

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FINAL REPORT

TASK FORCE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE
ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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1. The mandate of the Task Force is set out in Annex A to Chapter I of the report. Essentially, the Task Force was required to make recommendations concerning the most appropriate financial management and control systems for the Department, including organizational and staff classifications, and the personnel selection and personnel evaluation. The Task Force was also required to take into account the relevant comments of the Auditor General in the report of his 1982 comprehensive audit.

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2. In Chapter II, the report sets out the information needs which were identified. In particular, the Task Force noted the Auditor's statement issued by the Department is at year-end for the Public Accounts. The financial information needs of the Department arise from the Department's financial reporting requirements of the Department's financial reporting system and the Department's financial reporting requirements of the Department's financial reporting system.

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- a) finds that, in some instances, the minimum information requirements set out in the IB Guide on Financial Administration and the Comptroller General's Guide on Systems Specifications are not being met in the Department;
- b) concludes that the information needs arising from the current responsibility center system are not adequately met, particularly in relation to commitment/de-commitment mechanisms, time and cost accounting, and information; and
- c) articulates the information needs which could be identified at the time of the report in relation to the DPF.

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4. In Chapter III, the report first sets out the major criteria by which the Department's financial management systems are assessed. This is followed by a review and a comparison of the financial systems currently serving the Department.