The Annual Statistical Report, covering procurement data of the United Nations system, is submitted by the Administrator for the information of the Executive Board. The report may be obtained in the language of submission (English only) from the Executive Board Secretariat.

The main purpose of the report is to provide details on procurement by country of supply to the United Nations system.

Total procurement by the United Nations system under all sources of funding during 1997 was $2.9 billion, and the share of procurement from developing countries was nearly 41 per cent, which shows a steady increase over the past few years. Under UNDP funding, the corresponding figure was 67 per cent.

For the first time, a separate chapter, covering the procurement profile of Development Assistance Committee member countries, has been added. In addition, a section covering major equipment (more than $30,000) and services procured by the United Nations system, including under national execution, has been included.