The European headquarters of the United Nations is in Geneva, where a sizable permanent secretariat is maintained. The four Regional Economic Commissions are located in Geneva (ECE), Addis Ababa (ECA), Santiago (ECLA) and Bangkok (ECAFE). The United Nations office in Beirut, established to serve as the headquarters of the UNRWA, also deals with the general needs of the Middle Eastern region. In addition, the United Nations maintained in 1964 information offices and centres in over 42 countries. Resident representatives are also located in most of the developing countries to co-ordinate assistance offered under the United Nations programmes of technical co-operation.

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