

It must be emphasized that regionalization does not effect the Head of Post's authority in managing the financial affairs of his Mission. Preparation of annual estimates, budget allocations and transfers, purchases of goods and services, commitment control, certification of accounts for payment and the personnel administration of his staff continue to be his responsibility. However, the system does require that the service centre be notified of these financial decisions in a prescribed manner.

Where the concept can be applied, there are obvious benefits in the form of pre-audit of accounts, centralized accounting and cheque issue, timely financial reporting and direct communication with a specialized financial officer and dedicated staff, who share a knowledge of regional customs and problems.

The next page identifies the segregation of functions.