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CITA would serve three client areas within the purview of United Nations operations in the following order of priority:

- *The Secretary-General:* To provide an independent and purpose-dedicated capability to support the operational requirements incurred by the Secretary-General in executing tasking by the Security Council, as well as actions (such as fact-finding missions) developed under his own authority.
- The United Nations system: To provide a specialized analytical capability to respond to requirements by other organizations and agencies of the UN system and to provide guidance and a co-ordinating function between them.
- *Member States:* To provide specialist assistance to Member States to the degree possible to permit them to participate in UN activities in the field of international security.