount represents an increase of €777,900 compared with the amount appropriated for 2023–2024.

### **3.2 Staff assessment/credit**

61. As explained in paragraph 10, in accordance with the decision of the thirteenth Meeting of States Parties (SPLOS/98, para. (a)), the budget proposals for 2025–2026 contain a separate budget line for a credit in respect of the amount of staff assessment, which is included in the costs for established posts. Accordingly, the contributions of States Parties will be assessed on the basis of net salaries.

### **3.3 Common staff costs**

62. Common staff costs comprise the various entitlements of staff, including pension contributions, medical insurance and after-service health insurance contributions, education grants and language and dependency allowances, as required under the Staff Regulations and Rules of the Tribunal.

63. On the basis of actual requirements for the budget period 2025–2026, common staff costs amount to €2,641,300, which represents an increase of €325,100 compared

with the amount approved for the budget period 2023–2024 (see annex X). This increase is mainly due to the increased contributions to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund following the revision of the pensionable remuneration and to the increased contributions to the after-service health insurance.

### **3.4 Overtime**

64. Owing to the nature of the work of the Tribunal, it is unavoidable that some staff members have to work beyond normal working hours, particularly during sessions. In the case of staff members in the Professional category, compensatory time off may be granted for that purpose. For staff members in the General Service category, overtime payments cannot always be replaced by compensatory time off, in particular given the small size of the Registry. On the basis of past performance, a provision of €25,000 is requested for 2025–2026, which is the same amount as the appropriation approved for 2023–2024.

### **3.5 Temporary assistance for meetings**

65. In line with the practice of other international judicial institutions, not all personnel needed to service sessions of the Tribunal are employed on a permanent basis. This provision covers emoluments and costs of travel for interpreters, revisers, translators, audio equipment operators and additional secretarial staff recruited specifically for sessions not directly related to cases. The provision also covers the costs of other conference-related staff and personnel needed to service meetings. The amount proposed takes into account the fact that most required personnel, in particular translators and interpreters, are not readily available at the seat of the Tribunal.

66. A provision of €275,700 is proposed for 2025–2026, which represents an increase of €15,600 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, for the reasons explained in paragraph 31 (i).

### **3.6 General temporary assistance**

67. The Tribunal employs temporary assistance personnel to deal with peak workloads and to accommodate other specific requirements. General temporary assistance is predominantly used for translating, editing, photocopying and disseminating documents. The provision is also used to hire individual contractors to assist with administrative matters and to provide technical assistance. The total provision proposed for general temporary assistance for 2025–2026 is €107,900, which is €10,000 lower than the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, as explained in paragraph 32 (b).

### **3.7 Training**

68. Staff training is required for the use of the computer network and specialized software, which is continually being updated for word processing and database functions, including bibliographic and other information systems. Training in specialized areas, such as desktop publishing or referencing for Linguistic Services, is also necessary to ensure the efficient functioning of the Registry. Language training is also required to promote proficiency in the two official languages of the Tribunal as well as efficiency in relations between the Tribunal and the host country. It may be added that, as the Tribunal follows the United Nations common system, it is important to train staff members regularly in matters where the expertise of United Nations institutions may be useful for the functioning of the Registry (staff matters, finance, procurement, pension, etc.). A provision of €76,600 is proposed for 2025–2026,

which is €10,000 lower than the appropriation approved for 2023–2024 (see para. 32 (c)).

#### **Section 4 Representation allowance**

69. A representation allowance is payable to the President, the Registrar and the Deputy Registrar in accordance with United Nations practice. The total amount proposed for 2025–2026 is \$15,200, which is the equivalent in United States dollars of the amount approved for 2023–2024. Converted to euros, this represents an increase of €300 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

#### **Section 5 Official travel**

70. This provision is to cover the travel costs of the President and other judges, as necessary, and the Registrar and staff when on official business of the Tribunal. The appropriation proposed for official travel in 2025–2026 is €175,000, which is a decrease of €10,000 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

#### **Section 6 Hospitality**

71. This provision is to cover the Tribunal's hospitality requirements. The amount proposed for 2025–2026 is €14,700, which is the same amount as the appropriation approved for 2023–2024.

#### **Section 7 Operating expenditure**

##### **7.1 Maintenance of premises, including security**

72. The Tribunal must run a large modern building containing complex equipment and systems. Under the Premises Agreement with the host country, the technical equipment provided along with the building (security system, heating and cooling system, courtroom technology, electrical installations, lifts, sprinkler system, ventilation, fire alarm system, electrically operated doors, etc.) must be maintained in accordance with the highest standards applicable in the host country. For this purpose, the Registry currently has 47 maintenance contracts in force. These contracts are continually reviewed and regularly renegotiated with a view to monitoring costs and avoiding increases.

73. The Tribunal is required under the Premises Agreement to contract a facility management service provider for services related to the operation, management and maintenance of the premises, including cleaning, waste disposal, work related to the water and power supplies, snow and ice removal, and gardening. The current facility management contract is valid until May 2025 and a new contract will therefore have to be concluded. A major part of the facility management contract covers labour costs for the facility manager, janitor, cleaning staff and glass cleaning staff. Prices for these labour costs have risen by approximately 25 per cent since 2020 when the current contract was signed. Thus, an amount of €1,389,700 is proposed for facility management, which is €237,300 more than the amount approved for 2023–2024.



74. The Tribunal's current security contract will also expire in August 2025 and it is not possible to extend the contract any further. Rising labour costs will again lead to a significant increase. Since 2020 when the current contract was signed, labour costs for security staff have risen by approximately 25 per cent. The total cost for the new security contract is estimated at €572,800 for the biennium, which is €122,600 higher than the provision approved in the 2023–2024 budget.

75. The aforementioned maintenance contracts are usually concluded for a three-year period. All recently renewed contracts have shown significant price increases. On the basis of past performance, and taking the recent price increases into account, an amount of €456,000 is proposed for maintenance contracts, which is an increase of €76,000 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

76. Prices for electricity and gas increased sharply in 2022 and remain high. Although the Tribunal is able to buy its electricity and gas through the German Institute for Federal Real Estate, which offers better-than-market conditions, it has nevertheless been subject to higher prices. It should be noted in this regard that the Tribunal has been able to reduce its electricity consumption by 12 per cent between 2022 and 2023 and again by another 5 per cent between 2023 and 2024. However, a 10 per cent price increase in energy costs for the budget period 2025–2026 is expected. Thus, the provision for electricity, gas and water has been adjusted in light of the higher prices and on the basis of consumption in recent years. On that basis, an amount of €664,800 is proposed for the budget period 2025–2025, which is an increase of €41,800 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

77. As provided for in the Premises Agreement, the Tribunal must carry out minor repairs to the building, for which €50,000 is allocated in the budget proposal, in line with previous budget proposals. As in previous years, a provision of €15,000 for other repairs has also been included.

78. The Tribunal's facilities and building equipment, such as the electrical installations, lifts and sprinkler and alarm systems, must be inspected in accordance with German building regulations. On the basis of past performance, the amount allocated for the inspections is €30,000 per annum, which is the same amount approved for 2023–2024.

79. In light of the foregoing, the amount of €3,347,300 for the budget line "Maintenance of premises" is proposed for 2025–2026, which represents an increase of €477,700 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024. The details of the expenditure relating to the maintenance of the premises are shown in annex XI.

## **7.2 Rental and maintenance of equipment**

80. Renting or leasing items of equipment, including photocopiers, computer equipment and official cars, has in some cases proved more economical than purchasing them. Maintenance costs resulting from the outright purchase of such equipment are thus avoided. In addition, owing to advances in technology, the administration of the Tribunal had to acquire a number of items of digital and information technology equipment, such as the accounting system, library software, archiving software, the telephone system and the email system. For these items, the Tribunal had to conclude maintenance contracts for the provision of urgent technical support and the acquisition of software updates. In addition, a new electronic management system will need to be installed in order to further strengthen, centralize and digitalize document and records management within the Registry. Maintenance fees for the new system have been included in the proposed amount. Various fees for the aforementioned maintenance contracts show annual price increases which have been taken into account in the amount proposed for 2025–2026. A provision of

€460,500 is proposed for 2025–2026, which represents an increase of €41,000 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

### **7.3 Communications**

81. Expenses for the communications of the Tribunal include postage and courier services, telephone calls, email, teleconferencing and videoconferencing, Internet connections and access to databases.

82. The provision for communications by means of telephone, Internet and courier services includes the cost of communication between the Registry and judges working away from the seat of the Tribunal. It also includes the cost of leasing the telephone lines necessary to optimize efficiency in maintaining a website and email and Internet connections for the premises. Prices for the aforementioned means of communication have increased recently. In light of previous experience and taking the increased prices into account, the amount of €213,100 is proposed for 2025–2026. This amount is the same as the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, adjusted for inflation (€13,300).

### **7.4 Miscellaneous services and charges (including bank charges)**

83. This provision is to cover the costs of miscellaneous services needed by the Tribunal where it is not appropriate to charge these costs to any specific budget line. The provision has been at a steady level for a number of budget periods, as mainly bank charges were covered. Since 2020, however, the United Nations has been charging the Tribunal for various services as a member of the United Nations common system for salaries, allowance and benefits. The charges include salary surveys, membership in the ICSC and jointly financed administrative activities. In addition, potential fees for participating in proceedings before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal have been included.

84. The budget for 2023–2024 included a provision for interest on cash deposits charged by the bank. Since July 2022, however, banks have no longer been charging customers for cash deposits. An amount of €74,000 is proposed for 2025–2026 under the budget line “Miscellaneous services and charges (incl. bank charges)”, which is a decrease of €58,000 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

### **7.5 Supplies and materials**

85. This provision is to cover the costs of office and other supplies, materials and services at the premises. On the basis of past performance, the amount of €125,600 is proposed for 2025–2026, which is the same as the appropriation approved for 2023–2024.

### **7.6 Special services (external audit)**

86. Pursuant to the Financial Regulations of the Tribunal, in December 2020, the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties appointed the accounting firm BDO AG as the auditor for the financial years 2021–2024 (see SPLOS/30/14/Add.1, para. 67). An auditor will have to be appointed for the financial years 2025–2028. In order to enable the Tribunal to make proposals regarding the appointment of an auditor, the Registry sent a note verbale to all States Parties to the Convention in October 2023, inviting them to express their interest in submitting a proposal for the audit of the Tribunal’s accounts for the financial years 2025–2028. Two States Parties, namely, the Republic of Indonesia and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, expressed their interest. The Tribunal thus contacted these two States Parties. The Registry also contacted seven internationally recognized firms of auditors with offices in Germany as well as two

German audit firms. Three quotations were received, namely, from BDO AG, the Audit Board of Indonesia and the Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan were received by the Registry and range from €24,200 for two years to €60,000 for two years. The lowest quotation amounting to €24,200 for the biennium is proposed in order to cover the expenditure in this respect for 2025–2026; this represents an increase of €9,800 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024. The actual amount proposed for this expenditure will be adjusted in accordance with the decision of the Meeting of States Parties on the appointment of the auditor for the financial years 2025–2028.

## **Section 8**

### **Library and related costs**

#### **8.1 Procurement of books and publications**

87. The availability of high-quality library facilities at the Tribunal is indispensable for its effective operation. The Library needs to acquire publications that form the basis of a core collection in international law. Given the scope of the Tribunal’s jurisdiction, the Library must also have on hand material on various scientific subjects closely connected with the work of the Tribunal. The Library subscribes to various databases providing important and timely access to certain types of scientific and legal information. At present, the Library collections comprise 11,071 volumes, 16,007 serial volumes and 2,883 treaty series volumes. An amount of €266,000 is proposed for the 2025–2026 budget, which is the same amount as the appropriation approved for 2023–2024.

#### **8.2 External printing and binding**

88. This provision is to cover the costs of producing and publishing documents and other material, such as judgments and pleadings in cases, and of disseminating other documentation such as the *Yearbook*, *Basic texts*, *Guide to proceedings before the Tribunal* and information brochures of the Tribunal. Recently, the Tribunal has reduced the number of pages for the *Yearbook* and the quality of cover pages for *Pleadings* and *Reports* because of price increases and budgetary constraints. The budget line also provides for the Library’s requirements to bind monographs and journals. On the basis of the performance in previous years, and taking into account announced price increases, an increase of 10 per cent per annum is proposed. The amount proposed for 2025–2026 is thus €102,000, which is an increase of €13,700 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024.

## **Part B (sections 9 to 11)**

### **Non-recurrent expenditure**

#### **Section 9**

##### **Furniture and equipment**

89. This provision is to cover the purchase of office equipment and furniture. The estimates for non-recurrent expenditure for 2025–2026 are based on the Tribunal’s requirements in terms of office equipment, archive equipment (including data-processing, storage and retrieval systems for archives and legal matters), software, hardware and website maintenance and development. Account is also taken of the need to replace obsolete equipment, in particular electronic equipment. The purchase of the new electronic document management system will be charged to the budget line “Purchase of equipment”, while recurrent maintenance fees will be covered by the budget line “Rental and maintenance of equipment”.

##### **9.1 Purchase of equipment**

90. The twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties approved the amount of €162,200 for the purchase of equipment for 2023–2024. In light of the performance figures for previous years, price increases for electronic equipment in particular and the purchase of the new document management system, an amount of €172,900 is proposed for 2025–2026. The amount has been adjusted for inflation (see para. 11 (g)) and represents an increase of €10,700 compared with the amount approved for 2023–2024.

#### **Section 10**

##### **Alterations to premises**

91. No provision is requested under this budget line.

#### **Section 11**

##### **Implementation of IPSAS**

92. No provision is requested under this budget line.

## **Part C (Sections 12 and 13)**

### **Case-related costs**

#### **Case No. 32 (*The M/T “Heroic Idun” (No. 2) Case (Marshall Islands/Equatorial Guinea)*)**

93. By order of 27 April 2023, a special chamber of the Tribunal was formed to deal with “the dispute concerning the M/T “Heroic Idun” and her crew” between the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. The Special Chamber consists of three judges and two judges ad hoc.

94. The oral proceedings, deliberations as well as meetings of the Drafting Committee and the delivery of the judgment in case No. 32 will be scheduled for the budget period 2025–2026 and a corresponding provision has been included in the budget proposals.

95. The costs relating to the meetings in case No. 32 will be covered by the budget proposals for 2025–2026, as follows:

- (a) Hearings, deliberations and judgment: 52 days;
- (b) Meetings of the Drafting Committee: 28 days.

96. These meetings will be held, to the extent possible, in conjunction with the administrative sessions of the Tribunal to reduce travel costs. The estimated costs amount to €1,134,900 and are detailed in annex VIII.

### **Urgent proceedings**

97. In line with the judicial requirements of the Tribunal, the budget proposals envisage six weeks of meetings in 2025–2026 to deal with two urgent cases. The budget proposals include associated costs for hearings, deliberations and the reading of orders and judgments. The associated costs also include costs for judges' travel to Hamburg, temporary assistance for meetings and overtime. The provision is detailed in annex VII and amounts to €1,831,000. This represents an increase of €163,200 compared with the appropriation approved for 2023–2024, owing to the increase in the daily subsistence allowance rate for Hamburg from €319 to €325, the increase in the exchange rate of the dollar to the euro and the revised post adjustment multiplier for Hamburg (see para. 11 (f)). This appropriation will be used only if the Tribunal meets to deal with cases.

### **Total estimates**

98. The total estimates for the costs for part C (Case-related costs) amount to €2,965,900 (€1,994,900 in section 12 (Judges) and €971,000 in section 13 (Staff costs)). Compared with the appropriations initially approved for 2023–2024 (€2,390,100), the amount of €2,965,900 represents an increase of €575,800 in part C due to the judicial workload of the Tribunal. As stated in paragraph 9, in June 2023 the Meeting of States Parties authorized the Tribunal to use up to €1,241,200 from the 2021–2022 cash surplus to finance the expenses related to case No. 31 that exceed the approved budget for 2023–2024. Considering the 2023–2024 budget and the supplementary budget for case No. 31, the amount of €2,965,900 represents a decrease of €665,400 in part C.

## **Section 12 Judges**

### **12.1 Special allowances**

99. For case No. 32, the amount of €344,300 is envisaged to cover the special allowances and subsistence allowances of judges of the Special Chamber. The amount includes a special allowance for preparatory work, which is based on two-thirds of the number of days planned for judicial meetings for deliberations and on the same number of days planned for the meetings of the Drafting Committee. In addition, a provision of €1,081,600 is proposed for 2025–2026 to cover the special allowances and subsistence allowances of judges in relation to two urgent cases. This includes a special allowance for preparatory work, which is based on six-sevenths of the number of days planned for judicial meetings. On that basis, the total provision for special allowances for case No. 32 and two urgent proceedings amounts to €1,425,900.

### **12.2 Compensation to judges ad hoc**

100. For case No. 32, an amount of €168,200 is proposed to cover compensation for two judges ad hoc. Such compensation consists of annual allowance, special allowance (including special allowance for preparatory work) and subsistence allowance. In addition, a provision of €144,600 has been included to cover the

compensation paid to two judges ad hoc for six weeks of meetings and 36 days of preparatory work for two urgent proceedings. The total provision of this budget line to cover case No. 32 and two urgent proceedings amounts to €312,800.

### **12.3 Travel to meetings, including judges ad hoc**

101. A total amount of €256,200 is proposed for the 2025–2026 budget for this budget line. The amount includes a provision of €184,800 to cover the travel costs of judges, including judges ad hoc, for two urgent proceedings in 2025–2026 and €71,400 to finance the travel costs of five judges for case No. 32.

102. The trips envisaged in 2025–2026 in respect of case No. 32 are as follows:

- (a) Two round trips for the members of the Special Chamber (including two judges ad hoc);
- (b) One round trip for the members of the Drafting Committee;
- (c) Two round trips for judges ad hoc.

103. The Tribunal intends to organize its sessions in 2025 to the extent possible in conjunction with the judicial deliberations in case No. 32.

## **Section 13 Staff Costs**

### **13.1 Temporary assistance for meetings**

104. A separate provision is made for temporary assistance for meetings to cover case-related expenses. This provision covers emoluments and costs for the travel of interpreters, verbatim reporters, revisers, translators, audio equipment operators and additional secretarial staff recruited specifically for meetings, including hearings and judicial deliberations. The provision also covers the costs of other conference-related staff and personnel to service meetings. The amount proposed takes into account the fact that not all personnel, particularly translators, interpreters and verbatim reporters, are readily available at the seat of the Tribunal.

105. Estimates for interpretation costs are based on the terms and conditions followed in the United Nations system, taking into account the need for interpretation services at short notice, in particular during urgent proceedings. This requires work to be performed during weekends, official holidays and night-time meetings. Estimates regarding translation expenses take into account the volume of work relating to urgent proceedings and case No. 32 that cannot be absorbed internally and an average number of pages that have to be sent out for translation, to which the Tribunal applies the contractual translation rates determined by the United Nations Office at Geneva. In light of the proposed new post of French language Translator/Reviser (P-4) (see paras. 27–29), the provision for external translation under this budget line could be reduced.

106. Taking into account the current salary rates applied to translators, interpreters and verbatim reporters, a total amount of €931,000 is proposed for 2025–2026.

### **13.2 Overtime**

107. As the Tribunal has to deliver its judgments within short periods of time, it is unavoidable that many staff members are required to work beyond normal working hours, in particular during urgent proceedings. Overtime payments cannot always be replaced by compensatory time off, in particular given the small size of the Registry. The amount of €20,000 is proposed to cover overtime during urgent proceedings in

the 2025–2026 biennium. In view of past practice, overtime will be unavoidable during the deliberations for case No. 32. The amount of €20,000 is envisaged to cover overtime during that case. A total provision of €40,000 is proposed for this budget line.

## **Part D**

### **Working Capital Fund**

108. Pursuant to regulation 6.2 of the Financial Regulations of the Tribunal, the Working Capital Fund is established “to ensure financial resources for the Tribunal to meet short-term liquidity problems pending receipt of contributions ... and to provide the Tribunal with the financial means to deal with cases”. As of 2001, contributions to the Working Capital Fund totalled €542,118. The Working Capital Fund is primarily maintained to meet short-term liquidity problems and extraordinary expenses. The current level of the Working Capital Fund would be sufficient to cover approximately two and a half weeks of recurrent expenditure. The Tribunal is not seeking additional funding for the Working Capital Fund for the budget period 2025–2026.

109. In addition to the amount referred to above, in 2002 the twelfth Meeting of States Parties approved a contribution to the Working Capital Fund (case-related) of the Tribunal, specifically to be used to cover case-related expenses. Pursuant to the decision of the Meeting of States Parties, this amount may be used to provide the Tribunal with the necessary financial means to consider cases to the extent that the expenditure cannot be met from the case-related costs or from the transfer of funds between appropriation sections (SPLOS/89). This part of the Working Capital Fund (case-related) stood at €417,014 until June 2014.

110. In June 2014, the twenty-fourth Meeting of States Parties decided that an amount of €350,000 – part of the cash surplus for the financial period 2011–2012 – would be transferred, on an exceptional basis, to the Working Capital Fund (case-related), to cover the cost of considering cases which cannot be met from the funds allocated for case-related costs (SPLOS/275, para. 3). As a result, the Working Capital Fund (case-related) currently stands at €767,014, which would meet 85 per cent of the requirements for one urgent case. The Tribunal is not seeking additional funding for the Working Capital Fund (case-related) for the budget period 2025–2026.

## Annex I

## Budgets of the Tribunal for the periods 2019–2020 to 2025–2024

(Euros)

<i>Part/ section</i>	Object of expenditure	Approved budget 2019-2020	Performan ce 2019- 2020	Approved budget 2021-2022	Performance 2021-2022	Approved budget 2023-2024	Supplementary budget 2023-2024 <sup>d</sup>	Proposed budget 2025-2026	Biennial decrease/ increase <sup>e</sup> fn
<b>A</b>	<b>Recurrent expenditure</b>								
<b>1</b>	<b>Judges</b>	<b>4 449 900</b>	<b>4 559 844</b>	<b>4 812 200</b>	<b>4 680 249</b>	<b>5 148 100</b>		<b>6 186 400</b>	<b>1 038 300</b>
1.1	Annual allowances	3 133 400	3 400 833	3 497 000	3 544 222	3 670 400		4 559 000	888 600
1.2	Special allowances	833 600	773 815	934 600	883 944	972 000		1 078 000	106 000
1.3	Travel to sessions	298 800	229 534	298 800	239 752	298 800		336 000	37 200
1.4	Common costs	184 100	155 662	81 800	12 331	206 900		213 400	6 500
<b>2</b>	<b>Judges' pension scheme</b>	<b>1 625 900</b>	<b>1 555 243</b>	<b>1 969 200</b>	<b>4 004 421</b>	<b>2 544 500</b>		<b>2 617 800</b>	<b>73 300</b>
2.1	Pension in payment	1 540 300	1 555 243	1 375 200	4 004 421	2 036 400		2 533 600 <sup>b</sup>	497 200
2.2	Pension for retiring judges	85 600		594 000	0	508 100		84 200 <sup>c</sup>	-423 900
<b>3</b>	<b>Staff costs</b>	<b>7 707 300</b>	<b>7 575 625</b>	<b>8 748 600</b>	<b>8 732 225</b>	<b>8 870 200</b>		<b>9 968 800</b>	<b>1 098 600</b>
3.1	Established posts	6 290 200	5 100 979	7 529 400	5 786 591	7 588 000		8 378 700	790 700
3.2	Staff assessment/credit	-1 253 400		-1 529 200	0	-1 523 600		-1 536 400	-12 800
3.3	Reimbursement of national taxes	0		0	0	0		0	0
3.4	Common staff costs	2 270 200	2 085 864	2 270 200	2 599 519	2 316 200		2 641 300	325 100
3.5	Overtime	25 000	19 600	25 000	17 899	25 000		25 000	0
3.6	Temporary assistance for meetings	192 600	206 949	248 700	238 977	260 100		275 700	15 600
3.7	General temporary assistance	107 900	109 870	117 900	52 002	117 900		107 900	-10 000
3.8	Training	74 800	52 363	86 600	37 237	86 600		76 600	-10 000
<b>4</b>	<b>Representation allowance</b>	<b>12 400</b>	<b>12 668</b>	<b>13 400</b>	<b>13 629</b>	<b>13 900</b>		<b>14 200</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Official travel</b>	<b>185 000</b>	<b>90 735</b>	<b>185 000</b>	<b>82 588</b>	<b>185 000</b>		<b>175 000</b>	<b>-10 000</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>14 700</b>	<b>5 417</b>	<b>14 700</b>	<b>6 682</b>	<b>14 700</b>		<b>14 700</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Operating expenditure</b>	<b>3 202 000</b>	<b>3 127 420</b>	<b>3 405 700</b>	<b>3 276 058</b>	<b>3 760 900</b>		<b>4 244 700</b>	<b>483 800</b>
7.1	Maintenance of premises including security	2 454 100	2 441 098	2 644 700	2 537 137	2 869 600		3 347 300	477 700
7.2	Rental and maintenance of equipment	374 500	343 461	389 500	309 077	419 500		460 500 <sup>a</sup>	41 000



Part/ section	Object of expenditure	Approved budget 2019-2020	Performan ce 2019- 2020	Approved budget 2021-2022	Performance 2021-2022	Approved budget 2023-2024	Supplementary budget 2023-2024 <sup>d</sup>	Proposed budget 2025-2026	fn	Biennial decrease/ increase <sup>e</sup>
7.3	Communications	194 100	183 162	194 100	183 830	199 800		213 100 <sup>a</sup>		13 300
	Miscellaneous services and charges (including bank charges)	42 100	36 495	37 100	143 340	132 000		74 000		-58 000
7.4										
7.5	Supplies and materials	125 600	112 482	125 600	95 224	125 600		125 600		0
7.6	Special services (external audit)	11 600	10 722	14 700	7 450	14 400		24 200		9 800
<b>8</b>	<b>Library and related costs</b>	<b>336 400</b>	<b>335 040</b>	<b>348 000</b>	<b>338 827</b>	<b>354 300</b>		<b>368 000</b>		<b>13 700</b>
	Procurement of books and publications	256 300	255 311	266 000	257 424	266 000		266 000		0
8.1										
8.2	Start-up costs of library									
8.3	External printing and binding	80 100	79 729	82 000	81 403	88 300		102 000		13 700
<b>B</b>	<b>Non-recurrent expenditure</b>									
<b>9</b>	<b>Furniture and equipment</b>	<b>157 500</b>	<b>156 638</b>	<b>157 500</b>	<b>86 816</b>	<b>162 200</b>		<b>172 900</b>		<b>10 700</b>
9.1	Purchase of equipment	157 500	156 638	157 500	86 816	162 200		172 900 <sup>a</sup>		10 700
9.2	Purchase of special equipment									
<b>10</b>	<b>Alteration to premises</b>	–	–	–	–	–		–		–
<b>11</b>	<b>Implementation of IPSAS</b>	<b>140 000</b>	<b>84 537</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Case-related costs</b>									
<b>12</b>	<b>Judges</b>	<b>2 004 900</b>	<b>1 736 798</b>	<b>3 273 400</b>	<b>362 718</b>	<b>1 692 100</b>	<b>944 500</b>	<b>1 994 900</b>		<b>302 800</b>
12.1	Special allowances	1 509 600	1 330 848	2 523 400	241 758	1 259 500	846 400	1 425 900		166 400
12.2	Compensation to judges ad hoc	177 700	163 971	331 600	77 801	204 700	0	312 800		108 100
12.3	Travel to meetings, including judges ad hoc	317 600	241 979	418 400	43 159	227 900	98 100	256 200		28 300
<b>13</b>	<b>Staff costs</b>	<b>685 200</b>	<b>682 299</b>	<b>1 227 300</b>	<b>350 098</b>	<b>698 000</b>	<b>296 700</b>	<b>971 000</b>		<b>273 000</b>
13.1	Temporary assistance for meetings	651 300	659 403	1 177 300	344 334	668 000	285 500	931 000		263 000
13.2	Overtime	33 900	22 896	50 000	5 764	30 000	11 200	40 000		10 000
<b>D</b>	<b>Working Capital Fund</b>	–	–	–	–	–		–		–
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20 521 200</b>	<b>19 922 264</b>	<b>24 155 000</b>	<b>21 934 311</b>	<b>23 443 900</b>	<b>1 241 200</b>	<b>26 728 400</b>		<b>3 284 500</b>

Abbreviation: IPSAS, International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

<sup>a</sup> Adjusted by 6.38% for inflation, Federal Statistical Office Germany, average for the period between February 2022 and January 2024.

<sup>b</sup> Pension currently in payment.

<sup>c</sup> Pension for seven judges whose terms of office expires on 30 September 2026.

<sup>d</sup> SPLOS/33/13.

<sup>e</sup> Excluding the supplementary budget

Rate of exchange US\$ 1 = € 0,933 UN exchange rate for February 2024

## Annex II

### Staff of the Registry in the Professional and higher categories, 2025-2026

<i>Level</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>	<i>Standard costs in euros</i>	<i>Net standard costs in euros</i>	<i>Staff assessment in euros</i>
ASG	Registrar	1	228 700	188 100	40 600
D-2	Deputy Registrar	1	204 400	169 700	34 700
P-5	Head of Linguistic Services	1	166 500	140 500	26 000
P-5	Legal Officer/Head of Legal Office	1	166 500	140 500	26 000
P-4	Head of Budget and Finance	1	142 800	121 700	21 100
P-4	Head of Library and Archives	1	142 800	121 700	21 100
P-4	Head of Personnel and Building	1	142 800	121 700	21 100
P-4	Information Systems Officer	1	142 800	121 700	21 100
P-4	Legal Officer	2	285 500	243 400	42 100
P-4	Translator/Reviser (English)	1	142 800	121 700	21 100
P-4	Translator/Reviser (French) <sup>a</sup>	1	111 500	95 100	16 400
P-3	Legal Officer	1	116 800	100 800	16 000
P-3	Translator (French)	1	116 800	100 800	16 000
P-2	Building Facilities Management and Security Officer	1	90 900	79 100	11 800
P-2	Archivist	1	90 900	79 100	11 800
P-2	Associate Administrative Officer (Contributions/Budget)	1	90 900	79 100	11 800
P-2	Associate Legal Officer	1	90 900	79 100	11 800
P-2	Press Officer	1	90 900	79 100	11 800
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>2 565 200</b>	<b>2 182 900</b>	<b>382 300</b>
<b>Total for 2025 in euros (rounded)</b>			<b>2 616 500</b>	<b>2 226 600</b>	<b>389 900</b>
<b>Total for 2026 in euros (rounded)</b>			<b>2 668 800</b>	<b>2 271 100</b>	<b>397 700</b>
<b>Total for the biennium</b>				<b>4 497 700</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Proposed by the Tribunal, see paragraphs 27-29

*Abbreviation:* ASG, Assistant Secretary-General.

**Annex III****Staff of the Registry in the General Service, 2025–2026**

<i>Level</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>	<i>Standard costs in euros</i>	<i>Net standard costs in euros</i>	<i>Staff assessment in euros</i>
<b>Principal level</b>					
	Administrative Assistant (procurement)	1	89 700	67 400	22 300
	Building Coordinator	1	89 700	67 400	22 300
	Information Systems Assistant	1	89 700	67 400	22 300
	Linguistic Assistant/Judiciary Support	1	89 700	67 400	22 300
	Personal Assistant (President)	1	89 700	67 400	22 300
	Publications/Personal Assistant (Registrar)	1	89 700	67 400	22 300
<b>Other levels</b>					
	Administrative Assistant	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Administrative Assistant	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Administrative Assistant (contributions)	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Finance Assistant	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Finance Assistant (accounts payable)	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Legal Assistant	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Library Assistant	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Linguistic Assistant/Judiciary Support	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Personal Assistant (Deputy Registrar)	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Personnel Assistant	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Receptionist	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
	Security Officer/Driver	2	137 600	104 800	32 800
	Senior Security Officer/Building Superintendent	1	68 800	52 400	16 400
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>1 501 400</b>	<b>1 138 000</b>	<b>363 400</b>
<b>Total for 2025 in euros (rounded)</b>			<b>1 531 400</b>	<b>1 160 700</b>	<b>370 700</b>
<b>Total for 2026 in euros (rounded)</b>			<b>1 562 000</b>	<b>1 183 900</b>	<b>378 100</b>
<b>Total for the biennium</b>				<b>2 344 600</b>	

## Annex IV

### Comparison of post requirements

#### Posts approved for 2019–2020

<i>ASG</i>	<i>D-2</i>	<i>D-1</i>	<i>P-5</i>	<i>P-4</i>	<i>P-3</i>	<i>P-2/1</i>	<i>Total Professional and higher categories</i>	<i>General Service (Principal level)</i>	<i>General Service (Other level)</i>	<i>Total General Service</i>	<i>Grand total</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>

#### Posts approved for 2021–2022

<i>ASG</i>	<i>D-2</i>	<i>D-1</i>	<i>P-5</i>	<i>P-4</i>	<i>P-3</i>	<i>P-2/1</i>	<i>Total Professional and higher categories</i>	<i>General Service (Principal level)</i>	<i>General Service (Other level)</i>	<i>Total General Service</i>	<i>Grand total</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>

#### Posts approved for 2023–2024

<i>ASG</i>	<i>D-2</i>	<i>D-1</i>	<i>P-5</i>	<i>P-4</i>	<i>P-3</i>	<i>P-2/1</i>	<i>Total Professional and higher categories</i>	<i>General Service (Principal level)</i>	<i>General Service (Other level)</i>	<i>Total General Service</i>	<i>Grand total</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>

#### Posts proposed for 2025–2026

<i>ASG</i>	<i>D-2</i>	<i>D-1</i>	<i>P-5</i>	<i>P-4</i>	<i>P-3</i>	<i>P-2/1</i>	<i>Total Professional and higher categories</i>	<i>General Service (Principal level)</i>	<i>General Service (Other level)</i>	<i>Total General Service</i>	<i>Grand total</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39</b>

*Abbreviation:* ASG, Assistant Secretary-General.

## Annex V

## Remuneration of judges for judicial work not related to cases, 2025–2026

	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>2025 Euros, including post adjustment</i>	<i>2026 Euros, including post adjustment</i>	<i>2025–2026 Euros, including post adjustment</i>
1. Annual allowance	191,263 / 3 x 21 = 1 338 841	1 963 600	1 963 600	3 927 200
2. Special allowance (20 days, based on 220 working days per annum)	191,263 / 3 / 220 x 20 x 20 = 115 917	170 000	170 000	340 000
3. Subsistence allowance (28 days)	348 x 1.4 x 28 x 20 = 272 832	254 800	254 800	509 600
4. Special allowance for preparatory work, to be authorized by the President (10 days, based on 220 working days per annum)	191,263 / 3 / 220 x 10 x 20 + 15 = 62 305	91 400	91 400	182 800
5. Subsistence allowance for preparatory work, to be authorized by the President (5 days for 10 judges)	348 x 1.4 x 5 x 10 = 24 360	22 800	22 800	45 600
6. President's annual allowance	191 263	280 500	280 500	561 000
7. President's special allowance	25 000	23 300	23 300	46 600
8. Vice-President's special allowance				
14 days of subsistence allowance	14 x 348 x 1.4 = 6 821	6 400	6 400	12 800
10 days of special allowance	10 x ((191,263 / 3 / 220) + 15) = 4 458	5 700	5 700	11 400
<b>Total</b>		<b>2 818 500</b>	<b>2 818 500</b>	<b>5 637 000</b>
<b>Total annual allowances (President and other judges), items 1 and 6–8</b>		<b>2 279 500</b>	<b>2 279 500</b>	<b>4 559 000</b>
<b>Total special allowances, including daily subsistence allowance (items 2–5)</b>		<b>539 000</b>	<b>539 000</b>	<b>1 078 000</b>

*Note:* The daily subsistence allowance is determined by the International Civil Service Commission.

Daily subsistence allowance rate in United States dollars: 348 (plus 40 per cent for judges).

Daily subsistence allowance rate in euros: 325 (plus 40 per cent for judges).

United Nations exchange rate for February 2024: \$1 = €0.933.

Post adjustment multiplier applicable to Hamburg, Germany, for February 2024: 57.2 per cent.

## Annex VI

### Judges' common costs in 2025–2026

	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>Euros</i>
<i>2025</i>		
1. President's common costs		
Home leave travel	10 450	9 750
Education grant	26 795	25 000
2. Insurance for work-related accidents	12 540	11 700
<b>Total</b>	<b>49 785</b>	<b>46 450</b>
<i>2026</i>		
1. President's common costs		
Settling-in grant		
Daily subsistence allowance portion	21 972	20 500
Lump sum portion	25 055	23 400
Relocation grant, incoming President	23 359	21 800
Repatriation grant	36 781	34 300
Relocation grant, outgoing President	23 359	21 800
Education grant	26 795	25 000
2. Removal costs of personal effects of seven judges whose mandate will expire in 2026, at €1,200 per judge	9 003	8 400
3. Insurance for work-related accidents	12 540	11 700
<b>Total</b>	<b>178 885</b>	<b>166 900</b>
<b>Total for the biennial budget</b>		<b>213 350</b>

*Note:* Daily subsistence allowance rate in United States dollars: 348 (plus 40 per cent for judges).

Daily subsistence allowance rate in euros: 325 (plus 40 per cent for judges).

United Nations exchange rate for February 2024: \$1 = €0.933.

## Annex VII

## Case-related costs for judicial work related to urgent proceedings, 2025–2026

<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>2025 (one case) Euros, including post adjustment</i>	<i>2026 (one case) Euros, including post adjustment</i>	<i>2025–2026 Euros, including post adjustment</i>	
<i>Judges</i>				
1. Special allowance (21 days, based on 220 working days per annum) <sup>a</sup>	191,263 / 3 / 220 x 21 x 20 = 121 713	178 500	178 500	357 000
2. Subsistence allowance (22 days) <sup>b</sup>	348 x 1.4 x 22 x 20 = 214 368	200 200	200 200	400 400
3. Special allowance for preparatory work, to be authorized by the President (18 days, based on 220 working days p. a.) <sup>c</sup>	191,263 / 3 / 220 x 18 x 20 = 104 325	153 000	153 000	306 000
4. Subsistence allowance for preparatory work, to be authorized by the President (4 days for 5 judges)	348 x 1.4 x 4 x 5 = 9 744	9 100	9 100	18 200
<b>Total allowances</b>		<b>540 800</b>	<b>540 800</b>	<b>1 081 600</b>
5. Compensation for two judges ad hoc				
Annual allowance	191,263 / 3 / 365 x 39 x 2 = 13 624	20 000	20 000	40 000
Special allowance	191,263 / 3 / 220 x 39 x 2 = 22 604	33 200	33 200	66 400
Subsistence allowance	348 x 1.4 x 21 x 2 = 20 462	19 100	19 100	38 200
<b>Total judges ad hoc</b>		<b>72 300</b>	<b>72 300</b>	<b>144 600</b>
6. Travel of judges (including two judges ad hoc)		92 400	92 400	184 800
<i>Staff costs</i>				
7. Temporary assistance for meetings		200 000	200 000	400 000
8. Overtime		10 000	10 000	20 000
<b>Total</b>		<b>915 500</b>	<b>915 500</b>	<b>1 831 000</b>

*Note:* The daily subsistence allowance is determined by the International Civil Service Commission.  
Daily subsistence allowance rate in United States dollars: 348 (plus 40 per cent for judges).  
Daily subsistence allowance rate in euros: 325 (plus 40 per cent for judges).  
United Nations exchange rate for February 2024: \$1 = €0.933.



Post adjustment multiplier applicable to Hamburg, Germany, for February 2024: 57.2 per cent.

<sup>a</sup> Three weeks based on seven days.

<sup>b</sup> Three weeks based on seven days plus travel days.

<sup>c</sup> Two and a half weeks based on seven days (based on ratio determined by the Meeting of States Parties).

## Annex VIII

## Case-related costs for judicial work related to Case No. 32, 2025–2026

		<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>Euros, including post adjustment</i>
<i>Judges</i>			
1.	Special allowance (52 days deliberations, based on 220 working days per annum) <sup>a</sup>	$191,263 / 3 / 220 \times 52 \times 3 = 45\,208$	66 300
2.	Subsistence allowance (74 days) <sup>b</sup>	$348 \times 1.4 \times 74 \times 3 = 108\,158$	101 000
3.	Special allowance (28 days drafting committee/3 judges, based on 220 working days per annum) <sup>a</sup>	$191,263 / 3 / 220 \times 28 \times 3 = 24\,343$	35 700
4.	Subsistence allowance (40 days, drafting committee/ 3 judges) <sup>b</sup>	$348 \times 1.4 \times 40 \times 3 = 58\,464$	54 600
5.	Special allowance for preparatory work, to be authorized by the President (34.67 days, based on 220 working days per annum)	$191,263 / 3 / 220 \times 34.67 \times 3 = 30\,141$	44 200
6.	Special allowance for preparatory work of the Drafting Committee, to be authorized by the President (28 days, based on 220 working days per annum)	$191,263 / 3 / 220 \times 28 \times 3 = 24\,343$	35 700
7.	Subsistence allowance for preparatory work, to be authorized by the President (5 days for 3 judges)	$348 \times 1.4 \times 5 \times 3 = 7\,308$	6 800
<b>Total allowances</b>			<b>344 300</b>
8.	Compensation for two judges ad hoc		
	Annual allowance	$191,263 / 3 / 365 \times (74+34.67) \times 2 = 38\,661$	56 700
	Special allowance	$191,263 / 3 / 220 \times 52 \times 2 = 30\,138$	44 200
	Subsistence allowance	$348 \times 1.4 \times 74 \times 2 = 72\,106$	67 300
<b>Total judges ad hoc</b>			<b>168 200</b>
9.	Travel of judges	76 527	71 400
<i>Staff costs</i>			
10.	Temporary assistance for meetings		531 000
11.	Overtime		20 000
<b>Total</b>			<b>1 134 900</b>

*Note:* The daily subsistence allowance is determined by the International Civil Service Commission.

Daily subsistence allowance rate in United States dollars: 348 (plus 40 per cent for judges).

Daily subsistence allowance rate in euros: 325 (plus 40 per cent for judges).

United Nations exchange rate for February 2024: \$1 = €0.933.

Post adjustment multiplier applicable to Hamburg, Germany, for February 2024: 57.2 per cent.

<sup>a</sup> Based on five days per week.

<sup>b</sup> Based on seven days per week.

## Annex IX

### Judges' pension scheme, 2025–2026

	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>Euros</i>
<i>2025</i>		
Pension for 16 retired judges and eleven surviving spouses	1 357 800	1 266 800
Pension for seven judges <sup>a</sup>	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 357 800</b>	<b>1 266 800</b>
<i>2026</i>		
Pension for 16 retired judges and eleven surviving spouses	1 357 800	1 266 800
Pension for seven judges <sup>a</sup>	90 300	84 200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 448 100</b>	<b>1 351 000</b>
<b>Total for the biennial budget</b>	<b>2 805 900</b>	<b>2 617 800</b>

*Note:* United Nations exchange rate for February 2024: \$1 = €0.933.

<sup>a</sup> The actual number of retiring judges can be determined only after the election during the Meeting of States Parties to be held in June 2026.

**Annex X****Common staff costs 2025–2026**

(Euros)

*Estimate for common staff costs (based on actual costs and estimated requirements)*

Contributions to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund <sup>a</sup>	813 800
Dependency allowance <sup>a</sup>	126 600
Education grant <sup>a</sup>	39 800
Home leave <sup>a</sup>	9 900
Language allowance <sup>a</sup>	17 863
Work-related accidents insurance <sup>a</sup>	27 900
Medical insurance <sup>a</sup>	117 100
After-service health insurance <sup>a</sup>	21 900
Rental subsidy <sup>a</sup>	24 000
Provision for staff rotation <sup>a</sup>	
Professional and higher categories (4.5 per cent)	100 200
General Service (1.0 per cent)	11 600
Miscellaneous (ex gratia payments including cancellation of leave)	10 000
<b>Total per annum in euros</b>	<b>1 320 663</b>

<sup>a</sup> Based on current staffing.

## Annex XI

### Maintenance of premises, 2025–2026

(Euros)

	<i>Budget 2023</i>	<i>Budget 2024</i>	<i>Budget 2025</i>	<i>Budget 2026</i>
<b>1. Facility management</b>	<b>568 600</b>	<b>583 800</b>	<b>668 400</b>	<b>721 300</b>
<b>2. Maintenance supplies</b>	<b>12 000</b>	<b>12 000</b>	<b>12 000</b>	<b>12 000</b>
Gas supplies	90 000	90 000	90 000	90 000
Power supplies	209 000	209 000	229 900	229 900
Water supplies	12 500	12 500	12 500	12 500
<b>3. Utilities (electricity, gas and water)</b>	<b>311 500</b>	<b>311 500</b>	<b>332 400</b>	<b>332 400</b>
Listed maintenance contracts	190 000	190 000	228 000	228 000
Examination	30 000	30 000	30 000	30 000
<b>4. Maintenance contracts and examinations</b>	<b>220 000</b>	<b>220 000</b>	<b>258 000</b>	<b>258 000</b>
<b>5. Contents and third-party liability insurance</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>25 000</b>
<b>6. Minor repairs of maximum of €1,000 each</b>	<b>50 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>
<b>7. Other repairs</b>	<b>15 000</b>	<b>15 000</b>	<b>15 000</b>	<b>15 000</b>
<b>8. Security services (24 hours)</b>	<b>223 300</b>	<b>226 900</b>	<b>286 400</b>	<b>286 400</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 425 400</b>	<b>1 444 200</b>	<b>1 647 200</b>	<b>1 700 100</b>
<b>Total for the biennial budget</b>		<b>2 869 600</b>		<b>3 347 300</b>