

Secretariat snapshots

Creating global synergies through local application: The status of the introduction of IMIS in the PTS

When the Administration Division began its search to modernize its financial software and to handle its new requirement – accounting for a split currency system – it sought to eliminate redundancies, implement efficiencies through the use of automation, and create synergies within the Secretariat. In deciding to use the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), an Enterprise Resource Planning software package (ERP) developed by the United Nations to manage its administrative operations, the Division exceeded its expectations. IMIS not only proves to be the best value for money, but the implementation effect has already created far-reaching synergies. Internally, it has brought

together staff from Personnel, Finance, Procurement and General Services Sections in the Administrative Division and from the International Data Centre.

Within the Vienna International Centre, through a Standing Agreement for System Maintenance, the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) has begun a productive collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Globally, it has already engaged colleagues from the United Nations Office at New York, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi. Thus, the implementation of the IMIS

has fostered cooperation and the exchange of ideas within the community of international organizations.

By January 2005, the PTS expects to implement the four basic building blocks of the system: Personnel, Entitlements, Payroll and Finance. With IMIS in place, the Administration Division will be able to reduce redundancies by decreasing the number of legacy systems on which it depends. Thanks to the UN investment in ERP Research and Development, the PTS will continue to derive long-term benefits as IMIS improvements are made, such as the soon-to-come migration to a web-based platform. ■

CTBTO exhibition on tour

A small, portable version of the CTBTO exhibition on the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the work of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission has been displayed at the Summit of the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Summit was held from 30 June to 8 July 2004.

The exhibition was also installed at a radionuclide workshop in Strassoldo, Italy, this August. In October, it was mounted at an Operations and Maintenance Workshop in Baden, Austria. Furthermore in October, it formed the backbone of an information stand on the CTBTO Preparatory Commission during the Open Day to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Vienna International Centre. Over 15 000 people attended the Open Day, providing a large audience for the CTBTO display.

The CTBTO exhibition was first displayed at the 2003 Conference on



CTBTO EXHIBITION IN STRASSOLDO, ITALY, AUGUST 2004

Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT. It is modular in design, allowing different elements of the

work of the Preparatory Commission to be highlighted as required. ■