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1. There are established as the principal organs of the United Nations: a General Assembly, a Security Council, an Economic and Social Council, a Trusteeship Council, an International Court of Justice, and a Secretariat.

2. Such subsidiary organs as may be found necessary may be established in accordance with the present Charter.

Introductory note

A. Principal organs

1. During the period under review, no question arose bearing on article 7(1).

B. Subsidiary organs

2. The practice regarding the establishment of subsidiary organs by the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council is examined in the present Supplement under Articles 22, 29, 68 and 90, respectively.

3. In the previous Supplement a reference was made to the establishment by the International Court of Justice of a Chamber for the purpose of dealing with a particular case. During the period under review, on three occasions, the Court established a Chamber for the purpose of dealing with a particular case, as provided for in Article 26, paragraph 2 of the Statute of the Court. By Orders of 3 April 1985, 2 March and 8 May 1987, the Court, at the request of the Parties, formed the Chambers to deal, respectively, with the cases concerning the Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/the Republic of Mali), Elettronica Sicula S.p.A. (ELSI) (United States of America v. Italy) and the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute (El Salvador/Honduras).

4. In the study of Article 7 of the Charter in Supplement No. 6, a reference was made to the establishment by the Secretary-General of various bodies. During the period under review, the Secretary General continued the practice of establishing such bodies found to be necessary to assist him in the performance of his functions under the Charter. In 1987, the Secretary-General established the Advisory Group on Financial Flows to Africa composed of high-level advisers from various regions charged with

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1 For the additional information regarding the practice of the establishment of subsidiary organs by the Security Council see Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, Supplement 1985-1988, under Article 29 of the Charter, pp. 69-80.


6 See Repertory, Supplement No. 6, vol. I, under Article 7, para. 3.

7 In cases where the Secretary-General set up such bodies, there was no implication as to whether these bodies did or did not fall under Article 7(2) of the Charter. See also Repertory, Supplement No. 6, vol. I, under Article 7, para. 3.
reporting to him on concrete ways to improve the financial situation of African
countries.8

report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, part IV, p. 5.