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Melissa F. Wells, Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Administration and Management, elaborates on her department's efforts to streamline the United Nations Secretariat. A number of alleged fraud and embezzlement cases are under investigation by a newly appointed Investigator-General. The United Nations has introduced a new system of more effective accounting checks and balances as well as cost-effective measures to cut waste. The financial crisis the World Organization faces every year is due largely to budgetary processes in a number of major contributing member states. Mrs. Wells also favours a one-year contract for political appointees at high levels.

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