

BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS

Resource Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 CR ⁽¹⁾	FY 2014 Request	Increase/Decrease From FY2012
Positions - Enduring	371	371	371	0
Enduring Funds	70,254	70,055	70,271	17

(1) The FY 2013 CR is based on the annualized continuing resolution calculation for FY 2013 (P.L. 112-175).

Program Description

The relevance of the Bureau of International Organizations Affairs (IO) to U.S. foreign policy has never been greater, and responds to the growing range of transnational challenges, the increasingly networked and interconnected world, and the President’s recognition that America’s national interests are best served by the broadest possible engagement with the international system. This relevance is underscored by the fact that IO’s work directly relates to five of the seven pillars of U.S. foreign policy. One of these pillars, “active reengagement with global institutions, and working to modernize those institutions to meet evolving challenges,” succinctly captures the IO Bureau’s purpose, while five other pillars correspond directly to IO’s priorities, goals, and direction:

- Reengaging global institutions and working to modernize them to meet evolving challenges;
- Upholding and defending the universal values that are enshrined in the United Nations (UN) Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- Deepening engagement with emerging centers of influence, encouraging greater responsibility in solving common problems, and constructive global and regional roles;
- Deepening relationships with the U.S.’s closest allies, who share common values and interests and seek to solve collective challenges with the U.S.; and,
- Renewing the commitment to be an active trans-Atlantic, trans-Pacific, and hemispheric leader, strengthening regional institutions and cooperation.

Similarly, the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR) recognizes the rapidly evolving nature of global foreign affairs, and the need for the Department to adjust and adapt to that evolution. The QDDR envisions a diverse and representative global architecture able to respond to the urgent needs of today, with the United States at its center. Realizing that vision will necessitate improved integration of bilateral, regional, and multilateral diplomacy, strengthened training for U.S. multilateral diplomats, and new capacity within IO to explore and capture new opportunities through regional organizations.

In the 2014-2016 period, IO and its Missions in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Rome, Paris, Nairobi, Montreal, and London will continue its implementation of that vision, including strengthened training opportunities and increasing interaction with regional organizations and ad hoc bodies such as the G-8 and G-20. In addition, IO will strengthen its public diplomacy and public affairs outreach in support of key multilateral priorities, with a particular focus on the expanding opportunities available through social and new media. That effort, in combination with renewed effort to apply targeted messages to audiences in key member states, will complement the traditional and ongoing suite of public diplomacy activities undertaken by IO and IO’s missions.

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Priorities

The largest actor within the international system remains the UN, and seven decades after the UN's creation, U.S. leadership there is crucial, effective, and unflagging. Every day across the UN system, the United States is a leading voice on a host of issues, including: nuclear proliferation, food security, human rights, terrorism, gender issues, transnational crime, health, development, democratization, refugees, manmade and natural disasters, and regional conflict.

In addition, seismic political transformations are taking place across the Middle East and North Africa, new centers of influence are emerging in places like Brazil, India, Indonesia, South Africa, and Turkey, and ongoing global economic tumult is straining systems, coalitions, and shared objectives. All the issues listed in the paragraphs above will remain priorities, urgent or otherwise, in the 2014-2016 period, with specific crises and even other important new issues undoubtedly to emerge without significant notice or warning.

In assessing its resource needs, IO has focused on five overarching priorities. First among these is the continuing emphasis on employing multilateral tools to advance international stability and human security. This includes resolve to strengthen UN peace operations and promote assertive Security Council action on armed conflict, sanctions, terrorism, and other urgent issues. Importantly, however, this goal also reflects a broadened view on security issues to include food security, global health, and the Administration's initiative on atrocity prevention and response.

Second among the bureau priorities is the continued emphasis on supporting successful political and economic transitions in frontline states. While those states will assuredly include Afghanistan and Iraq, the U.S. must also consider the dramatic political upheavals in the Middle East and North Africa, and ongoing violence against civilians in Sudan, and the need for effective UN peace operations and development tools to facilitate dialogue, reconciliation, reform, and recovery.

Human rights have been a focal point of the Administration's multilateral engagement strategy. Much of that focus has been applied to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) in order to redirect that body toward a more appropriate and productive path. With invigorated U.S. leadership, that effort has borne considerable fruit, with important Council action in recent years on human rights in Iran, Libya, Syria, Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, and elsewhere. In addition, the Council has broken important ground in defense of freedoms of speech and assembly, as well as the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons. The Bureau will continue its investment in strengthening the HRC, and will also reinforce its commitment to humanitarian response, gender issues, and democracy promotion.

The U.S. is a crucial supporter of the complex global systems upon which the world's interaction on a host of technical issues is dependent. These systems are not always recognized or appreciated by their beneficiaries, but every international phone call, every international flight or package delivery, and every global exchange of information over the Internet is made possible by agreement of the world community and facilitated by an international convention or organization. Effective management of these global systems advances American national interests and protects the nation's health. That management requires consistent and sustained U.S. leadership, including through its budgetary contributions.

Progress toward IO's priorities will be materially advanced by improved effectiveness, efficiency, evaluation, and diplomatic readiness. These needed improvements reflect the enduring determination to maximize the impact of U.S. tax dollars contributed to international organizations and find cost savings wherever possible.

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Justification of Request

The Department's FY 2014 Request of \$70.3 million for IO is an increase of \$17,000 over the FY 2012 Actual level. The request also includes a decrease of -\$238,000 as a partial offset of current services.

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	Positions					Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American				Pos	Bureau	American	Funds
	CS	FS Dom	Overseas	FSN	Total	Managed	Salaries	Total
FY 2012 Actual	227	69	75	8	379	24,690	45,564	70,254
FY 2013 Estimate	227	69	75	8	379	24,491	45,564	70,055
FY 2014 Built-in Changes								
Absorption of Domestic Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	(38)	0	(38)
Absorption of LES Step Increases	0	0	0	0	0	(399)	0	(399)
Absorption of LES Wage Increases	0	0	0	0	0	(571)	0	(571)
Absorption of Overseas Price Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	(228)	0	(228)
American COLA	0	0	0	0	0	32	439	471
Domestic Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	38
Locally Engaged Staff Wage Increases	0	0	0	0	0	554	0	554
Locally-Engaged Staff Step Increases	0	0	0	0	0	399	0	399
Overseas Price Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	228	0	228
Total Built-in Changes	0	0	0	0	0	15	439	454
FY 2014 Current Services	227	69	75	8	379	24,506	46,003	70,509
FY 2014 Program Changes								
Offsets to Current Services	0	0	0	0	0	(238)	0	(238)
Total Program Changes	0	0	0	0	0	(238)	0	(238)
FY 2014 Request	227	69	75	8	379	24,268	46,003	70,271

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Staff and Funds by Domestic Organization Units

(\$ in thousands)

Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO)	FY 2012			FY 2013			FY 2014			Increase/Decrease		
	Actual			CR			Request			From FY2012		
	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds
Assistant Secretary for International Organ. Affairs	163	0	26,208	163	0	26,154	163	0	26,280	0	0	72
U.S. Mission to the UN	133	0	19,344	133	0	19,293	133	0	19,361	0	0	17
Total	296	0	45,552	296	0	45,447	296	0	45,641	0	0	89

Staff and Funds by Post

(\$ in thousands)

Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO)	FY 2012			FY 2013			FY 2014			Increase/Decrease		
	Actual			CR			Request			From FY2012		
	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds
Austria, Vienna	16	2	4,896	16	2	4,876	16	2	4,877	0	0	(19)
Canada, Montreal	1	0	838	1	0	836	1	0	840	0	0	2
France, Paris	8	0	2,929	8	0	2,918	8	0	2,920	0	0	(9)
Italy, Rome	6	1	2,577	6	1	2,566	6	1	2,566	0	0	(11)
Kenya, Nairobi	1	0	400	1	0	398	1	0	398	0	0	(2)
Switzerland, Geneva	43	5	13,062	43	5	13,014	43	5	13,029	0	0	(33)
Total	75	8	24,702	75	8	24,608	75	8	24,630	0	0	(72)

Funds by Object Class

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Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO)	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 CR	FY 2014 Request	Increase/Decrease From FY2012
1100 Personnel Compensation	45,225	45,142	45,388	163
1200 Personnel Benefits	13,176	13,155	13,233	57
2100 Travel & Trans of Persons	1,290	1,280	1,268	(22)
2200 Transportation of Things	228	226	224	(4)
2300 Rents, Comm & Utilities	3,302	3,275	3,245	(57)
2400 Printing & Reproduction	513	509	504	(9)
2500 Other Services	5,011	4,971	4,926	(85)
2600 Supplies and Materials	1,384	1,373	1,360	(24)
3100 Personal Property	125	124	123	(2)
Total	70,254	70,055	70,271	17