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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

In April 2022, the Secretary-General met with the President of the Russian Federation and with the President of Ukraine to discuss the mitigation of global food insecurity through the parallel implementation of two initiatives: one facilitating safe navigation for the export of grains and related foodstuffs and fertilizers, including ammonia, from Ukraine, and the second facilitating unimpeded access to the world market for food products and fertilizers originating from the Russian Federation. The Secretary-General also met with the President of Türkiye to discuss the impact of the armed conflict on global issues, including food security, energy and finance.

On 22 July 2022, two initiatives were signed: the memorandum of understanding between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat of the United Nations on promoting Russian food products and fertilizers to the world market, and the initiative on the safe transportation of grain and foodstuffs from Ukrainian ports between Türkiye, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, with the United Nations signing as a witness.

The present report is submitted to request General Assembly approval of additional resource requirements for 2022 in connection with the United Nations support for the operationalization of the two initiatives; the total estimated additional resource requirements for 2022 amount to \$3,524,600 (gross) and \$3,330,300 (net of staff assessment).

The General Assembly is also requested to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for 2022 in an amount not exceeding \$3,524,600, to take note that the use made of the commitment authority will be reported in the context of the financial performance report for 2022 and to take note that the Secretary-General intends to submit a revised estimates report for consideration by the General Assembly during the main part of the seventy-seventh session that would include the budgetary requirements for 2023 relating to United Nations activities to mitigate global food insecurity and its humanitarian impact.

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I. Overview

1. The present report relates to international cooperation in solving international problems of a humanitarian character which, as stated in Article 1 (3) of the Charter of the United Nations, is among the purposes of the Organization. It is also closely linked to General Assembly resolution [46/182](#), in which the Assembly affirmed the central and unique role of the United Nations in providing leadership and coordinating the efforts of the international community to support countries affected by humanitarian crises, and emphasized the leadership role of the Secretary-General and the Emergency Relief Coordinator in ensuring a rapid and coherent response to natural disasters and other emergencies.

2. The present report similarly relates to the call in General Assembly resolution [76/124](#) upon Member States, parties to armed conflict, the United Nations, humanitarian and development organizations and other relevant actors to urgently increase their measures to prevent famine and to reduce and address acute food insecurity. This was further reinforced in General Assembly resolution [76/264](#), in which the Assembly called upon the international community to urgently support countries affected by the food security crisis on the basis of unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation, and recognized the fundamental role of the United Nations system in catalysing and coordinating a comprehensive global response in that regard, under the leadership of the Secretary-General. In the same resolution, the Assembly called upon Member States and other relevant stakeholders to keep food and agriculture supply chains functioning.

3. The Russian Federation and Ukraine are among the most important producers of agricultural commodities in the world. Both countries are net exporters of agricultural products and are leading suppliers of foodstuffs and fertilizers to global markets. In 2021, either the Russian Federation or Ukraine, or both, ranked among the top three global exporters of wheat, barley, maize, rapeseed and rapeseed oil, and sunflower seed and sunflower oil. The Russian Federation also ranked as the world's top exporter of nitrogen fertilizers, the second leading supplier of potassic fertilizers and the third largest exporter of phosphorous fertilizers.

4. A large number of food- and fertilizer-importing countries, many of which fall into the groups of the least developed countries and the low-income food-deficit countries, rely on Russian and Ukrainian food supplies and fertilizers to meet their consumption needs. Many of those countries were already grappling with the negative effects of high international food and fertilizer prices prior to February 2022, owing in part to the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. These dynamics were compounded by the consequences of the armed conflict in Ukraine.

5. As measured by the food price index of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), international export quotations of basic foodstuffs saw almost uninterrupted increases from the second half of 2020 until March 2022, when they reached an all-time high. Global cereal and vegetable oil markets were among those most affected. FAO simulations from June 2022 indicated that alternative origins would be able to compensate only partially for a sudden and steep reduction in grain exports by the Russian Federation and Ukraine, with a subsequent global supply gap further increasing international prices for food and feed by between 8 per cent and 22 per cent.

6. Similarly, fertilizer prices, as measured by the World Bank fertilizer index, continued to rise over the first half of 2022, with prices for some categories of fertilizer having already seen record increases between 2020 and the end of 2021.

7. The significant increase in food prices is affecting the most vulnerable populations in developing countries, exerting pressure on the poorest households that spend the highest share of their income on food. This results in hardship and hunger, and in reductions in their spending in education and health. The situation is of major concern, as social and political stability and increasing food prices are highly correlated.

8. Ensuring the availability of food supplies and fertilizers in import-dependent settings is crucial, including the release of existing food and fertilizer stocks. However, there will be no effective solution to the food crisis without reintegrating the food and fertilizer production of both the Russian Federation and Ukraine into world markets. Further, it was recognized that commercial operations had to be facilitated in order to scale up the operation so as to sufficiently strengthen supply and contain or reduce food prices.

9. In the furtherance of the humanitarian mission of the United Nations, in April 2022, the Secretary-General met with the President of the Russian Federation and with the President of Ukraine to discuss the mitigation of global food insecurity through the parallel implementation of two initiatives: one facilitating safe navigation for the export of grain and related foodstuffs and fertilizers, including ammonia, from the ports of Odesa, Chornomorsk and Yuzhne (“the Ukrainian ports”); and the second facilitating unimpeded access to the world market for food products and fertilizers originating from the Russian Federation. The Secretary-General also met with the President of Türkiye to discuss the impact of the armed conflict on global issues, including food security, energy and finance.

10. The Secretary-General established two United Nations task forces to negotiate this plan through a parallel, coherent and coordinated approach. The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) led the negotiations with the Russian Federation on facilitating unimpeded access to the world market of Russian food products and fertilizers, which are not subject to sanctions, and the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator led the negotiations on safe navigation for the export of grain and related foodstuffs and fertilizers, including ammonia, from the Ukrainian ports. The International Maritime Organization and the World Food Programme (WFP) also provided support for the initiatives.

11. The negotiations culminated in the signing on 22 July 2022 of a memorandum of understanding between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat of the United Nations on promoting Russian food products and fertilizers to the world market (referred to as the Trade Facilitation Initiative) and the initiative on the safe transportation of grain and foodstuffs from Ukrainian ports between Türkiye, the Russian Federation and Ukraine (also referred to as the Black Sea Grain Initiative), with the Secretary-General of the United Nations signing as a witness. A first vessel operating under the Black Sea Grain Initiative left port from Ukraine on 1 August 2022. Wheat prices fell by up to 6 to 8 per cent immediately following the signing of the agreements, and the Food and Agriculture Organization price index fell by 9 per cent in July – its biggest decline in one month since 2008.

12. The memorandum of understanding on trade facilitation will remain in effect for a period of three years. The Black Sea Grain Initiative will remain in effect for 120 days from the date of its signature by all parties, 22 July 2022. The agreement relating to the Black Sea Grain Initiative may be extended automatically for the same period, unless one of the parties notifies of its intent to terminate or modify the Initiative.

13. The present report contains the initial resource requirements relating to United Nations support for the Black Sea Grain Initiative and the Trade Facilitation Initiative.

To enable the urgent mobilization of United Nations support, voluntary contributions are being used as a temporary bridging mechanism, pending a decision by the General Assembly on the resource requirements proposed in the present report.

14. The total estimated resource requirements to cover the period from 22 July to 31 December 2022 would amount to \$3,524,600, including \$848,600 to support the Trade Facilitation Initiative, \$2,481,700 to support of the Black Sea Grain Initiative and \$194,300 to cover staff assessment requirements. The General Assembly is requested to approve the total estimated resource requirements and to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$3,524,600 to support the Initiatives and to take note that the Secretary-General will report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the financial performance report for the budget period 2022. The proposal is based on the assumption that the Black Sea Grain Initiative will be extended beyond the initial period of 120 days.

15. The Secretary-General plans to submit a revised estimates report on the proposed programme budget for 2023 that would include the budgetary requirements for 2023 regarding United Nations activities to mitigate global food insecurity and its humanitarian impact, to the General Assembly for its consideration during the main part of its seventy-seventh session.

II. The Trade Facilitation Initiative

A. Introduction

16. On 22 July 2022, the Secretary-General, as part of his efforts to address the recent increase in global food insecurity, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Russian Federation to facilitate the unimpeded access to the global markets of Russian food products and fertilizers, which are not subject to sanctions. This initiative, known as the Trade Facilitation Initiative, is aimed at bringing stability to global food markets by facilitating global access to agricultural products, including fertilizers and raw materials required to produce fertilizers. It is vital to help to reverse the turmoil in the global fertilizer market that is now threatening next season's crops, including rice, the most widely consumed staple in the world.

17. The Secretariat will oversee and coordinate the Trade Facilitation Initiative in its quest to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic and humanitarian character, pursuant to Article 1 of the Charter. UNCTAD will be the lead entity, acting in accordance with General Assembly resolution [1995 \(XIX\)](#), in which the Assembly set out the principal functions of UNCTAD, including to promote international trade, especially with a view to accelerating economic development, particularly trade between countries at different stages of development, to initiate action, where appropriate, in cooperation with the relevant organs of the United Nations for the negotiation and adoption of multilateral legal instruments in the field of trade, and to be available as a centre for harmonizing the trade and related development policies of Governments and regional economic groupings in pursuance of Article 1 of the Charter.

18. The Trade Facilitation Initiative is aimed at the following:

(a) Continuation of commercial supplies of food and fertilizers from the Russian Federation to the countries in need of such products;

(b) Continuation of efforts by the Secretariat to facilitate the transparent unimpeded access of food and fertilizers, including the raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), originating from the Russian Federation to the world market; under the Initiative, the Russian Federation will inform the

Secretariat of any potential or existing impediments to such access that may arise in the sectors of finance, insurance and logistics;

(c) Facilitation by the Russian Federation of the unimpeded export of food, sunflower oil and fertilizers from the Ukrainian ports.

19. To support the Trade Facilitation Initiative, UNCTAD will lead the endeavour to engage with relevant authorities and the private sector to effectively exempt food products and fertilizers, including raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), originating in the Russian Federation from measures imposed on the Russian Federation, based on the principle that those measures do not apply to food products and fertilizers. This would facilitate the unimpeded export of Russian food products and fertilizers, including raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), to the world market, taking into account critical global food security needs and the urgent requirements of the relevant food and fertilizer producers and traders in the Russian Federation.

20. One of the mechanisms for engagement will be bilateral and multilateral sectoral working groups involving relevant authorities such as national regulators (such as treasury departments, authorities dealing with sanctions) and sectoral ministries (such as ministries of agriculture, ministries of trade and industry, ministries of transport) but also key private sector actors, such as insurance associations and other relevant sectoral industry entities.

21. As provided for in the memorandum of understanding, the Trade Facilitation Initiative will remain in effect for a period of three years.

B. Relationship between the mandate and the programme budget for 2022

22. The activities undertaken by the United Nations as a participant in the Trade Facilitation Initiative relate to programme 10, Trade and development, of the programme plan and to section 12, Trade and development, of the programme budget for 2022 (see [A/76/6 \(Sect. 12\)](#)), which falls under the responsibility of UNCTAD.

C. Activities required to implement the Initiative

23. On behalf of the Secretariat, UNCTAD will undertake in-scope requests from the Russian Federation and provide technical guidance to the Russian Federation and to Russian companies relating to trade facilitation in the context of the memorandum of understanding.

24. UNCTAD has established a task team to support the Trade Facilitation Initiative. Its activities include the following:

(a) Establishment of channels for the mutual exchange of information between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat for the purposes of implementing the agreement and informing the Secretariat on any impediments to the access of food and fertilizers originating from the Russian Federation to global markets;

(b) Facilitation of and support for the efforts of bilateral and multilateral sectoral working groups involving relevant actors from the government and private sectors;

(c) On the basis of in-scope requests received from the Russian Federation, liaising with the private sector, including business associations, industry groups and companies, to address issues arising from non-sanctioned trade related to the memorandum of understanding between the Russian Federation and the United Nations.

D. Budgetary implications

25. The estimated additional resource requirements to support the Trade Facilitation Initiative for the period from 22 July to 31 December 2022 amount to \$848,600 (net of staff assessment) under section 12 and are summarized in table 1.

Table 1
Additional resource requirements for 2022 by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Resource requirements 2022</i>
Other staff costs	206.6
Consultants	312.0
Travel of staff	260.0
General operating expenses	70.0
Total	848.6

Table 2
Additional requirements for general temporary positions for 2022 by category and grade

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Details</i>
Required for 2022	3	1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 GS (OL)

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

26. The total estimated additional requirements for the Trade Facilitation Initiative include an amount of \$206,600 for salaries and common staff costs for the three positions that would form the UNCTAD task team (see table 2). The task team is led by a director at the D-2 level who is a staff member of WFP on non-reimbursable loan to UNCTAD until 31 December 2022. All general temporary positions will be based in Geneva. Further details on the organizational structure of the team and the functions related to the three positions are reflected in annex I, section A, and annex II to the present report.

27. The proposal includes an amount of \$642,000 falling under other non-post objects of expenditures as reflected below:

(a) Consultants: the estimated amount of \$312,000 would provide for consultants required to provide subject matter expertise on various questions that may be raised by the stakeholders, as explained in paragraph 24;

(b) Official travel: the estimated amount of \$260,000 would provide for daily subsistence allowances and travel costs;

(c) General operating expenses: the estimated amount of \$70,000 would provide for local transportation, communications and pouch services for shipment of equipment.

28. In addition, voluntary contributions in kind have been provided that include the post of Special Adviser (D-2) provided on a non-reimbursable basis by WFP for the period July to December 2022. Under the guidance of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, the Special Adviser leads the UNCTAD task team on the implementation of the memorandum of understanding with the Russian Federation, which includes

liaising with the Government of the Russian Federation and other Governments, as well as with other relevant authorities and representatives of the United Nations relevant to the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Initiative. The Special Adviser will conduct consultations with the Government of the Russian Federation to address in-scope requests aimed at facilitating the unimpeded export of fertilizers and food products from the Russian Federation to the world market, and oversee bilateral and multilateral sectoral working groups involving relevant actors from the government and private sectors.

III. The Black Sea Grain Initiative

A. Introduction

29. On 22 July 2022, the Black Sea Grain Initiative was signed by Türkiye, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. The Secretary-General signed the Initiative as a witness. The three parties to the Initiative recognized the role of the Secretary-General in securing the discussions for the Initiative and requested his further assistance in its implementation in the furtherance of the humanitarian mission of the United Nations and subject to its authorities and mandates.

30. As noted above, the Initiative is closely linked to the purposes described in the Charter of the United Nations, to the leadership roles of the Secretary-General and of the Emergency Relief Coordinator in ensuring a rapid and coherent response to natural disasters and other emergencies as set out in General Assembly resolution [46/182](#) and to more recent calls by the General Assembly to urgently increase measures to prevent famine and reduce and address acute food insecurity. It has been taken in recognition of the connection between global food security and the predictable supply of grain, other foodstuffs and fertilizers, including ammonia, exported through Ukrainian ports. It is based on agreements concluded by the parties to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, chapter XI-2, regulation 11, and on the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities, part B, paragraph 4.26.

31. The purpose of the Initiative is to establish a maritime humanitarian corridor to facilitate the safe navigation for the export of grain and related foodstuffs and fertilizers, including ammonia, from the Ukrainian ports of Odesa, Chornomorsk and Yuzhne. The Initiative will remain in effect for 120 days from 22 July 2022 and may be extended automatically for the same period, unless one of the parties notifies the others of its intent to modify or terminate it.

32. The Black Sea Grain Initiative provides for the establishment of a joint coordination centre set up in Istanbul, Türkiye, under the auspices of the United Nations that includes representatives of the three parties and the United Nations. The Joint Coordination Centre exercises general oversight and coordination of the Initiative. Its key tasks include: (a) the establishment of a maritime humanitarian corridor linking the three designated Ukrainian ports to global markets; (b) the development of standard operating procedures in that regard, including in relation to the inspection of incoming and outgoing vessels; and (c) the monitoring of movements of vessels through the maritime humanitarian corridor.

33. Inspections of incoming and outgoing vessels are conducted by inspection teams consisting of representatives of all parties and the United Nations. The purpose of inspections of incoming vessels is to confirm that holds are empty of cargo and that ships are not transporting unauthorized personnel. Inspections of outgoing vessels are to ensure that the only items being transported are those addressed in the Initiative, i.e., grain and related foodstuffs or fertilizers, including ammonia, and that no

unauthorized cargo or personnel are being transported. Inspections are carried out while vessels are at anchor in the Sea of Marmara, to the south-west of the entrance to the Bosphorus, near Istanbul. Standard operating procedures that have been developed since the signing of the Initiative provide for a secondary inspection site in the Black Sea, to the north-west of the Bosphorus.

34. While the overarching humanitarian objective is clear, it is recognized that United Nations support for the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative requires specialized capacities and expertise to be drawn from across the Organization, with a particular emphasis on maritime and political affairs. Similarly, it is recognized that the operation cannot scale up to address the crisis of global food insecurity without the involvement of the commercial sector in the movement of grain and related foodstuffs or fertilizers through the maritime humanitarian corridor.

35. The United Nations has continuously had to adapt its concept of operations to the evolving situation on the ground. Operational requirements continue to evolve as implementation of the Initiative progresses on the ground and arrangements are being made by the parties to the Initiative, including in relation to more detailed operating procedures developed through the Joint Coordination Centre on issues such as the location and nature of the work of inspection teams. It has been necessary to rapidly ramp up United Nations inspection capacities during the initial weeks of the operation in response to the increasing number of vessels entering and leaving the maritime humanitarian corridor as confidence in the Initiative across the shipping industry grew; by 31 August, the number of daily inspections had reached nine. It is expected that the Black Sea Grain Initiative, during the 120-day period of its validity, will result in the safe transportation of a significant volume of commercial grain and related foodstuffs or fertilizers, including ammonia, from the three Ukrainian ports on the Black Sea coast to the world market. It is also expected that the United Nations will need the ability to quickly adjust and adapt its support for implementation of the Initiative as operating procedures and the expectations of the parties are further refined and clarified.

B. Relationship between the mandate and the programme budget for 2022

36. The activities of the United Nations participation in the Joint Coordination Centre relate to programme 23, Humanitarian assistance, of the programme plan and to section 27, Humanitarian assistance, of the programme budget for 2022 (see [A/76/6 \(Sect. 27\)](#) and [A/76/6 \(Sect. 27\)/Corr.1](#)).

C. Activities required to implement the Initiative

37. The United Nations is planning, or already undertaking, the following activities as part of the assistance in the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative that the parties have requested from the Secretary-General: participation in the inspection teams checking incoming and outgoing vessels bound for or returning from the three ports on the Black Sea coast under the auspices of the Joint Coordination Centre; comprehensive secretariat assistance for the work of the coordination centre itself; high-level dialogue and engagement with the parties and a wide range of external actors and entities by the United Nations Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative; the establishment and maintenance of a watch room operating on a 24-hour basis; and support for various public information activities linked to United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Initiative.

D. Budgetary implications

38. The estimated additional resource requirements to support the Black Sea Grain Initiative from the signing of the agreement to 31 December 2022 would amount to \$2,481,700 (net of staff assessment) under section 27 and is summarized in table 3.

Table 3

Additional resource requirements for 2022 by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Resource requirements 22 July–21 November (120 days)</i>	<i>Resource requirements 22 November–31 December 2022 (39 days)</i>	<i>Total resource requirements 2022</i>
Other staff costs	786.9	269.2	1 056.1
Travel of staff	304.2	20.0	324.2
Contractual services	49.0	13.0	62.0
General operating expenses	39.3	12.0	51.3
Supplies and materials	8.1	–	8.1
Furniture and equipment	30.0	–	30.0
Grants and contributions	700.0	250.0	950.0
Total (net requirements)	1 917.5	564.2	2 481.7

Table 4

Additional requirements for general temporary positions for 2022 by category and grade

<i>Number</i>	<i>Details</i>
Required for 2022	28 1 ASG, 1 D-1, 4 P-5, 4 P-4, 8 P-3, 6 NO, 4 LL

Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; LL, Local level; NO, National Officer.

39. The estimated additional resource requirements for the Black Sea Grain Initiative include an amount of \$1,917,500 to cover the initial period of 120 days and \$564,200 to cover the remaining 39 days, assuming that the Initiative will be extended.

40. The proposal includes an amount of \$1,056,100 that would provide for salaries and common staff costs for 28 general temporary positions for the United Nations support team to the Joint Coordination Centre (see table 4). The resource estimate includes a 40 per cent vacancy rate that would account for the phased deployment of staff, including those that have been deployed as part of the surge capacity. The deployment of the 28 general temporary positions comprise 25 positions in Istanbul (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 4 P-5, 3 P-4, 8 P-3, 5 National Officers, 3 Local level), 1 P-4 at United Nations Headquarters, as well as 1 National Officer and 1 Local level in Ankara. Further details on the organizational structure of the United Nations participation in the Joint Coordination Centre, and the functions related to the 28 positions are reflected in Annex I, section B, and annex II to the present report.

41. The proposal includes an amount of \$1,425,600 falling under other non-post objects of expenditures as reflected below:

(a) Official travel: the estimated amount of \$324,200 would primarily provide for the tickets and daily subsistence allowances for staff deployed during the start-up phase (primarily in August and September) as part of the surge capacity. The

requirements include travel of the United Nations Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative to New York, Geneva, Moscow and Kyiv to attend meetings in support of the Initiative;

(b) Contractual services: the estimated amount of \$62,000 would provide for translation, printing and public information services/photography services;

(c) General operating expenses: the estimated amount of \$51,300 would provide for local transportation, including vehicle rental, communications equipment, pouch services for shipment of equipment and kits for ship inspectors (helmets, boots, life jackets);

(d) Supplies and materials: the estimated amount of \$8,100 would provide for office supplies and materials;

(e) Furniture and equipment: the estimated amount of \$30,000 would provide for office automation and communication equipment, and public information equipment;

(f) Grants and contributions: the estimated amount of \$950,000 would provide for inspection services by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to carry out joint inspections as part of the United Nations assistance for the Joint Coordination Centre, including the temporary services of a P-4 Inspections Coordinator/Supervisor.

42. In addition, voluntary contributions in kind have been provided, including office facilities made available to the Joint Coordination Centre by the Government of Türkiye, and the post of Senior Ports Liaison Officer (P-5) provided by WFP on a non-reimbursable basis. The Officer reports to the Head of Operations with a dotted reporting line to the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Kyiv. The Officer fulfils a liaison function with regard to the United Nations participation in the Initiative, as part of the secretariat assistance provided to the Joint Coordination Centre on the ground in the port of Odesa and the other designated Ukrainian ports, including through contact and coordination with Ukrainian port authorities, military forces and logistics companies, as well as with other United Nations entities in Ukraine.

IV. Summary of overall additional resource requirements for the two Initiatives

43. The budgetary implications for 2022 amount to \$3,524,600, as shown in table 5, including an additional amount of \$194,300 under section 36, Staff assessment.

Table 5

Estimated additional resource requirements for 2022 by budget section

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Estimated requirements 2022</i>
Section 12, Trade and development	848.6
Section 27, Humanitarian assistance	2 481.7
Section 36, Staff assessment	194.3
Total, including staff assessment	3 524.6

44. While the operational environment remains fluid and the use of the above-mentioned resources may be subject to adjustments, the Secretary-General seeks a

commitment authority from the General Assembly in an amount not exceeding \$3,524,600. Expenditure against the commitment authority will be reported in the context of the financial performance report for 2022, at which time the extent to which that expenditure can be accommodated within the existing appropriation of the respective budget sections or within the overall appropriation for 2022 will be determined.

V. Action requested of the General Assembly

45. The General Assembly is requested:

(a) To approve additional resource requirements in the amount of \$3,524,600 under the programme budget for 2022, under section 12, Trade and development (\$848,600); section 27, Humanitarian assistance (\$2,481,700); and section 36, Staff assessment (\$194,300) to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$194,300 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

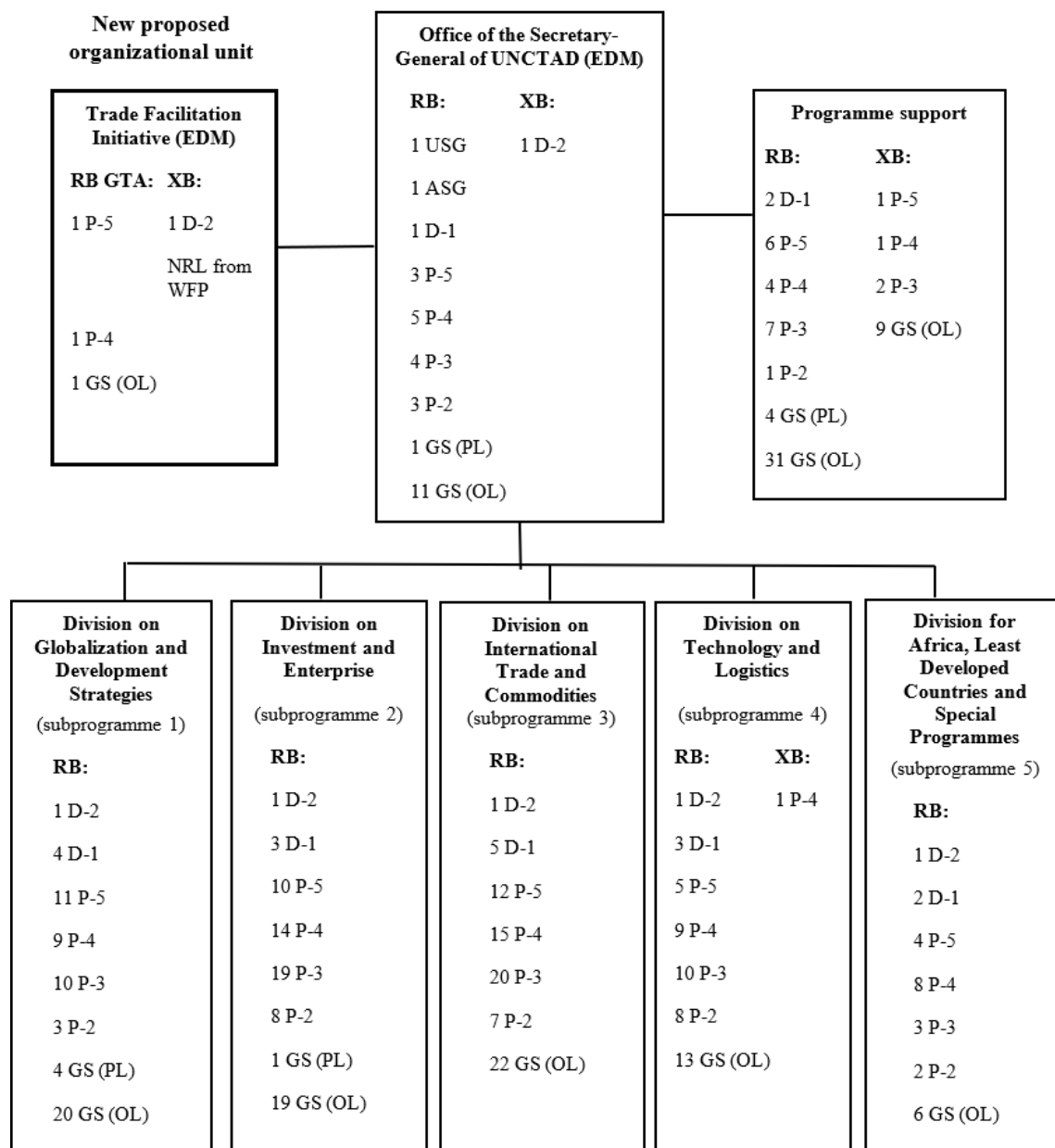
(b) To authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$3,524,600, as reflected in subparagraph (a);

(c) To take note that the use made of the commitment authority of \$3,524,600 for 2022 will be reported in the financial performance report for 2022;

(d) To take note that the Secretary-General intends to submit a revised estimates report for consideration by the General Assembly during the main part of the seventy-seventh session that would include the budgetary requirements for 2023 relating to United Nations activities to mitigate global food insecurity and its humanitarian impact.

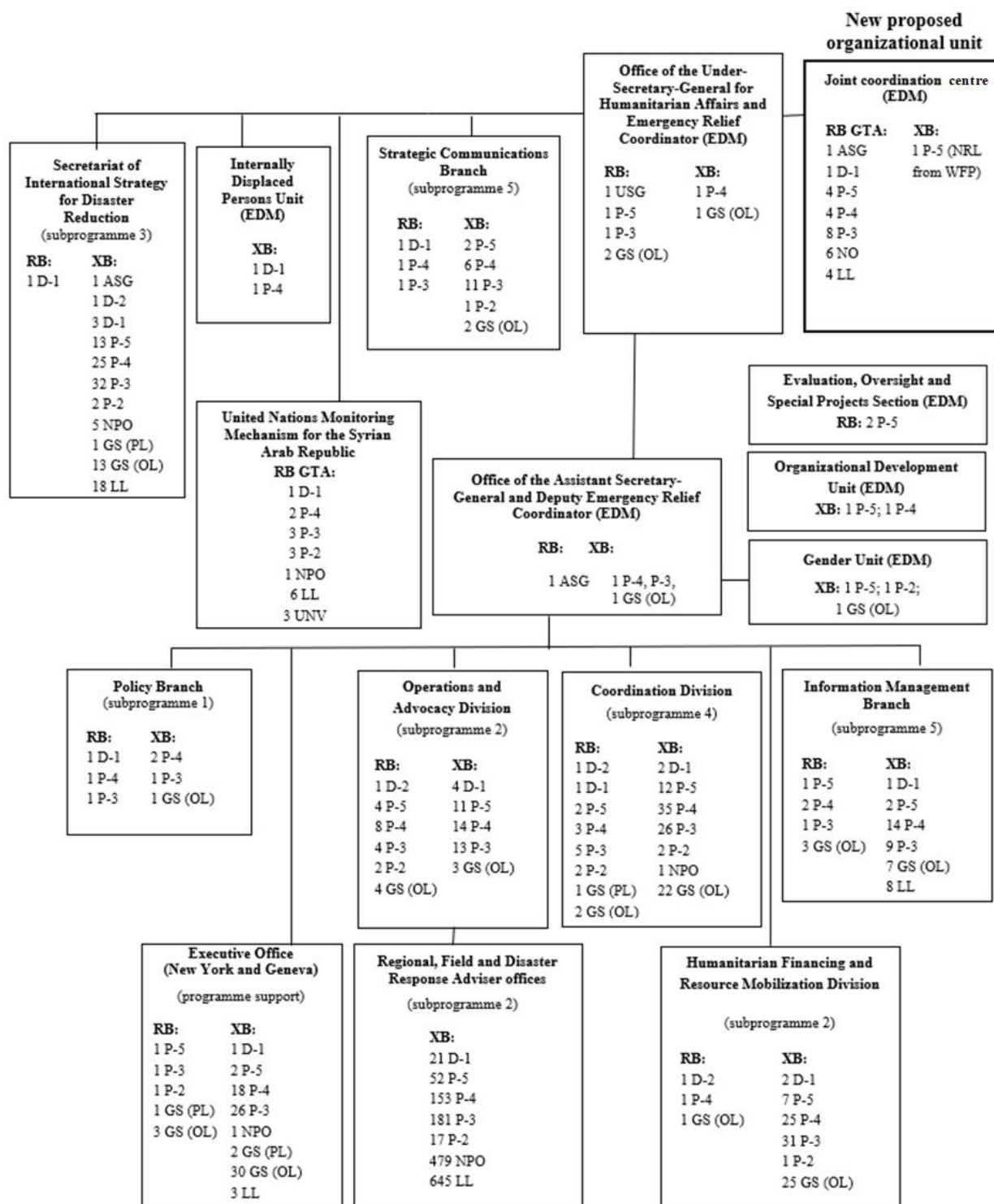
Annex I

A. Organizational structure and post distribution, including for the Trade Facilitation Initiative



Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; EDM, Executive Direction and Management; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); GTA, general temporary assistance; NRL, non-reimbursable loan; RB, regular budget; UNCTAD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; USG, Under-Secretary-General; WFP, World Food Programme; XB, extrabudgetary.

B. Organizational structure and post distribution, including for the Black Sea Grain Initiative



Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; EDM, Executive Direction and Management; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); GTA, general temporary assistance; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; NRL, non-reimbursable loan; RB, regular budget; UNV, United Nations Volunteers; USG, Under-Secretary-General; WFP, World Food Programme; XB, extrabudgetary.

Annex II

Summary of general temporary assistance positions by section for 2022

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Functional title</i>	<i>Justification including summary of functions</i>
Section 12, Trade and development				
UNCTAD task team	1	P-5	Senior Coordination Officer	Under the guidance of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Special Adviser, the incumbent would implement the activities related to the Trade Facilitation Initiative, including the coordination and facilitation of work of the bilateral and multilateral sectoral working groups; analyse incoming requests from the Russian Federation, including information on any impediments to the export of fertilizers and food from the Russian Federation to global markets; and oversee the work of consultants working on assignments related to the implementation of the Initiative.
	1	P-4	Economic Affairs Officer	Under the guidance of the senior officials of the team, the incumbent would analyse the impact and potential of the memorandum of understanding on the Trade Facilitation Initiative on major companies in relevant sectors, including agriculture, chemical (fertilizer), finance, insurance and shipping; liaise with the private sector – including business associations, industry groups and companies – to address issues arising from non-sanctioned trade related to the memorandum of understanding; and prepare notes and presentations on the impact and potential of the memorandum of understanding on commodity markets, in particular with regard to food, fertilizers and other essential commodity prices relevant for developing countries.
	1	GS (OL)	Programme Assistant	The incumbent would provide assistance in the planning and implementation of activities and processes related to the Trade Facilitation Initiative, and serve as the focal point for the coordination, monitoring and expeditious implementation of activities, which involves extensive liaison with diverse organizational units to initiate requests, obtain clearances, process and follow up on administrative actions and resolve any issues related to project implementation, such as recruitment of personnel, travel arrangements, disbursement of funds and procurement of equipment and services.
Total, section 12	3			
Section 27, Humanitarian assistance				
Office of the United Nations Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative	1	ASG	United Nations Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative	The incumbent would represent the Secretary-General on all matters relating to the United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, subject to United Nations authorities and mandates, and would report to the Chef de Cabinet through the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs. The incumbent would oversee and lead the participation of the

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Functional title</i>	<i>Justification including summary of functions</i>
Office of the Deputy Coordinator				United Nations in the Joint Coordination Centre, including broader United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, as well as strategy development and planning, and serve as the primary senior-level United Nations interlocutor with the parties to the Black Sea Grain Initiative and external stakeholders
	1	P-4	Political Affairs Officer	The incumbent would provide political advice to the United Nations Coordinator and support/facilitate coordination across the United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, including external engagements by the United Nations Coordinator with Member States and other interlocutors.
	1	P-3	Special Assistant	The incumbent would support the management of the schedule and travel of the United Nations Coordinator; support the preparations for meetings and engagements, including in coordination with other members of the Joint Coordination Centre team of the United Nations and other interlocutors in Türkiye, the region and elsewhere.
	1	LL	Driver	The incumbent would support the United Nations Coordinator and the Deputy United Nations Coordinator.
Office of the Deputy Coordinator	1	D-1	Deputy United Nations Coordinator/Chief of Staff	The incumbent would deputize for the United Nations Coordinator in relation to all of his/her representational functions; provide strategic oversight and management across key pillars of the United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative on behalf of the United Nations Coordinator, including operations, administration and communications, while ensuring coherence across those pillars; and maintain ongoing contact with the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and all other relevant entities at United Nations Headquarters on the required assistance in the implementation of the Initiative.
Secretariat to the Joint Coordination Centre	1	P-5	Senior Political Affairs Officer/ Head of Unit	As Head of the secretariat to the Joint Coordination Centre, the incumbent would serve as the primary political adviser to the United Nations Coordinator and the Deputy United Nations Coordinator on matters relating to the United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative; provide ongoing assistance to the parties to the Black Sea Grain Initiative and to the work of the Joint Coordination Centre specifically, including in relation to discussions and negotiations concerning maritime routes, security and all other matters linked to the safe and unhindered movement of commercial traffic through the agreed maritime humanitarian corridor; and oversee additional secretariat assistance in that regard.
	1	P-4	Political Affairs Officer	The incumbent would provide support with regard to all functions under the responsibility of the Senior Political Affairs Officer/Head of Unit within the purview of the secretariat to the Joint Coordination Centre.

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Media and Communications Unit	1	P-3	Political Affairs Officer	The incumbent would support all functions outlined above in relation to the Senior Political Affairs Officer with a focus on United Nations secretariat assistance for the work of the Joint Coordination Centre.
	1	P-5	Spokesperson	The incumbent would serve as the senior spokesperson for United Nations support for the Black Sea Grain Initiative, working in close coordination with the parties to the Initiative. The incumbent would lead United Nations communications planning and strategy development in all their aspects and the day-to-day engagement with the media on the United Nations assistance for the work of the Joint Coordination Centre and the movement of vessels under the Initiative; and manage a media relations and public information team.
	1	P-3	Public Information Officer	The incumbent would support the Spokesperson across all activities outlined above.
Reporting and Information Management Unit	1	NO	National Media Officer (Istanbul)	The incumbent would support the Spokesperson and Public Information Officer in all the aspects outlined above, with a particular emphasis on engagement with local media.
	1	P-4	Head of Reporting and Information Management	The incumbent would oversee the production of public and internal monitoring and reporting products, and ensure adherence to quality standards and timelines.
	1	P-3	Reports Officer	The incumbent would serve as the primary technical focal point for the production of internal and external reports on the work of the Joint Coordination Centre and the broader functioning of the Initiative.
Operations	1	NO	National Information Officer (Istanbul)	The incumbent would serve as primary technical focal point for the development of information management tools and products, including infographics, for publication.
	1	P-5	Head of Operations	The incumbent would provide technical oversight and leadership with regard to the operational aspects of the United Nations assistance for the work of the Joint Coordination Centre and in the broader implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, including by leading and managing the work of United Nations members of the inspection teams checking inbound and outbound vessels engaging with the Initiative, and United Nations support for the 24-hour watch room within the Joint Coordination Centre; oversee the development of guidelines and standard operating procedures relating to operational aspects of the United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative; serve as the primary senior technical focal point for maritime matters and for engagement in that regard with external entities, including the International Maritime Organization.
	3	P-3	Joint Operations Officer/Watchkeeper	The incumbents would maintain the 24-hour watch room within the Joint Coordination Centre, monitoring movements of vessels through the maritime humanitarian corridor and ensuring adherence to agreed procedures and protocols.

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Administration	2	NO	Information Analyst/ Watchkeeper	The incumbents would be part of the 24-hour watch room within the Joint Coordination Centre, monitoring movements of vessels through the maritime humanitarian corridor and ensuring adherence to agreed procedures and protocols.
	1	P-5	Senior Administrative Officer	The incumbent would manage all administrative aspects of the United Nations assistance for the Joint Coordination Centre – including the human resources, financial, procurement, communications and information technology aspects – and of the broader implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, within delegated authorities. The incumbent's functions would include the administrative oversight of secondment and recruitment of local and international personnel, the management of contracts and consultancies, the development of internal administrative procedures and processes, and the general financial oversight for the United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Initiative.
	1	P-3	Human Resources Officer	The incumbent would ensure the efficient and timely recruitment of international and national personnel, as well as human resources management across the United Nations assistance in the implementation of the Initiative
	2	NO	National Administration and Finance Officer	The incumbents would support the Senior Administrative Officer and the functions of the Unit referred to above. One position will be based in Istanbul and the other in Ankara to provide administrative and financial support across all aspects of the work of the United Nations participation in the Joint Coordination Centre. A team member based in Ankara would ensure links with the broader United Nations operations and systems, and engagement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government entities.
	1	LL	Operations Assistant (Istanbul)	The incumbents of the three Local level positions would provide administrative support for facilities and equipment maintenance; the review of contracts and memorandums of understanding; and the provision of information and communications technology support.
Headquarters support	1	LL	Information and Communications Technology Assistant	
	1	LL	Teams Assistant	
	1	P-4	Humanitarian Affairs Officer	The incumbent would support engagement and liaison between the Office of the Coordinator and Headquarters entities, including the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and other Secretariat offices and departments, in all matters relating to the Initiative.
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