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1. Staff Rules 204.03, 206.02 and Appendix M are hereby amended to reflect the adoption of a new policy on staff performance management, which is implemented with immediate effect.
2. Following the promulgation by the International Civil Service Commission of the revised scales of pensionable remuneration, appendix C (200 series) has been amended to show the revised scale of pensionable remuneration for staff in the Professional and higher categories, effective 1 February 2023. The revised scale of pensionable remuneration has been implemented in the March 2023 payroll.
3. The text of the 200 series of the Staff Rules is hereby published in an updated edition in English containing all amendments that have been introduced to date



STAFF RULES

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APPLICABLE TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROJECT PERSONNEL

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Applicability and Definition

Rule 200.01

APPLICABILITY

(a) Staff rules 200.01 through 213.03 are applicable to all staff members appointed by the Director-General specifically for service with technical co-operation projects, hereinafter referred to as "project personnel", except that:

- (i) Project personnel appointed as country directors, interregional, regional and special technical advisers shall be subject to staff rule 104.08 on service and conduct reports and the related provisions of appendix M to the Staff Rules and staff rule 106.02 on conditions of salary increments. Interregional, regional and special technical advisers shall also be subject to staff rules 109.11 on excess baggage and unaccompanied shipments, 109.12 on removal costs and the related provisions of appendix H to the Staff Rules in lieu of staff rule 209.11 on excess baggage and unaccompanied shipments;
- (ii) Staff members appointed under staff rules 100.01 through 113.04 who are detailed to technical co-operation projects for service of less than twelve months shall be subject to rules 206.12 on daily subsistence allowance in addition to rules 100.01 through 113.04;
- (iii) Staff members appointed under staff rules 100.01 through 113.04 who are assigned to technical co-operation projects for service of twelve months or more shall be subject to rule 206.01 on salaries in addition to rules 100.01 through 113.04;
- (iv) Project personnel who are loaned to the Organization on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis and who are appointed as staff members shall be governed by these rules, subject to such modifications, restrictions and exclusions as may be made in their letters of appointment in accordance with the loan agreement;
- (v) Associate experts provided by Governments to serve with project personnel under bilateral agreements between the Organization and Governments shall be governed by these rules to the extent that they are made applicable by the terms of such agreements or the terms of their letters of appointment.

(b) Individuals who are recruited to serve with technical co-operation projects in the General Service category shall be appointed under staff rules 100.01 through 113.04.

(c) Individuals who are recruited for service with a Government under the technical co-operation programme for the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel (OPEX/OPAS) shall be governed by the terms of their contracts.

(d) Individuals who are engaged on special service agreements or through any other contractual arrangements for service with technical co-operation projects shall be governed by the terms of the relevant agreements or contracts.

Rule 200.02

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of the Staff Regulations and these rules:

(a) "Organization" shall mean the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

(b) "Director-General" shall mean the Director-General of the Organization or his or her authorized delegate.

(c) "Official duty station" shall be the place designated by the Director-General as the base of operations for the individual.

(d) "Mission area" shall normally be the country of assignment in which the official duty station is located; in special circumstances, the mission area may include two or more countries in the same geographic area.

(e) A "change of official duty station" takes place when an individual is transferred from one mission area to another or when there is a change in the individual's base of operations from one city to another within a mission area.

(f) (i) Except as provided in staff rule 206.12(d), project personnel appointed for less than one year shall be deemed to be in short-term status and project personnel appointed for one year or more or whose appointments of less than one year are extended so that the total contractual service is twelve months or more, but less than five years, shall be deemed to be in intermediate status;

(ii) Project personnel in intermediate status who complete five years of service or longer and have an appointment of at least one further year's duration shall be deemed to be in long-term status on the day following completion of five years' service.

(g) A "dependent spouse" shall be a spouse whose annual gross income, including pensions and other retirement-related income, if any, do not exceed the lowest entry level of the General Service gross salary scales at the spouse's place of work and in effect on 1 January of the year concerned, provided that the amount shall not at any duty station be less than the lowest entry level (G-2, step 1) at New York, the base city of the Professional salary system.

(h) A "dependent child" shall be any of the following children under the age of 18 years or, if the child is in full-time attendance at a school or university (or similar educational institution), under the age of 21 years, for whom the staff member provides main and continuing support, i.e. more than one half of the total support:

(i) The individual's natural or legally adopted child;

(ii) The individual's stepchild, if residing with the individual;

(iii) Where adoption is not possible, a child for whom the individual assumes legal responsibility as a member of the family.

If a child over the age of 18 years is physically or mentally incapacitated for substantial gainful employment, either permanently or for a period expected to be of long duration, the requirements as to age and school attendance shall be waived.

(i) A "secondary dependant" shall be the father, mother or a brother or sister for whom the individual provides one half or more of the total support and in any case at least twice the amount of the dependency allowance that may be payable, provided that the brother or sister meets the same age and school attendance requirements as for a dependent child.

(j) A "separation from service" shall take place when there is a resignation, an abandonment of post or a termination of the appointment by the Director-General. Separation from service shall also take place on expiration of a fixed-term appointment on the due date.

Chapter I - DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND PRIVILEGES

Rule 201.01

COMMUNICATION OF UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION

Project personnel shall exercise particular discretion in issuing statements to the press, radio or other media of public information, releasing any information for publication, or taking part in mass communication activities such as film, radio or television productions which are in any way related to their project activities or to the aims, activities or interests of the Organization.

Rule 201.02

ACCEPTANCE OF HONOUR OR GIFT FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES

Project personnel who are offered any honour or decoration by a Government or any honour, favour, gift or remuneration of a substantial value by any other public or private source external to the Organization shall report this fact to the Director-General who, on the basis of staff regulation 1.5, will decide in each case whether the offer may be accepted.

Rule 201.03

OATH OR DECLARATION

The oath or declaration administered under regulation 1.8 shall not prevent the close collaboration of project personnel with a Government pursuant to an agreement between that Government and the Organization.

Rule 201.04

PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

All rights, including title, copyright and patent rights, in any work performed by project personnel as part of their official duties shall be vested in the Organization.

Rule 201.05

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Project personnel may be required to reimburse the Organization either partially or in full for any financial loss suffered by the Organization as a result of their negligence or of their failure to observe any regulation, rule or administrative instruction, as determined by the Director-General.

Rule 201.06

OUTSIDE ACTIVITY AND INTEREST

(a) Project personnel shall not engage in any continuous or recurring outside occupation or employment without prior approval of the Director-General. Project personnel shall not engage in any outside activity that is incompatible with the proper discharge of their duties with the Organization, is incompatible with their employment status with UNIDO, or conflicts with the interests of the Organization or with their status as international civil servants. In case of doubt, staff should seek clarification from the office charged with that responsibility.

(b) No project personnel may be actively associated, directly or indirectly, with the management of any business or other concern, nor may he or she hold a financial or other personal interest in such a concern, if there is a possibility that the project personnel or the concern will benefit from such association or interest by reason of his or her official position with the Organization.

(c) Project personnel who has occasion to deal in his or her official capacity with any matter involving a business or other concern in which he or she holds a financial or other personal interest shall disclose the nature and scope of that interest to the Director-General, and, except as otherwise authorized by the Director-General, either dispose of that interest or formally excuse himself or herself from participating or being involved in such a matter.

(d) Project Personnel may be required, in the interests of the Organization, to periodically disclose to the Director-General the nature and scope of financial and other personal interests and assets in respect of themselves, their spouses and dependants, under the procedures established by the Director-General. Such disclosures are privileged and confidential documents and shall be subject only to such access and use as may be authorized by the Director-General

Chapter II - CLASSIFICATION OF POSTS

Rule 202.01

PROJECT PERSONNEL POSTS

Posts of project personnel shall be classified according to a grading structure with seven levels, corresponding to that for the Professional and higher categories. For administrative and budgetary purposes, levels 1 to 5 of project personnel posts shall be deemed to be equivalent to the P-1 to P-5 levels in the Professional category, level 6 equivalent to the D-1 or principal officer level and level 7 equivalent to the D-2 or director level.

Chapter III - APPOINTMENT

Rule 203.01

LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

The letter of appointment granted to project personnel shall contain expressly or by reference the terms and conditions of employment and shall be in the format set out in the annex to these Staff Rules.

Rule 203.02

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT

(a) On recruitment, project personnel shall be granted appointments for a fixed-term. Fixed-term appointments shall expire without notice on the date specified in the letters of appointment and do not carry any expectancy of renewal. They may be for service in one or more mission areas.

(b) Project personnel who are initially granted appointments for less than one year but whose appointments are subsequently extended so that the total continuous contractual service is one year or more but less than five years shall be considered to be in intermediate-term status with effect from the date from which their appointment is extended or converted to intermediate-term status.

(c) Project personnel in intermediate-term status who complete five years' continuous service and whose appointments are extended for at least one further year shall be considered to be in long-term status with effect from the date on which they complete five years' continuous service.

(d) An appointment granted to project personnel may be extended, allowed to expire or terminated in the interest of the programme activities of the Organization, and subject to the performance ratings outlined in the provisions of Staff Rule 204.03 and Appendix M to these Staff Rules as well as budgetary coverage.

Rule 203.03

EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT

The appointment of project personnel shall take effect from the date on which they enter into official travel status to assume their duties or, if no official travel is involved, from the date on which they enter upon their duties.

Rule 203.04

NOTIFICATION BY PROJECT PERSONNEL AND OBLIGATION TO SUPPLY INFORMATION

(a) On appointment, project personnel shall be responsible for supplying the Director-General with any information that may be required for the purpose of determining their status under these rules and for completing administrative arrangements in connection with their appointments. Specifically, this requirement shall include information on nationality, passport and visa, marital status, dependency status, their permanent address and, where different, their normal residential address at the time of appointment, information relevant to home leave, and

designation of beneficiary. They shall be responsible also for promptly notifying the Director-General, in writing, of any subsequent changes affecting their status under these rules.

(b) An individual who is arrested, charged with an offence other than a minor traffic violation or summoned before a court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, or convicted, fined or imprisoned for any offence other than a minor traffic violation shall immediately report the fact to the Director-General.

Rule 203.05

NATIONALITY

(a) In the application of these rules, the Organization shall not recognize more than one nationality for project personnel.

(b) When project personnel have been legally accorded nationality status by more than one State, the nationality for the purposes of the Staff Regulations and of these rules shall be the nationality of the State with which the individual is, in the opinion of the Director-General, most closely associated.

Rule 203.06

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

(a) Except where another person equally well qualified cannot be recruited, persons who bear any of the following relationships to each other shall not be appointed to posts in the same project: father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

(b) A husband and wife may be appointed to posts in the same project provided that both spouses are fully qualified for the posts and that one spouse is not given any preference by virtue of his or her relationship to the other.

(c) An individual who bears to another any of the relationships specified in (a) and (b) above:

- (i) Shall not be assigned to serve in a post which is superior or subordinate in the line of authority to the other; and
- (ii) Shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in the process of reaching or reviewing an administrative decision affecting the status or entitlements of the other.

(d) Where both husband and wife are employed by the Organization, their contractual status shall not be affected by their marriage, but their entitlements and other benefits shall be modified as provided in the relevant staff regulations and rules. However, if the spouses maintain separate households because they are assigned to different duty stations, the Director-General may decide to maintain such separate entitlements and benefits, provided that this is not inconsistent with the purpose for which the entitlement or benefit was created under the Staff Regulations and Rules. The same modifications shall apply in the case of an individual whose spouse is employed by another organization participating in the United Nations common system.

Rule 203.07

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

(a) Project personnel shall undergo a medical examination prior to appointment. The examination shall be made by a medical officer of the Organization or, if no such officer has been designated, by another qualified member of the medical profession. A report on the examination shall be submitted to and approved by the Medical Director of the Organization before the individual enters into official travel status and shall include an opinion on his or her fitness for living, working and travelling under the conditions in the country to which he or she is assigned for duty.

(b) Project personnel may be required to undergo periodic medical examinations. They shall undergo a medical examination on separation from service, and the report on this examination shall be submitted to the Medical Officer of the Organization for review.

Chapter IV – SERVICE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Rule 204.01

HOURS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS

(a) Work schedules and official holidays shall be determined by the senior officer in the field with due regard to local practices and the requirements of the project and in consultation with representatives of other international organizations in the area.

(b) The number of official holidays for any duty station shall not exceed ten days per year. When one of these official holidays falls on a non-working day, the following working day shall be observed as an official holiday in lieu thereof.

Rule 204.02

SERVICE AT DESIGNATED DUTY STATIONS

Project personnel serving at duty stations where conditions of life and work are determined to be very difficult by the International Civil Service Commission shall be accorded special consideration in terms of their entitlement to a mobility incentive under rule 206.14, hardship allowance and a non-family service allowance under rule 206.15, education grant travel under rule 206.16, home leave under rule 207.02, family visit travel under rule 209.03, and unaccompanied shipments under rule 209.11.

Rule 204.03

SERVICE AND CONDUCT REPORTS

The service and conduct of a staff member shall be subject of regular appraisals under the Staff Performance Appraisal System (PAS). Satisfactory service for the purposes of the PAS is defined as the achievement of overall performance ratings as described in Appendix M to the Staff Rules.. The staff member has the right of rebuttal in accordance with the provisions set forth in Appendix M to these Staff Rules.

Chapter V - STAFF RELATIONS

Rule 205.01

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE BODY

Project personnel shall be entitled to make proposals and representations to the Director-General for the purposes set forth in staff regulation 5.1 through the Staff Council established at Headquarters as the staff representative body under staff regulation 5.2.

Chapter VI - SALARIES AND RELATED ALLOWANCES

Rule 206.01

SALARIES

(a) Salaries of project personnel, except those loaned to the Organization on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis shall be as provided in staff regulation 6.4 and shown in schedule I of the Staff Regulations at the equivalent levels as defined in rule 202.01.

(b) Project personnel who are loaned to the Organization on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis and who are not paid a salary directly by the Organization may be paid a monthly honorarium, or appropriate subsistence allowances or such other benefits as may be prescribed in the loan agreement.

(c) Project personnel shall not be entitled to compensation for overtime work.

Rule 206.02

SALARY INCREMENTS

(a) Satisfactory service for the purpose of awarding a salary increment shall be defined, unless otherwise decided by the Director-General in any particular case as the achievement of overall performance ratings in band 4 and above as described in Appendix M to these Staff Rules, for the most recent completed performance cycle. To ensure that increments are considered following an up-to-date performance document, the same performance document should normally not be considered for more than one increment, unless the most recent performance period has been extended...

(b) Subject to satisfactory service, salary increments shall be awarded annually, except that any increments beyond step VII of grades L-1 to L-5, step IV of grade L-6 and step I of grade L-7 shall be preceded by two years at the previous step.

Rule 206.03

STAFF ASSESSMENT

(a) Salaries and emoluments of project personnel shall be subject to staff assessment under the conditions specified in staff regulation 6.8 and this rule.

(b) The "salaries and emoluments" subject to staff assessment shall comprise:

(i) Salary under rule 206.01;

(ii) Payment upon separation from service, including termination indemnity and repatriation grant;

(iii) Compensation equivalent to salary and allowances under rule 208.06.

(c) The rates of staff assessment for project personnel shall be those set forth in paragraph (i) of schedule II of the Staff Regulations.

Rule 206.04

POST ADJUSTMENT

(a) The post adjustment provided in staff regulation 6.2 shall be paid as an addition to the net base salary of project personnel at the rate of 1 per cent of that salary for every index point by which the multiplier index for the duty station concerned exceeds the base index. The post adjustment index and the corresponding multiplier for each duty station shall be as determined at regular intervals by the International Civil Service Commission.

(b) Post adjustments shall be applied in the case of project personnel assigned to a duty station for one year or more, or in accordance with rule 206.12(d) or (e). Except as provided in rule 206.12(d), post adjustments shall not be applied to the salaries of project personnel in short-term status.

(c) Where both husband and wife are employed by the Organization, post adjustment shall be paid to each according to his or her own net base salary.

(d) While the salaries of project personnel are normally subject to the post adjustment of their duty station during assignments of one year or more, alternative arrangements may be made by the Director-General to allow an individual who is reassigned to a duty station classified lower in the schedule of post adjustments than the duty station in which he or she has been serving to continue to receive for up to six months the post adjustment applicable to the former duty station while members of his or her immediate family (spouse and children) remain at that duty station.

Rule 206.05

RENTAL SUBSIDIES AND DEDUCTIONS

(a) At duty stations where project personnel have to pay rental cost for housing accommodation at substantially higher rates than the average rental cost used in the calculation of the post adjustment index for the duty station, they may be paid a supplement to the post adjustment in the form of a rental subsidy at rates and under conditions established by the International Civil Service Commission.

(b) At duty stations where project personnel are provided with housing by the Organization, by a Government or by a related institution either free of charge or at rents substantially lower than the average rental cost used in the calculation of the post adjustment index for the duty station, a deduction will be made from their monthly salaries at rates and under conditions established by the International Civil Service Commission.

Rule 206.06

PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION

(a) The pensionable remuneration of project personnel shall be in accordance with articles 1(q) and 54 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

(b) The scales of pensionable remuneration for project personnel for purposes of pension benefits and pension contributions are set out in appendix C (200 Series) to the Staff Rules.

Rule 206.07

CURRENCY OF SALARY PAYMENTS

- (a) The salary, allowances and separation payments due to project personnel under these rules shall be paid in the currency or currencies specified by the Director-General.
- (b) The salary and allowances may be paid in not more than two currencies.
- (c) The rates of exchange for the conversion of currencies shall be the United Nations accounting rates of exchange applicable at the date of payment.

Rule 206.08

SALARY ADVANCES

- (a) Salary advances may be made to project personnel, in the amounts specified, under the following circumstances:
 - (i) When they are initially appointed, in the amount of the salary due for their first month of service under rule 206.01 after deduction of staff assessment under rule 206.03;
 - (ii) When they are assigned to a new duty station, in such amount as, in the opinion of the Director-General, is appropriate;
 - (iii) Upon departure for extended official travel or for approved leave involving absence from duty for more than one month in the amount that would fall due for payment during the anticipated period of absence;
 - (iv) When, through no fault of their own, they do not receive their regular monthly payment, in the amount due;
 - (v) Upon separation from service pending final settlement of pay accounts and subject to the advance not exceeding 80 per cent of the estimated final net payment due.
- (b) Salary advances may be made to project personnel in appropriate amounts for other reasons when, in the opinion of the Director-General, there are exceptional and compelling reasons for making an advance. Requests for such advances shall be supported by a detailed justification in writing.
- (c) Outstanding salary advances made under (a)(i) or (ii) and (b) above shall be recovered from project personnel in installments determined by the Director-General in consecutive pay periods commencing not later than the period following that in which the advance is made.

Rule 206.09

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- (a) The following deductions shall be made from the total payments due to project personnel for each pay period:

- (i) Staff assessment, at the rates and subject to the conditions prescribed in staff regulation 6.8 and rule 206.03;
 - (ii) Contributions to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, if the individual is a participant under rule 208.01.
- (b) Deductions from salaries and other emoluments may also be made for:
- (i) Contributions to premiums of group medical and life insurance schemes for which provision is made under these rules;
 - (ii) Indebtedness to the Organization;
 - (iii) Lodging provided by the Organization, by a Government or by a related institution;
 - (iv) Staff Union dues at the request of the individual;
 - (v) Indebtedness to third parties when any deduction for this purpose is authorized by the Director-General.
- (c) Upon separation from service, a portion of the final payment due to an individual may be withheld pending the acceptance by the Organization of a final report or other product related to the individual's work assignment that may be required under the terms of his or her letter of appointment.

Rule 206.10

RETROACTIVENESS OF PAYMENTS

- (a) Project personnel who may not have been receiving any allowances, grants or other payments due under these rules shall not be entitled to receive such allowances, grants or other payments retroactively unless a written claim has been submitted within one year of the date on which the initial payment would otherwise have been due.
- (b) Any payment made by the Organization to which an individual is not entitled but which was received by the individual in good faith may not be recovered by the Organization after the lapse of two years following such overpayment, or one year following separation from his or her service, whichever is later.

Rule 206.11

DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCES

- (a) Project personnel in intermediate-term or in long-term status shall be entitled to receive dependency allowances at the rates and conditions set out in the Staff Regulations.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) above, the full amount of the dependency or single parent allowance in respect of a dependent child shall be payable, except where a direct governmental grant is made in respect of the same child. In such cases, the amount of the grant shall be deducted from the dependency or single parent allowance. The deduction shall be made regardless of whether the governmental grant is paid to the individual, his or her spouse or former spouse, or any other person with whom the child may reside.

(c) An allowance for a secondary dependant shall not be paid where a dependency benefit is paid in respect of a spouse. An individual may not concurrently receive more than one secondary dependant's allowance.

(d) An individual recognized as a single parent shall, under conditions established by the Director General, receive a single parent allowance in the amount of six per cent of net base salary plus post adjustment in respect of the first dependent child in lieu of a dependency allowance.

(e) If both husband and wife are employed by the Organization, one may claim dependency benefits in respect of a dependent child or children, in which case the other spouse may claim only the allowance in respect of a secondary dependant, if otherwise entitled.

(f) Payment of dependency or single parent allowance shall be made only in respect of the period during which the circumstances giving rise to the claim obtain.

(g) An individual claiming a child as dependent must certify that he or she provides main and continuing support. Such certification must be supported by documentary evidence satisfactory to the Director-General if the child:

- (i) Does not reside with the individual because of divorce or legal separation of the individual;
- (ii) Is married; or
- (iii) Is claimed as a dependant under rule 200.02(h)(iii).

(h) Project personnel shall be responsible for notifying the Director-General in writing of claims for dependency allowances and may be required to support such claims by documentary evidence satisfactory to the Director-General. A separate claim for dependency allowances shall be made each year. Project personnel shall be responsible for reporting to the Director-General any change in the status of a dependant affecting the payment of the allowance.

(i) Unless otherwise eligible for a single parent allowance, project personnel in receipt of the dependency rate of salary in respect of a first dependent child at the time of conversion to the unified salary scale structure shall be entitled to receive a transitional allowance of six per cent of net remuneration in respect of that dependent child as follows:

- (i) No child allowance should be paid concurrently in that case, except where the child qualifies for a special dependency allowance for a disabled child;
- (ii) The transitional allowance would be reduced by one percentage point of net remuneration every 12 months thereafter, until the amount of the transitional allowance is equal or less than the amount of the dependency allowance for a child, at which time the dependency allowance shall be payable in lieu;
- (iii) The transitional allowance shall be discontinued earlier if the first dependent child in respect of whom the transitional allowance is payable is no longer recognized as a dependent child.

Rule 206.12

DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

(a) Except for those who normally reside in the area of the official duty station, project personnel in short-term status shall receive, during the period of their service at the duty station, a subsistence allowance at such daily rates as are approved by the Director-General. An individual who at the time of recruitment has resided within commuting distance of the official duty station for a period of more than two years shall be considered as normally residing in the area of the duty station for the purposes of this rule and rule 206.13.

(b) The daily subsistence allowance shall be computed on the basis of the average cost for a reasonable standard of board and lodging plus an amount to cover incidental expenses such as service charges, gratuities and laundry. Its rate shall be based on costs in the capital city and the same rate shall apply throughout the country, provided that, where there exists a significant disparity in costs as between the capital city and other parts of the country, separate rates may be established for areas outside the capital city. The allowance shall be payable normally in the currency of the country of the duty station.

(c) The daily subsistence allowance may be fixed at a lower rate for the period of a stay in any one place within a country after sixty calendar days, consecutive or otherwise, at the full rate.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) above, the Director-General may decide, in the following circumstances, to pay project personnel in short-term status a settling-in grant under rule 206.13 and/or a mobility incentive under rule 206.14, hardship allowance and a non-family service allowance under rule 206.15, and the post adjustment under rule 206.04, in lieu of the daily subsistence allowance:

- (i) When project personnel are appointed for a period of six months or more, but less than one year;
- (ii) When an appointment of less than six months is extended so that the total contractual service is six months or more, but less than one year.

In such cases, the project personnel concerned shall be deemed to be in intermediate status with effect from the effective date of the Director-General's decision. The applicability of the rates of staff assessment under rule 206.03 and the eligibility for dependency allowances under rule 206.11 shall then be determined accordingly.

(e) When project personnel in intermediate-term or long-term status are assigned to a duty station for tours of duty of less than one year, the Director-General shall decide whether to pay a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of such a tour of duty or to pay a settling-in grant under rule 206.13, a mobility incentive under rule 206.14, hardship allowance and a non-family service allowance under rule 206.15 and the post adjustment under rule 206.04. If they are paid a daily subsistence allowance for the tour of duty and their assignment at the duty station is subsequently extended so that their total anticipated service will be one year or more at that duty station, the Director-General shall decide whether to continue to pay, for the balance of the tour of duty, the daily subsistence allowance or to pay a settling-in grant under rule 206.13, a mobility incentive under rule 206.14, hardship allowance and a non-family service allowance under rule 206.15 and the post adjustment under rule 206.04.

(f) Daily subsistence allowances under this rule shall continue to be paid during periods of authorized sick leave except that, if project personnel are hospitalized, only one-third of the relevant daily rate shall be paid.

(g) When lodging is provided by a Government or by the Organization free of charge, the standard rate of the daily subsistence allowance shall be reduced by 50 per cent. If meals are provided free of charge, the rate shall be reduced by 30 per cent. If both lodging and meals are

provided free of charge, the rate shall be reduced by 80 per cent. The reduction for free lodging shall apply irrespective of the type of lodging provided.

Rule 206.13

SETTLING-IN GRANT

Definition and computation of the grant

(a) On official travel upon appointment or reassignment to a duty station for a period of one year or more, project personnel shall be paid a settling-in grant. The settling-in grant is intended to provide such staff members with a reasonable amount of cash at the beginning of the assignment for costs incurred as a result of the appointment or assignment and is based on the assumption that the main expenses of installation are incurred at the outset of an assignment.

(b) The settling-in grant shall consist of two portions:

(i) The daily subsistence allowance portion, which shall be equivalent to:

- a. Thirty days of daily subsistence allowance at the daily rate applicable under subparagraph (c) (i) below; and
- b. Thirty days of daily subsistence allowance at half the daily rate in respect of each accompanying eligible family member for whom travel expenses have been paid by the Organization under staff rule 209.02.

(ii) The lump-sum portion, which is calculated on the basis of one month of the staff member's net base salary and, where appropriate, post adjustment at the duty station of assignment.

(c)

(i) The Director General may establish and publish special rates of daily subsistence allowance for the purposes of the settling-in grant for specific categories of staff at various duty stations. Where such special rates have not been established, the travel subsistence allowance rates under staff rule 209.10 shall be used in computing the settling-in grant;

(ii) Under conditions established by the Director General, the limit of 30 days provided in paragraph (b) above may be extended to a maximum of 90 days. The amount of the grant during the extended period shall be up to 60 per cent of the appropriate prevailing rate.

Eligibility

(d) Project personnel who travel at the Organization's expense to a duty station for an assignment expected to be for one year or more shall be paid a settling-in grant in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) above.

(e) If a change of official duty station or a new appointment involves a return to a place at which an individual was previously stationed, the full amount of the settling-in grant shall not be payable unless the individual has been absent from that place for at least one year. In the case of a shorter absence, the amount payable shall normally be that proportion of the full grant that the completed months of absence bear to one year.

Rule 206.14

MOBILITY INCENTIVE

(a) Project personnel may be paid a non-pensionable mobility incentive. The mobility incentive shall be discontinued after five continuous years of service at the same duty station.

(b) The mobility incentive shall take into account the length of project personnel continuous service in organizations participating in the United Nations common system of salaries and allowances, the number of duty stations at which he or she has previously served for a period of one year or longer, and the hardship classification of the new duty station to which the individual is assigned.

(c) The amount of the incentive, if any, and the terms and conditions under which it shall be paid are set forth in appendix N to the Staff Rules.

Rule 206.15

HARDSHIP ALLOWANCE AND NON-FAMILY SERVICE ALLOWANCE

Hardship allowance

(a) Project personnel who are appointed or reassigned to a new duty station may be paid a non-pensionable hardship allowance.

(b) The amount of the hardship allowance, if any, and the terms and conditions under which it shall be paid are set forth in appendix N to the Staff Rules.

Non-family service allowance

(c) When a duty station has been designated as non-family by the International Civil Service Commission, the presence of eligible dependants of project personnel shall not be authorized at the duty station, unless exceptionally approved by the Director-General.

(d) Project personnel who are appointed or reassigned to a non-family duty station may be paid a non-pensionable non-family service allowance. In no event shall the non-family service allowance be payable if the Director-General has exceptionally approved the presence of eligible dependants of project personnel at the duty station pursuant to paragraph (c) above.

(e) The amount of the non-family service allowance, if any, and the terms and conditions under which it shall be paid are set forth in appendix N to the Staff Rules.

Rule 206.16

EDUCATION GRANT

(a) Project personnel in intermediate-term or long-term status whose duty station is outside their home country shall be entitled to an education grant as provided in staff regulation 6.12 in respect of each child in full-time attendance at a school, university or other post-secondary educational institution. If such project personnel are re-assigned to a duty station within their home country, they may receive the education grant for the balance of a school year, not exceeding one full school year after their return from expatriate service.

(b) A special education grant for disabled children shall be available to project personnel in intermediate-term or long-term status, regardless of whether or not they are serving in their home country.

(c) The education grant and special education grant for disabled children as well as the related travel expenses shall be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in appendix E to the Staff Rules.

Chapter VII - ANNUAL AND SPECIAL LEAVE

Rule 207.01

ANNUAL LEAVE

(a) Project personnel who are granted appointments of six months or more, or who have completed six months' continuous service, shall be entitled to annual leave accruing while in full pay status at the rate of six weeks for each year of continuous service. Official holidays as under rule 204.01(b) shall be excluded for the purposes of computing annual leave.

(b) Project personnel are encouraged to make use of their annual leave entitlements. Annual leave may be taken in units of days or half-days. All arrangements as to leave shall be subject to the exigencies of the service. Leave may be taken only when authorized, but the personal circumstances and preferences of the individual shall, as far as possible, be considered. Project personnel shall be required to submit a monthly report of leave so taken; a "NIL" report shall be submitted where no leave has been taken during the month.

(c) Project personnel in continuous service may carry over up to six weeks of annual leave from the first year to the second counted as of the anniversary date of their initial appointment; a maximum of nine weeks accrued annual leave may be carried over from the second to the third year of service; thereafter, a maximum of twelve weeks of accrued annual leave may be carried over from one year to the next.

(d) Any absences from duty not specifically covered by other provisions of these rules, including absences on local holidays in excess of the nine official holidays established under rule 204.01(b), shall be charged to accrued annual leave; in default of sufficient accrued annual leave, the absences shall be considered as unauthorized, and salary and allowances shall not be paid for periods of such absences.

(e) In exceptional circumstances, and subject to the provisions of rule 210.07, the Director-General may authorize advance annual leave up to a maximum of two weeks for an individual, provided that his or her service is expected to continue for a period beyond the date necessary for accrual of that amount of leave.

Rule 207.02

HOME LEAVE

(a) Project personnel in intermediate-term or long-term status who are serving outside their home country and their recognized dependants who are in the mission area shall be entitled to visit the home country at the expense of the Organization once every two years in order to spend in that country a substantial period of annual leave. Allowable travel time shall not be charged to annual leave.

(b) Project personnel serving at duty stations designated by the International Civil Service Commission as D and E category and that do not fall under the rest and recuperation framework may be granted home leave once every 12 months.

(c) The terms and conditions for home leave and related travel are set forth in appendix F and appendix G to the Staff Rules.

Rule 207.03

SPECIAL LEAVE

(a) Project personnel may be granted special leave, with full or partial pay or without pay, in cases of extended illness, for child care or for other important or compassionate reasons for such period as, in the opinion of the Director-General, is appropriate.

(b) Project personnel shall not accrue service credit towards any entitlement under these rules during full months of special leave with partial pay or without pay. Periods of less than one full month of such leave shall not affect the ordinary rates of accrual of such entitlements.

(c) The continuity of service of project personnel shall not be considered broken by periods of special leave.

Chapter VIII - SOCIAL SECURITY

Rule 208.01

PARTICIPATION IN THE PENSION FUND

Project personnel whose appointments are for six months or longer or who complete six months of service under shorter appointments without an interruption of more than thirty days shall become participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, provided that participation is not excluded by their letters of appointment.

Rule 208.02

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

Cancelled

RULE 208.03

MEDICAL INSURANCE

(a) Project personnel shall participate in a medical insurance scheme provided by the Organization unless exemption from such participation is expressly stated in the letter of appointment. The Organization shall not be responsible for the medical care of project personnel who are exempted by their letter of appointment from the medical insurance scheme provided by the Organization except in accordance with the provisions of rule 208.06 on compensation for death, injury or illness attributable to service.

(b) Project personnel appointed for a period of one month or more and participating in a medical insurance scheme provided by the Organization may enroll their spouses and dependent children in the scheme.

(c) The Organization will not assume responsibility for medical expenses incurred by project personnel following their separation from service except in accordance with the provisions of rule 208.06 on compensation for death, injury or illness attributable to service.

Rule 208.04

SICK LEAVE

(a) Project personnel who are unable to perform their duties by reason of illness or injury, or whose attendance at work is prevented by public health requirements, may be granted sick leave in accordance with the following provisions:

- (i) Project personnel in short-term status may be granted sick leave on full salary at the rate of two days per month of service;
- (ii) Project personnel in intermediate-term status who have an appointment of less than three years or who have completed three years of continuous service may be granted sick leave of up to three months on full salary and up to three months on half salary in any period of twelve consecutive months, provided that the amount of sick leave permitted in any four consecutive years shall not

exceed eighteen months, nine months on full salary and nine months on half salary;

- (iii) Project personnel who have an appointment of three years or more or who have completed three years or more of continuous service may be granted sick leave of up to nine months on full salary and up to nine months on half salary in any period of four consecutive years;
- (iv) Project personnel shall submit a monthly report on any absences due to illness, injury or public health requirements. Where the absence is for five consecutive working days or longer, it shall be supported by a certificate from a duly recognized medical practitioner. The certificate shall indicate the nature of the illness or injury and shall state that the individual was unable to perform his or her duties during the period. Where the absence was due to public health requirements, the certificate shall indicate that public health restrictions prevented the individual's attendance at work.
- (v) Up to seven days of sick leave in any twelve months of consecutive service may be used to attend to family-related emergencies, i.e. sudden illness or injury of a family member (spouse, child, parent, brother or sister).

(b) Further sick leave may be refused or the unused portion withdrawn, if the Director-General is satisfied that the individual is able to return to duty, provided that, if the individual so requests, the matter shall be referred to an independent medical practitioner or a medical board acceptable to both the Director-General and the individual. In cases where sick leave has been refused, the absence from duty shall be deducted from annual leave or be charged as special leave without pay.

(c) An individual who, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of the Organization, is unfit for duty may be required at any time to submit a medical certificate as to his or her condition or to undergo examination by a medical practitioner named by the Director-General.

(d) Project personnel, while on sick leave, shall not leave the area of the duty station without prior approval of the Director-General.

(e) Entitlement to sick leave shall lapse on separation from service.

Rule 208.05

PARENTAL LEAVE

(a) Project personnel who give birth shall be granted a total period of paid parental leave of twenty-six (26) weeks in accordance with the following provisions:

- (i) The leave may commence six (6) weeks prior to the anticipated date of birth upon production of a certificate from a duly recognized medical practitioner indicating the anticipated date of birth and, in any event, must begin at least two (2) weeks prior to the expected date of delivery. The initial decision on the start date of parental leave (between six and two weeks prior to delivery) is left to the discretion of the birth parent.
- (ii) If the staff member so requests, work on half-time basis for the period between six weeks and two weeks prior to the expected delivery date may be permitted. During the period of half-time work, half-days will be charged to the parental leave entitlement so that every two days of half-time work will count as one full day of pre-delivery parental leave.

(iii) However, if it becomes apparent that the staff member is not fit to continue working, the matter will be referred to Medical Services with no delay. The staff member may be required to immediately commence pre-delivery parental leave on a full-time basis if it is determined that the staff member is not fit to continue work for pregnancy related reasons. If the staff member is not fit to continue work for reasons unrelated to her pregnancy, as determined and certified by Medical Services, the absence from work shall be charged to her sick leave entitlement until the scheduled start date of parental leave.

(iv) Post-delivery parental leave is a minimum of ten (10) weeks. The period will correspond to the difference between twenty-six weeks and the actual period of leave taken prior to delivery.

(v) Project personnel members will be granted the minimum of ten weeks of postdelivery leave when the delivery date is later than anticipated that results in a predelivery leave longer than six weeks.

(vi) In the unfortunate event that the child dies during or immediately after birth, the staff member is entitled to the full duration of parental leave to facilitate medical and emotional recovery.

(vii) Birth parents who will be assigned to a new position whilst on parental leave should not be expected to move duty station or assume any new role until at least four weeks after the expiry of their parental leave.

(b) Project personnel members who are non-birth parents shall be granted a total period of paid parental leave of sixteen (16) weeks in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The individual is a staff member at the time of adoption or birth.

(ii) The child meets the eligibility requirements to be recognized as a dependent child of the staff member, according to Staff Rule 106.15 (b).

(iii) The parental leave request is accompanied by supporting documentation, including:

a) Satisfactory documentary evidence of the birth of the child; and

b) In case of adoption, official documentary evidence that the child has been legally adopted.

c) In cases where the staff member is involved in a surrogacy arrangement, a parental order or other official documentation that transfers legal parenthood and parental responsibility over the child to the staff member.

(iv) Parental leave for non-birth parents may be taken at any time within one year from the birth or adoption. Parental leave is not mandatory for non-birth parents, thus staff members may choose to use it fully, partly, or not at all.

(v) In case of medical complications of the pregnancy, non-birth parents may take up to four weeks of parental leave prior to the expected delivery date of the child.

(vi) In the specific case of adoption, parental leave can be taken at any time within one year from the date the staff member becomes the child's legal parent. A portion of it can be used during the assessment period before adoption is formally approved, when required. Should the adoption process not be formalized, such period will be charged to the annual leave balance of the staff member.

(vii) Parental leave for non-birth parents may also be taken in units of half day and the staff member may combine part-time leave and part-time work.

(viii) In the unfortunate event that the child dies during or after birth, the staff member remains eligible for parental leave to be taken immediately after the death of the child to facilitate emotional recovery of the staff member and to enable the staff member to provide support to the spouse/partner.

(c) Sick leave shall not be granted for the duration of parental leave except where serious complications arise.

(d) If during the period of parental leave the staff member's appointment is due to expire, it shall be extended for a minimum period necessary to cover the full duration of parental leave. This is referred to as "administrative extension" of appointment. In this case, parental leave can only be taken in one continuous period and shall start immediately after the birth or adoption.

(e) Parental leave of non-birth parents is to be taken before the expiry date of a fixed-term appointment or immediately after the birth or adoption of the child should such event take place less than 10 weeks before the expiry date. In the latter case, the fixed-term appointment shall be extended to cover the duration of parental leave to which the staff member is entitled. In such cases, parental leave may not be taken in part-time form.

(f) Administrative extensions under paragraphs (d) and (e) above do not apply in the event that a staff member's appointment is otherwise subject to a regular extension under the present rules, or in the event of resignation or retirement, including early retirement.

(g) Service credits will continue to accrue during the period of parental leave on a monthly basis, such as towards sick leave, annual leave, home leave, termination indemnity and repatriation grant, where applicable, except during administrative extensions of appointments. In particular, annual leave will accrue during the period of parental leave, provided that the staff member returns to service for at least six months after the completion of parental leave.

(h) No appointment of a staff member shall be terminated during parental leave for any reasons other than serious misconduct.

(i) Nursing mothers of infants younger than two years of age shall be entitled to two hours of time off each day to nurse their infants during working hours.

Rule 208.06

COMPENSATION FOR DEATH, INJURY OR ILLNESS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE

Project personnel shall be entitled to compensation in the event of death, injury or illness attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, in accordance with the rules set forth in appendix D to the Staff Rules.

Rule 208.07

BENEFICIARIES

(a) At the time of appointment, project personnel shall nominate a beneficiary or beneficiaries in writing in a form prescribed by the Director-General. It shall be the responsibility of project personnel to notify the Director-General of any revocations or changes of beneficiaries.

(b) In the event of the death of the individual, all amounts standing to his or her credit will be paid to the nominated beneficiary or beneficiaries subject to application of the Staff Rules. Such payment shall afford the Organization a complete release from all further liability in respect of any sum so paid.

(c) If a nominated beneficiary does not survive or if a designation of beneficiary has not been made or has been revoked, the amount standing to the credit of the individual will upon his or her death be paid to his or her estate.

Rule 208.08

**COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL EFFECTS
ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE**

Project personnel shall be entitled, within the limits and under terms and conditions established by the Director-General, to reasonable compensation in the event of loss of, or damage to, their personal effects, determined to be directly attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, provided that reasonable precaution had been taken to safeguard the personal effects.

Chapter IX - TRAVEL AND REMOVAL EXPENSES

Rule 209.01

OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF PROJECT PERSONNEL

Subject to the conditions laid down in these rules and such others as may be prescribed by the Director-General from time to time, the travel expenses of project personnel shall be paid by the Organization under the following circumstances:

- (i) On initial appointment;
- (ii) When required to travel on official business;
- (iii) On change of official duty station, as defined in rule 200.02(e);
- (iv) On home leave, in accordance with the provisions of rule 207.02 and appendix F to the Staff Rules;
- (v) On family visit travel under rule 209.03
- (vi) On separation from service under rule 209.04;
- (vii) On travel authorized for medical or security reasons or in other appropriate cases, when, in the opinion of the Director-General, there are compelling reasons for paying such expenses.

Rule 209.02

OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF FAMILY MEMBERS

(a) Subject to the conditions laid down in these rules and such others as may be prescribed by the Director-General from time to time, the travel expenses of eligible family members of project personnel shall be paid by the Organization under the following circumstances:

- (i) On initial appointment of project personnel, in accordance with rule 209.05;
- (ii) On change of official duty station of project personnel, subject to the same conditions as provided in rule 209.05;
- (iii) On home leave in accordance with the provisions of rule 207.02 and appendix F to the Staff Rules;
- (iv) On journeys approved in connection with the education of children in accordance with the provisions of rule 206.16 and appendix E to the Staff Rules;
- (v) On separation from service of project personnel, if the family members had been residing in the mission area following travel at the expense of the Organization;

(vi) On travel authorized for medical or security reasons or in other appropriate cases, when, in the opinion of the Director-General, there are compelling reasons for paying such expenses;

(vii) For the spouse, in lieu of project personnel's family visit travel under rule 209.01(v).

(b) Eligible family members shall comprise a spouse and dependent children, as defined in rule 200.02(h). In addition, those children in respect of whom an education grant is payable, at primary or secondary level of education, even though they are no longer recognized as dependent under rule 200.02(h), shall be eligible for education grant travel under the terms and conditions set forth in Appendix E to the Staff Rules.

(c) Under subparagraph (a)(i) above, the Organization shall pay the travel expenses of eligible family members of project personnel either from the place of recruitment or from the place of home leave to the official duty station. Should an individual wish to bring any eligible family member to the duty station from any other place, the travel expenses borne by the Organization shall not exceed the maximum amount that would have been payable on the basis of travel from the place of recruitment or home leave.

(d) Under subparagraph (a)(v) above, the Organization shall pay the travel expenses of eligible family members from the official duty station to the place to which the individual is entitled to be returned in accordance with rule 209.04. Where both husband and wife are employed by the Organization and either or both are entitled to the payment of travel expenses on separation from service, travel expenses shall be paid for each only upon his or her own separation from service. If both spouses are entitled to return travel expenses, each of them shall have the choice either of exercising his or her own entitlement or of accompanying the other spouse, provided that in no case shall such expenses be paid for an individual while he or she remains in the service of the Organization.

Rule 209.03

FAMILY VISIT TRAVEL

(a) Project personnel in intermediate-term or long-term status who have family members in respect of whom a travel entitlement exists shall be entitled to travel to visit their family members at the expense of the Organization once every year in which their home leave does not fall due, provided that:

- (i) They have completed not less than twelve months' continuous service after appointment or not less than nine months since departure on their last home leave journey. In exceptional circumstances, the Director-General may either shorten or extend this period;
- (ii) They have not exercised the entitlement for the travel of any of their family members (except education grant travel) during the preceding twelve months;
- (iii) Their service at the duty station is expected to continue at least six months beyond the date of return to the duty station. In exceptional circumstances, the Director-General may either shorten or extend this period;
- (iv) They remain for at least two weeks with their family members;
- (v) The amount of travel time, the route and the mode of travel shall be determined by the Director-General. Except for allowable travel time, the leave involved will be charged to annual leave;

(vi) The travel expenses payable by the Organization shall not exceed the costs of travel to their place of recruitment or place of home leave, except where the authorized travel is to a former duty station.

(b) On return from such travel to the official duty station, the travel expenses of eligible family members shall normally not be paid by the Organization unless the individual is expected to continue in service for at least a further period of ten months, and the family members remain in the mission area for at least six months.

(c) Project personnel may be required to exercise entitlements to family visit travel in conjunction with travel on official business or change of duty station, due regard being paid to the interests of the individual and his or her family.

(d) The conditions set out in paragraph (a) of this rule shall apply to the travel of a spouse under rule 209.02(a)(vii) in lieu of project personnel's own family visit travel.

(e) The Director-General may establish special conditions for payment of these travel expenses in respect of eligible project personnel serving at duty stations designated by the International Civil Service Commission as having very difficult conditions of life and work.

Rule 209.04

TRAVEL ON SEPARATION FROM SERVICE

On separation from service, the travel expenses of project personnel shall be paid to the place from which they were recruited or to the place of home leave. Should project personnel wish to go to any other place, payment of travel expenses shall not exceed the maximum amount that would have been payable on the basis of direct return transportation to the place of recruitment or home leave.

Rule 209.05

INITIAL AND RETURN TRAVEL OF FAMILY MEMBERS

(a) Subject to the conditions laid down in these rules and others as may be prescribed by the Director-General from time to time, the Organization shall pay the initial and return travel expenses of eligible family members of project personnel in intermediate-term or long-term status to and from the duty station under the following circumstances:

- (i) The individual is (a) assigned to an official duty station for not less than one year; or (b) his or her assignment after a shorter period is extended so that the total period is not less than one year; or (c) following his or her own family visit travel under rule 209.03, the individual is to remain in service at the duty station for at least ten months from the date of his or her return there;
- (ii) The family members are expected to remain in the mission area for at least six months during the individual's service there, except for dependent children normally residing with the individual who intend to leave the mission area for the purpose of education;
- (iii) The Director-General has decided that there are no special circumstances or local conditions that preclude project personnel being accompanied by their family members; and

(iv) The individual assumes responsibility for the costs of living, accommodation and medical care for his or her family members.

(b) The Director-General may approve travel based on a shorter period than that specified in (a)(i) and (ii) above if, in the opinion of the Director-General, the circumstances warrant it.

Rule 209.06

AUTHORITY FOR TRAVEL

(a) The Organization will pay travel expenses only for travel which has been duly authorized and accomplished.

(b) Project personnel are responsible for ensuring that they have written authorization before commencing travel.

(c) In exceptional circumstances, project personnel may be authorized to travel on oral instructions, but such oral authorization shall require subsequent written confirmation.

Rule 209.07

ROUTE, MODE AND STANDARD OF TRANSPORTATION

(a) Official travel shall, in all instances, be by a route, mode and standard of transportation approved in advance by the Director-General.

(b) Travel shall be by the most direct and economical route and mode of transportation unless it is established to the satisfaction of the Director-General that the use of an alternate route or mode is in the best interests of the Organization.

(c) Travel expenses or other entitlements, including travel time, shall be limited to the amount allowable for a journey by the approved route, mode and standard. Project personnel who wish to make other arrangements for personal convenience must obtain advance approval to do so and pay all additional costs.

Rule 209.08

PROVISIONS GOVERNING OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Official travel of project personnel and their eligible family members shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions set out in appendix G to the Staff Rules.

Rule 209.09

TRAVEL EXPENSES

(a) Travel expenses which shall be paid or reimbursed by the Organization in respect of official travel shall include:

(i) Transportation expenses;

(ii) Terminal expenses;

(iii) Transit expenses;

(iv) Travel subsistence allowance;

(v) Justifiable additional expenses incurred during travel.

(b) The Director-General may establish special conditions for the payment or reimbursement of travel expenses in respect of home leave, family visit or repatriation.

(c) Project personnel shall exercise the same care in incurring expenses on behalf of the Organization as they would if travelling on personal business.

Rule 209.10

TRAVEL SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in appendix G to the Staff Rules, project personnel shall be paid, in respect of official travel undertaken by themselves or their eligible family members, an appropriate daily subsistence allowance in accordance with a schedule of rates established from time to time by the International Civil Service Commission.

(b) Travel subsistence allowance under (a) above shall not be paid in the case of project personnel in short-term status who are already in receipt of a daily subsistence allowance under rule 206.12(a). Such personnel when travelling on official business outside the mission area shall receive the daily subsistence allowance at the rate applicable to the area in which they are in travel status.

Rule 209.11

EXCESS BAGGAGE AND PARTIAL RELOCATION SHIPMENTS

(a) In conjunction with official travel undertaken by themselves or their eligible family members under these rules, project personnel shall be entitled to payment by the Organization of the following expenses for the transportation of their personal effects and household goods within the limits and under the conditions set forth in the relevant provisions of appendix H to the Staff Rules.

(i) Charges for excess baggage on travel by air economy class;

(ii) Costs for partial relocation shipment of personal effects on travel on home leave, family visit or education grant;

(iii) Costs for partial relocation shipment of personal effects and household goods on travel on initial appointment, change of duty station or separation from service;

(iv) Premiums for insurance coverage of personal effects and household goods shipped under (iii) above;

(v) In addition to the partial relocation shipment of personal effects and household goods under paragraph (iii) above, the cost of transporting a privately-owned automobile to a duty station may be partially reimbursed under conditions established by the Director-General, provided that the duty station to which the automobile is transported is one of the duty stations designated for that purpose and that the assignment of project personnel to the duty station is expected to be for a period of two years or more or that the initial assignment for a lesser period is extended so that the total period of assignment becomes two years or more.

(b) As an alternative to the shipment arrangements described in (a) (iii) above, on arrival at the duty station upon appointment or assignment for one year or longer, transfer or separation from service of a staff member appointed for one year or longer, a project personnel entitled to partial relocation shipments as per Staff Rule 209.11(a), may opt for a lump sum option in lieu of the partial relocation shipment entitlements, at rates and conditions set by the Director-General.

Rule 209.12

LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO TRAVEL EXPENSES AND PARTIAL RELOCATION SHIPMENT

(a) The Director-General may reject any claim for payment or reimbursement of expenses for travel or partial relocation shipment which are incurred by project personnel in contravention of any provisions of these rules or appendices G or H to the Staff Rules.

(b) Project personnel holding short-term appointments who resign before expiration of their appointment or project personnel holding intermediate-term appointments who resign before completing one year of service as well as project personnel who resign within six months following the date of return from home leave or family visit travel shall not be entitled to payment of expenses for return travel or partial relocation shipment on separation from service for themselves or their family members.

(c) Entitlement to expenses for return travel or partial relocation shipment shall cease if travel or shipment has not commenced within six months after the date of separation from service. However, where both husband and wife are employed by the Organization and the spouse who separates first is entitled to return travel or partial relocation shipment, his or her entitlement shall not cease until six months after the date of separation from service of the other spouse.

(d) When return travel is delayed by project personnel for personal convenience, any resulting cost of revalidating the return portion of tickets shall be borne by project personnel.

(e) The Director-General may authorize exceptions to (b) and (c) above if the Director-General is satisfied that there are compelling reasons for so doing.

Rule 209.13

TRANSPORTATION OF DECEASED PERSONS

Upon the death of project personnel or of an eligible family member, the Organization shall pay the expenses of transportation of the body from the official duty station or, in the event of death having occurred while in travel status, from the place of death, to a place to which the deceased was entitled to return transportation under rule 209.04 or 209.05. These expenses shall include reasonable costs for preparation of the body. If local interment is elected, reasonable expenses incurred for the interment may be reimbursed.

Chapter X - SEPARATION FROM SERVICE

Rule 210.01

RESIGNATION

(a) A resignation within the meaning of the Staff Regulations and these rules is a separation initiated by the individual.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in their letters of appointment, thirty days' written notice of resignation shall be given by project personnel having fixed-term appointments. The Director-General may, however, accept resignation on shorter notice.

(c) The Director-General may require the resignation to be submitted in person in order to be acceptable.

Rule 210.02

TERMINATION

(a) A termination within the meaning of the Staff Regulations and these rules is a separation initiated by the Director-General, other than retirement, summary dismissal for serious misconduct, or separation as a result of the expiration of a fixed-term appointment on the due date.

(b) A separation as a result of expiration of a fixed-term appointment shall take place automatically and without prior notice on the expiration date specified in the letter of appointment.

(c) The Director-General may, at any time, terminate the appointments of project personnel in accordance with the provisions of staff regulation 10.3.

Rule 210.03

NOTICE OF TERMINATION

(a) Project personnel whose appointments are to be terminated prior to the expiration date specified in the letter of appointment shall be given not less than 30 days written notice of termination or such notice as may be otherwise stipulated in their letters of appointment.

(b) In lieu of the notice period, the Director-General may authorize compensation calculated on the salary, with post adjustment, dependency benefits and repatriation grant which the individual would have received had the date of termination been at the end of the notice period.

Rule 210.04

TERMINATION INDEMNITY

(a) Project personnel whose appointments are terminated shall be paid termination indemnities in accordance with the provisions of staff regulation 10.6 and schedule III of the Staff Regulations.

(b) "Completed years of service" referred to in paragraph (a) of schedule III of the Staff Regulations shall be deemed to comprise the total period of the full-time continuous

service with the Organization, including any such service performed under a United Nations appointment immediately prior to 1 January 1986. Completed months of service shall be taken into account on a proportionate basis. Continuity of service shall not be considered as broken by periods of special leave without pay or with partial pay, but full months of any such periods exceeding one calendar month shall not be credited as service for indemnity purposes; periods of less than one calendar month shall not affect the ordinary rates of accrual.

(c) Payment of termination indemnity shall be calculated on the basis of the staff member's gross salary less staff assessment according to the schedule of rates set forth in paragraph (i) of schedule II of the Staff Regulations applied to the gross salary.

Rule 210.05

REPATRIATION GRANT

The repatriation grant payable to project personnel whom the Organization is obligated to repatriate under staff regulation 10.8 and schedule IV of the Staff Regulations shall be paid according to the provisions set forth in appendix I to the Staff Rules.

Rule 210.06

COMMUTATION OF ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE

If, upon separation from service, project personnel have accrued annual leave, they shall be paid in lieu thereof a sum of money in commutation of the period of such accrued leave up to a maximum of 45 days in the case of service of two years or less, or up to 60 days in the case of longer service. The payment shall be calculated on the basis of the individual's net base salary and post adjustment applicable to his or her last duty station before separation.

Rule 210.07

RESTITUTION OF ADVANCE ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE

Upon separation from service, project personnel who have taken advance annual leave or sick leave beyond the amount actually earned and accrued while in service shall be required to make restitution for such advance leave by means of a cash refund or an offset against monies due to the individual from the Organization. This requirement may be waived by the Director-General in exceptional or compelling circumstances.

Rule 210.08

LAST DAY FOR PAY PURPOSES

(a) When project personnel are separated from service, the date on which entitlement to salary, allowances and benefits shall cease shall be determined according to the following provisions:

- (i) Upon resignation, the date shall be the date of the expiration of the notice period under rule 210.01 or such other date as the Director-General accepts;
- (ii) Upon expiration of a fixed-term appointment, the date shall be the date specified in the letter of appointment;

- (iii) Upon termination, the date shall be the date provided in the notice of termination;
- (iv) In the case of summary dismissal, the date shall be the date of dismissal;
- (v) In the case of death, the date on which entitlement to salary allowances and benefits shall cease shall be the date of death, except in the case of project personnel who die in service while holding an appointment for at least one year or having completed at least one year's service and who are survived by a spouse or dependent child. In this event, the date shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Completed years of service (as defined in rule 210.04)	Months of extension beyond the date of death
3 years or less	3
4 years	4
5 years	5
6 years	6
7 years	7
8 years	8
9 years or more	9

Payment related to the period of extension beyond the date of death may be made in a lump sum as soon as the pay accounts and related matters can be closed. Such payment shall be made only to the surviving spouse and dependent children. The payment shall be calculated on the basis of the staff member's gross salary less staff assessment according to the schedule of rates set forth in paragraph (i) of schedule II of the Staff Regulations applied to the gross salary. All other entitlements and accrual of benefits shall cease as of the date of death.

(b) When project personnel are exercising an entitlement to return travel, the last day for pay purposes shall be the date established under subparagraphs (a)(i), (ii) or (iii) above or the estimated date of arrival at the place of entitlement, whichever is later. The estimated date of arrival shall be determined on the basis of the time it would take to travel without interruption by an approved route and mode of direct travel from the duty station to the place of entitlement, the travel commencing not later than the day following the date established under paragraph (a) above.

Chapter XI - DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Rule 211.01

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

(a) In any case involving possible disciplinary action, the Director-General may refer the matter to the Joint Disciplinary Committee established under staff rule 111.01 or set up an ad hoc body for advice before any decision is taken.

(b) Provisions governing the composition and procedure of the Joint Disciplinary Committee are set out in appendix J to the Staff Rules.

Rule 211.02

SUSPENSION PENDING INVESTIGATION

If a charge of misconduct is made against an individual and the Director-General considers that there is prima facie evidence of misconduct and that the individual's continuance in service would prejudice the interests of the Organization, the individual may be suspended from duty pending investigation. Such suspension shall be with pay unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Director-General decides that suspension without pay is appropriate. The suspension shall be without prejudice to the rights of the individual under the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

Chapter XII - APPEALS

Rule 212.01

JOINT APPEALS BOARD

(a) The Joint Appeals Board established under rule 112.01 shall consider and advise the Director-General regarding appeals filed by project personnel under the terms of staff regulation 12.1 against an administrative decision alleging the non-observance of their terms of appointment, including all pertinent regulations and rules, or against disciplinary action.

(b) Provisions governing the composition and procedure of the Joint Appeals Board are set out in appendix K to the Staff Rules.

Rule 212.02

PROCEDURE FOR INITIATING AN APPEAL

(a) Serving or former project personnel who wish to appeal an administrative decision under the terms of regulation 12.1 shall, as a first step, address a letter to the Director-General, requesting that the administrative decision be reviewed. Such a letter must be sent within 60 days from the date the individual received notification of the decision in writing.

- (b) (i) If the individual wishes to make an appeal against the answer received from the Director-General, the individual shall submit his or her appeal in writing to the Secretary of the Joint Appeals Board within 60 days from the date of receipt of the answer;
- (ii) If no reply has been received from the Director-General within 60 days from the date the letter was sent to the Director-General, the individual may, within the following 30 days, submit his or her written appeal against the original administrative decision to the Secretary of the Joint Appeals Board; alternatively, the individual may, within the following 90 days, apply directly to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation in accordance with the provisions of its Statute.

(c) An appeal against the Director-General's decision on disciplinary action shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Joint Appeals Board within one month of the date on which the individual received notification of the decision in writing.

(d) The filing of an appeal with the Joint Appeals Board shall not have the effect of suspending action on an administrative decision that is the subject of the appeal. However, upon request of the individual, the Board may, after a preliminary hearing, recommend to the Director-General the suspension of action on that decision; the Director-General's decision on such a recommendation is not subject to any appeal.

Rule 212.03

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

(a) Project personnel shall have the right of further appeal against administrative decisions by applying to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Tribunal.

(b) An application to the Tribunal shall not be receivable unless the applicant has previously submitted the dispute to the Joint Appeals Board under rule 212.01 and the Board has communicated its opinion to the Director-General, except where the circumstances described in rule 212.02(b)(ii) obtain.

Chapter XIII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Rule 213.01

AMENDMENT OF, AND EXCEPTIONS TO, STAFF RULES

(a) These rules may be amended by the Director-General in a manner consistent with the Staff Regulations.

(b) Exceptions to these rules may be made by the Director-General, provided that such exception is not inconsistent with any staff regulation or other decision of the General Conference or the Industrial Development Board and provided further that it is agreed to by the staff member directly affected and is, in the opinion of the Director-General, not prejudicial to the interests of any other staff member or group of staff members.

(c) The present rules may be amplified by administrative instructions issued by the Director, Personnel Services Division, under the authority of the Director-General.

Rule 213.02

PROVISIONAL NATURE OF STAFF RULES AND AMENDMENTS

(a) These rules and any amendments thereto shall be provisional until the following requirements have been met:

- (i) The full text of provisional staff rules and amendments thereto shall be reported annually to the Industrial Development Board by the Director-General. Should the Board find that such a rule and/or amendment is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Staff Regulations, it may direct that the rule and/or amendment be withdrawn or modified.
- (ii) The provisional rules and amendments reported by the Director-General, taking into account such modifications and/or deletions which may be directed by the Industrial Development Board, shall enter into force and effect on 1 January following the year in which the report is made to the Board.

(b) Staff rules shall not give rise to acquired rights within the meaning of staff regulation 13.1 while they are provisional.

Rule 213.03

EFFECTIVE DATE AND AUTHENTIC TEXTS OF RULES

Except as otherwise indicated and subject to the provisions of rule 213.02, rules 200.01 to 213.03 as published in the present revised edition shall be effective 1 July 1990. The English and French texts of these rules are equally authoritative.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES

UNIDO LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

To: **Name of staff member**

You are hereby offered a PROJECT PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT on a Technical Cooperation Project of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below and subject to the provisions of the Staff Regulations and the Staff Rules governing project personnel together with such amendments as may be made thereto. A copy of the Staff Regulations and of the Staff Rules governing project personnel is transmitted herewith.

1. ASSIGNMENT

Title: xxxxx

Official Duty Station (City/Country): xxxxx

Assessable Salary: xxxxxxxx gpa

Equivalent to level xxxx step xxxxx Category: xxxxx which after staff assessment, gives an approximate net salary of xxxxxxx per annum.

Effective Date of Appointment: xxxxxx

2. ALLOWANCES

The salary shown above does not include any allowances to which you may be entitled.

3. TENURE OF APPOINTMENT

This appointment is for a fixed term of xxxxxx from the effective date of appointment shown above. It therefore expires without prior notice on xxxxxxxxxx.

The appointment may be terminated prior to its expiration date in accordance with the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, in which case the Director-General will give **30 days'** written notice.

Should the appointment be thus terminated, the Director-General will pay such indemnity as may be provided for under the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules. (The normal expiration of the appointment at its term does not require the payment of any indemnity.) There is no entitlement to either a period of notice or an indemnity payment in the event of summary dismissal for serious misconduct. This appointment carries no expectancy of renewal or of conversion to any other type of appointment in any activity of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

4. INFORMATION NOTE

Your particular attention is drawn to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules relating to the Staff Assessment Plan and to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

5. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Date (for) Director, Department of Human Resources Management
On behalf of the Director-General

To: Director, Department of Human Resources Management

I hereby accept the appointment described in this letter, subject to the conditions therein specified and to those laid down in the Staff Regulations and in the Staff Rules governing project personnel. I have been made acquainted with these Regulations and Rules, a copy of which has been transmitted to me with this letter of appointment.

Date Staff Member

Appendix C (200 Series)

SCALE OF PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES

Effective 1 February 2023

(For purposes of pension benefits and contributions)

(In United States dollars)

<i>Level</i>	<i>Steps</i>												
	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>VII</i>	<i>VIII</i>	<i>IX</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>XI</i>	<i>XII</i>	<i>XIII</i>
D-2	283,883	289,812	295,745	301,681	307,620	313,554	319,485	325,417	331,351	337,282			
D-1	255,267	260,477	265,692	270,905	276,103	281,317	286,530	291,731	296,949	302,155	307,365	312,570	317,781
P-5	221,471	225,903	230,340	234,766	239,203	243,629	248,070	252,499	256,930	261,363	265,796	270,222	274,660
P-4	182,591	186,808	191,026	195,246	199,464	203,690	207,973	212,251	216,525	220,799	225,085	229,351	233,631
P-3	149,558	153,389	157,295	161,195	165,101	169,004	172,906	176,817	180,716	184,618	188,528	192,429	196,338
P-2	116,030	119,429	122,824	126,220	129,620	133,022	136,421	139,812	143,212	146,606	150,001	153,441	156,928
P-1	89,733	92,504	95,274	98,047	100,814	103,678	106,560	109,444	112,328	115,213	118,094	120,973	123,859

Scale of pensionable remuneration associated with pay points for staff beyond the maximum salaries on the unified salary scale

(In United States dollars)

Effective 1 February 2023

Level	Pay protection points 1 (PP1)	Pay protection points 2 (PP2)
P-4	237,912	242,190
P-3	200,237	204,158

P-2	160,422	N/A
P-1	126,740	N/A

Appendix C

B. Separation payments

(Cancelled)

Appendix D

Compensation in the Event of Death, Injury or Illness

SECTION I. APPLICABILITY

Article 1. Applicability

(a) These rules shall apply to all staff members of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, hereinafter referred to as the "Organization" appointed by the Director-General except as provided in paragraph (b) of this article.

(b) The Director-General may, in appropriate cases, arrange for the coverage of staff members who are locally recruited under an applicable national social security scheme, in which case the provisions of these rules shall not apply to such staff members.

(c) These rules shall not apply to persons under contract with the Organization by special service agreements, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of their appointment.

SECTION II. PRINCIPLES OF AWARD AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 2. Principles of award

The following principles and definitions shall govern the operation of these rules:

(a) Compensation shall be awarded in the event of death, injury or illness of a staff member which is attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, except that no compensation shall be awarded when such death, injury or illness has been occasioned by:

(i) The wilful misconduct of any such staff member; or

(ii) Any such staff member's wilful intent to bring about the death, injury or illness of himself or another;

(b) Without restricting the generality of paragraph (a), death, injury or illness of a staff member shall be deemed to be attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization in the absence of any wilful misconduct or wilful intent when:

(i) The death, injury or illness resulted as a natural incident of performing official duties on behalf of the Organization; or

(ii) The death, injury or illness was directly due to the presence of the staff member, in accordance with an assignment by the Organization, in an area involving special hazards to the staff member's health or security, and occurred as the result of such hazards; or

(iii) The death, injury or illness occurred as a direct result of travelling by means of transportation furnished by or at the expense or direction of the Organization in connection with the performance of official duties; provided that the provisions of this subparagraph shall not extend to private motor vehicle transportation sanctioned or authorized by the Organization solely on the request and for the convenience of the staff member;

(c) Compensation with respect to a child shall be paid until the end of the month in which the child reaches eighteen years of age; provided that if the child is in full-time attendance at a school, university or other post-secondary educational institution or is totally disabled, compensation shall be continued until the end of the month in which the child reaches twenty-one years. The Director-General may extend these age limits in the case of a child whose disability is total and where failure to grant an extension would cause a severe hardship;

(d) "Dependants" shall mean and include only: a spouse, dependent child, dependent parent, dependent brother or dependent sister;

(e) "Pensionable remuneration" shall have the meaning assigned thereto under article 54 of the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provided, however, that where the staff member claiming under these rules was not a participant in the Joint Staff Pension Fund at the date of his or her death, injury or illness, "pensionable remuneration" shall in his or her case mean that remuneration which, had the staff member been a participant, would have been considered as the staff member's pensionable remuneration at that date.

Article 3. Sole compensation

The compensation payable under these rules shall be the sole compensation to which any staff member or his or her dependants shall be entitled in respect of any claim falling within the provisions of these rules.

Article 4. Relation to benefits under the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Compensation awarded under these rules is intended to supplement benefits awarded under the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

4.1: (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this article, there shall be deducted from any compensation payable under articles 10.2, 11.1(c) and 11.2(d) of these rules the amount of all benefits paid to the staff member or to persons entitled through the staff member under the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, provided that such benefits have become payable as a result of the same death, injury or illness which gave rise to the entitlement to compensation under these rules;

(b) Deductions made under paragraph (a) above shall in no case have the effect of reducing the compensation otherwise payable under articles 10.2, 11.1(c) and 11.2(d) to less than 10 per cent thereof, provided always that the total annual amount payable both under these articles and under the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund does not exceed the final pensionable remuneration of the staff member plus the annual dependency allowances to which he or she was entitled at the date of the cessation of his or her employment.

4.2: When periodic benefits paid under the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund are adjusted after award in respect of variations in cost of living, annual compensation paid under articles 10.2, 11.1(c) and 11.2(d) of these rules shall similarly be adjusted.

Article 5. Relation to non-UNIDO compensation payments or entitlements

In determining the amount of compensation under these rules, the Director-General may take into account any compensation payment or benefits under governmental, institutional or industrial schemes for which the staff member or his or her dependants may qualify; provided that this article shall not operate to reduce compensation payments under these rules below the level prescribed therein. No account shall be taken in determining the amount of compensation of commercial insurance carried by the staff member and of which the staff member or his or her dependants may be the beneficiaries.

Article 6. Claims against third parties

(a) If a death, injury or illness for which compensation may be awarded under these rules is caused in circumstances which, in the opinion of the Director-General, create a legal liability in a third person to pay damages therefor, either to the staff member or to another person who is entitled to compensation under these rules in respect of the death, injury or illness, the Director-General may, as a condition to granting such compensation, require the staff member or other such person entitled to compensation to assign to the Organization any right of action to enforce such liability, or to participate with the Organization in prosecuting such action;

(b) The staff member or such person shall furnish the Organization with such data and evidence as may be available to him or her for prosecuting such action and render the Organization all other assistance which may be required for prosecuting such action. The staff member or such person shall not settle any claim or action against such third person without the consent of the Organization, but the Organization shall be entitled to settle or require the staff member or such person to settle any claim or action against such third person upon such terms as seem reasonable to the Organization;

(c) If the staff member or such person, or the staff member or such person and the Organization prosecute to judgement or settle any claim against such third person or make any settlement of such claim, the proceeds derived therefrom shall be used (i) to defray the costs of the suit or settlement, including reasonable attorney fees, and (ii) to reimburse the Organization for any compensation including expenses of medical services provided under these rules with respect to the death, injury or illness. The balance, if any, shall be paid over to the staff member or such person and the Organization's liability under these rules shall to that extent be reduced.

Article 7. Non-assignment

A person who may be entitled to compensation under these rules may not assign his or her rights under these rules to another person.

Article 8. Minors

All awards of compensation required to be made to minors under these rules shall be paid to, or for the benefit of, such minors. The Director-General may require the appointment of a guardian in any such case.

Article 9. Reopening of cases

The Director-General, on his own initiative or upon the request of a person entitled to or claiming to be entitled to compensation under these rules, may reopen any case under these rules, and may, where the circumstances so warrant, amend in accordance with these rules any previous award with respect to future payments.

SECTION III. COMPENSATION PAYMENTS

Article 10. Death

In the event of the death of a staff member, or of a former staff member, which is attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, the following provisions shall apply:

10.1: In addition to any compensation payable under 10.2 below, the Organization shall pay:

- (a) A reasonable amount for the preparation of the remains and funeral expenses;
- (b) The expense of return transportation of the deceased staff member and his dependants either:
 - (i) To the place where the Organization would have had an obligation to return the staff member on separation; or
 - (ii) In cases where the staff member was serving on an official assignment away from his duty station at the date of his death, to the place of his official duty station; or
 - (iii) To another place provided that the maximum expense borne by the Organization shall not exceed the amount under subparagraph (i);
- (c) All reasonable medical, hospital and directly related costs.

10.2: (a) The Organization shall pay to the deceased staff member's surviving spouse and/or other dependants the compensation specified hereunder, provided that the total annual compensation so payable shall not exceed two thirds of the final annual pensionable remuneration of the staff member plus the annual dependency allowances to which he or she was entitled at the date of death;

(b) There shall be paid to the deceased staff member's surviving spouse an annual compensation until death or remarriage equal to two fifths of the staff member's final annual pensionable remuneration, provided that:

- (i) If the amount so calculated is less than \$US 2,200 per annum, it shall be increased to either \$US 2,200 per annum or to twice the amount first calculated, whichever is the smaller;
- (ii) If the deceased staff member leaves more than one spouse, the annual compensation payable under this paragraph shall be divided equally among the spouses. Upon the death or remarriage of one such spouse, her share shall be divided among the remainder;

- (iii) Upon remarriage of the spouse a lump sum equivalent to two years' compensation under this paragraph shall be paid to the spouse except in cases where compensation was paid under article 10.2(b)(ii);
- (c) There shall be paid to each unmarried child of the deceased staff member, during such time as he or she qualifies for a child's compensation under article 2(c), the following annual compensation:
- (i) If there is a surviving spouse of the staff member, an annual compensation equal to one third of the compensation which would have been payable to the staff member under article 11.1(c) had he or she been totally incapacitated, provided that the compensation for each child shall not be less than \$US 300 per annum and shall not exceed \$US 1,000 per annum and that the total compensation payable in respect of the children of one staff member shall not exceed \$US 3,000 per annum;
- (ii) If, or at such time as, there is no surviving spouse of the staff member, the annual child's compensation under article 10.2(c)(i) shall be increased by an amount equivalent to one half of the spouse's compensation under article 10.2(b) where there is only one child qualifying for compensation, and by the full amount of the spouse's compensation under article 10.2(b) where there are two or more children qualifying for compensation, provided always that the total children's compensation payable under this provision shall be divided in equal shares among all the children entitled, and shall be recalculated at such times as any one of such children ceases to qualify under article 2(c);
- (d) If there is no surviving spouse or child of the deceased staff member to whom compensation is payable under article 10.2(b) or (c) but the staff member is survived by a dependent mother or father or brother or sister in respect of whom a dependency allowance was being paid at the date of the death of the staff member, then, subject to the provision of article 10.2(f), annual compensation shall be payable as follows:
- (i) A dependent mother or dependent father shall receive a spouse's compensation in the same amount and subject to the same conditions as provided for under article 10.2(b), except only that, in the event of the remarriage of the dependent mother or father, the Director-General may, if he or she deems fit, continue the payment of the compensation;
- (ii) A dependent brother or dependent sister shall receive, during such time as he or she is a child within the meaning of article 2(c), a child's compensation in the same amount and subject to the same conditions as provided for under article 10.2(c)(i);
- (e) Where the annual compensation payable under the preceding provisions of article 10.2 is less than two thirds of the staff member's final annual pensionable remuneration, plus the dependency allowances which were paid by the Organization at the cessation of the staff member's employment, and the staff member had other dependants (as defined in article 2(d)) at the date of his or her death in respect of whom no compensation is payable under the preceding provisions of article 10.2, then, subject to the provision of article 10.2(f), such dependants may be awarded a lump-sum payment, the amount of which shall be determined by the Director-General and shall not exceed the equivalent of twice the staff member's final annual pensionable remuneration or \$US 10,000, whichever is smaller. Where two or more dependants qualify under this subparagraph, the Director-General may allocate compensation between them in such manner as appears to him fair and equitable;
- (f) Where a dependent parent or dependent brother or dependent sister is awarded compensation under article 10.2(d), and an additional parent or one or more additional dependent brothers and/or dependent sisters are awarded compensation under article 10.2(e), the total compensation

so awarded under both paragraphs, when added together (on the basis of such conversion tables as may be established by the Director-General for this purpose), shall be subject to the maximum limitation set out in article 10.2(a) above, and may, if the Director-General so decides, be divided between the dependants to whom such compensation is payable in such manner as he or she deems fair and equitable, and in the form of either annual or lump-sum payments.

Article 11. Injury or illness

In the event of an injury or illness of a staff member, or of a former staff member, which is attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, the following provisions shall apply:

11.1: In the case of injury or illness resulting in disability which is determined by the Director-General to be total, and whether or not the staff member is continued in the employment of the Organization or is separated:

(a) The Organization shall pay all reasonable medical, hospital and directly related costs;

(b) Without prejudice to the staff member's entitlements under other provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules, the salary and allowances which the staff member was receiving at the date on which he or she last attended at duty (but not including special post allowance under Staff Rule 106.12) shall continue to be paid to the staff member until either:

(i) He or she returns to duty; or

(ii) If, by reason of his or her disability, the staff member does not return to duty, then until the date of the termination of his appointment or the expiry of one calendar year from the first day of absence resulting from the injury or illness, whichever is the later, provided, however, that if the staff member dies before the expiry of such period, the payments shall cease on the date of death;

(c) Immediately following the date on which salary and allowances cease to be payable under the Staff Regulations and Rules applicable, including paragraph (b) of this article, and for the duration of the staff member's total disability, he or she shall receive annual compensation payments equivalent to two thirds of his or her final pensionable remuneration plus one third of such annual rate in respect of each unmarried child of the staff member qualifying under article 2(c), subject always to the successive application of the three limitations set out below:

(i) Payments in respect of each such child shall not be less than \$US 300 per annum and shall not exceed \$US 1,000 per annum and the total compensation payable in respect of the children of one staff member shall not exceed \$US 3,000 per annum;

(ii) The total annual compensation payments under article 11.1(c) shall not be less than the smaller of the following two amounts:

(A) The pensionable remuneration applicable to the first step of the lowest General Service level at the last duty station of the staff member, plus \$US 300 for each of his or her dependants in respect of whom a dependency allowance was payable; or

(B) The maximum amount specified in article 11.1(c)(iii);

(iii) The total annual compensation payments under article 11.1(c) shall not exceed the amount of the final annual pensionable remuneration of the staff member plus the annual

dependency allowances to which he or she was entitled at the date of the cessation of his or her employment.

11.2: In the case of injury or illness resulting in disability which is determined by the Director-General to be partial:

(a) The Organization shall pay all reasonable medical, hospital and directly related costs, whether or not the staff member remains in the employment of the Organization;

(b) The provisions of article 11.1(b) shall apply:

(i) During such time as the staff member is incapacitated by the injury or illness from the performance of his or her official duties; and

(ii) Whenever the disability of the staff member results in the termination of his or her appointment on the ground that the staff member is for reasons of health incapacitated for further service;

(c) Where, as a result of partial disability, a staff member who remains in the employment of the Organization is reassigned to a post at a lower salary level than that held prior to the injury or illness;

(i) Compensation shall be paid at an annual rate equal to two thirds of the difference between the gross salary rate before reassignment and the gross salary rate at which the staff member is reassigned. This compensation shall be added to the latter gross salary, and the whole shall be subject to staff assessment under staff regulation 6.8, and shall be included in the salary element of pensionable remuneration under Staff Rule 106.06;

(ii) The payment of compensation under article 11.2(c)(i) shall not affect the salary increments applicable to the lower salary level at which the staff member is reassigned, provided, however, that where the amount of the salary, including increments, payable to the staff member subsequently rises to an amount which, when added to the compensation payable under article 11.2(c)(i), exceeds the level of salary, including increments, which the staff member would have received had he or she remained in the grade held at the time of the injury or illness, then the Director-General may make appropriate reduction or reductions in the compensation payable;

(d) Where, upon the separation of a staff member from UNIDO, it is determined that he or she is partially disabled as a result of the injury or illness in a manner which adversely affects the staff member's earning capacity, he or she shall be entitled to receive such proportion of the annual compensation provided for under article 11.1(c) as corresponds with the degree of the staff member's disability, assessed on the basis of medical evidence and in relation to loss of earning capacity in his or her normal occupation or an equivalent occupation appropriate to his or her qualifications and experience.

11.3: (a) In the case of injury or illness resulting in permanent disfigurement or permanent loss of a member or function, there shall be paid to the staff member a lump sum, the amount of which shall be determined by the Director-General on the basis of the schedule set out in paragraph (c) below, and in accordance with the principles of assessment set out in paragraph (d) below, and applying, where necessary, proportionate and corresponding amounts in those cases of permanent disfigurement or loss of member of function not specifically referred to in the schedule.

(b) The payment of lump-sum compensation under paragraph (a) shall be made in addition to any other compensation payable under article 11, whether or not the staff member remains in the

employment of the Organization, and whether or not the permanent disfigurement or loss of member or function affects the staff member's earning capacity.

(c) SCHEDULE (PERMANENT DISFIGUREMENT OR PERMANENT LOSS OF MEMBER OR FUNCTION)

Loss or total loss of use — Amount

- (i) Both arms or both hands, or both legs or both feet, or sight of both eyes — Twice the annual amount of the pensionable remuneration at grade P-4, step V
- (ii) Arm (at shoulder) — 60% of (i) (at or below elbow) — 57% of (i)
- (iii) Hand (at or below wrist) 54% of (i)
- (iv) Thumb — 22% of (i)
- (v) Fingers First (index) — 14% of (i) Second (middle) — 11% of (i) Third (ring) — 5% of (i) Fourth — 3% of (i)
- (vi) Leg (with short thigh stump) — 40% of (i) (at or below knee) — 36% of (i)
- (vii) Foot (at or below ankle) — 28% of (i) Great toe — 5% of (i) Any other toe — 1% of (i)
- (viii) Loss of One eye sight (presuming other is normal) — 24% of (i)
- (ix) Loss of Hearing — 35% of (i)

The total compensation may not in any case exceed that under (i) above. In the case of General Service personnel and Manual Workers whose salaries are fixed in accordance with Staff Regulation 6.5(a) and Staff Rule 106.01, appropriate adjustments in the amount of compensation provided for in this schedule may be made by the Director-General, taking into account the proportion which the staff member's salary bears to Headquarters rates.

(d) Compensation under the immediately preceding provisions shall be determined in accordance with the following principles of assessment, where these are applicable:

- (i) The assessment for the loss, or loss of use, of two or more digits, or one or more phalanxes of each of two or more digits, of a hand or foot, shall be proportioned to the loss of the use of the hand or foot occasioned thereby;
- (ii) The assessment for permanent total loss of use of a member shall be the same as for the loss of the member;
- (iii) The assessment for permanent partial loss, or loss of use, of a member shall be proportionate to the degree of loss or loss of use of the member.

11.4: Notwithstanding any other provisions of article 11, the Director-General may award additional compensation as follows:

(a) Where the injury or illness of a staff member has resulted in total disability of such a nature that the staff member is obliged to depend, for his or her essential personal needs, on the attendance of another person, either constantly or occasionally, and such attendance entails expense, additional compensation may be paid, in such amount as may be determined by the Director-General, not exceeding the reasonable cost of such attendance;

(b) In any case of permanent partial disability, where the staff member's earning capacity has been affected by an injury or illness attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, an additional allowance may be authorized, in such amount as may be determined by the Director-General, to assist in financing the cost of an appropriate course of vocational rehabilitation approved in advance by the Director-General.

11.5: In any case where annual compensation has been awarded under article 11.2, the Director-General may, if the staff member agrees, commute all or part of the annual compensation award to a lump-sum payment which is the actuarial equivalent of such award, using conversion tables established by the Director-General for this purpose.

11.6: Compensation payments under article 11.1 and 11.2 shall be payable at periodic intervals for the duration of the disability until the staff member reaches the normal age of retirement under the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Regulations. This limitation does not apply to payments for reimbursement of medical expenses.

SECTION IV. ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES

Article 12. Time limit for entering claims

Claims for compensation under these rules shall be submitted within four months of the death of the staff member or the injury or onset of the illness provided, however, that in exceptional circumstances the Director-General may accept for consideration a claim made at a later date.

Article 13. Type and degree of disability

The determination of the injury or illness and of the type and degree of disability shall be made on the basis of reports obtained from a qualified medical practitioner or practitioners.

Article 14. Medical examination

The Director-General may require the medical examination of any person claiming or in receipt of a compensation for injury or illness under these rules. In case of refusal or failure of a claimant or beneficiary to undergo such examination at such time or times as, in the opinion of the Director-General, may be reasonably necessary, the Director-General may bar the claimant or beneficiary from receiving compensation in full or in part.

Article 15. Documentary evidence

Every person claiming under these rules or in receipt of a compensation under these rules shall furnish such documentary evidence as may be required by the Director-General for the purpose of determination of entitlements under these rules.

Article 16. Advisory Board on Compensation Claims

(a) An Advisory Board on Compensation Claims shall be established to make recommendations to the Director-General concerning claims for compensation under these rules.

(b) The Advisory Board may be consulted by the Director-General on any matter connected with the implementation and administration of these rules.

(c) The Advisory Board may decide on such procedures as it may consider necessary for the purpose of discharging its responsibilities under the provisions of this article.

(d) The Board shall consist of:

(i) The two members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee appointed by the Director-General in accordance with the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

(ii) The two members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee elected by the participants of the Fund in accordance with the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

(e) A Secretary shall be designated by the Director-General. He or she may not, at the same time, be a member of the Advisory Board on Compensation Claims.

Article 17. Appeals in case of injury or illness

(a) Reconsideration of the determination by the Director-General of the existence of an injury or illness attributable to the performance of official duties, or of the type and degree of disability, may be requested within thirty days of notice of the decision provided, however, that in exceptional circumstances the Director-General may accept for consideration a request made at a later date. The request for reconsideration shall be accompanied by the name of the medical practitioner chosen by the staff member to represent him or her on the medical board provided for under paragraph (b).

(b) A medical board shall be convened to consider and to report to the Advisory Board on Compensation Claims on the medical aspects of the appeal. The medical board shall consist of: (i) a qualified medical practitioner selected by the claimant; (ii) the Medical Officer of the Organization or a medical practitioner selected by him or her; (iii) a third qualified medical practitioner who shall be selected by the first two, and who shall not be a medical officer of the Organization.

(c) The Advisory Board on Compensation Claims shall transmit its recommendations together with the report of the medical board to the Director-General who shall make the final determination.

(d) If after reviewing the report of the medical board and the recommendations of the Advisory Board on Compensation Claims, the Director-General alters his original decision in favour of the claimant, the Organization will bear the medical fees and incidental expenses; if the original decision is sustained, the claimant shall bear the medical fees and the incidental expenses of the medical practitioner whom he or she selected and half of the medical fees and expenses of the third medical practitioner on the medical board. The balance of the fees and expenses shall be borne by the Organization.

(e) Whenever an appeal under this article also involves an appeal against a decision of the Joint Staff Pension Board, the medical board established under the Regulations and Rules of the Joint Staff Pension Board and such medical board's report shall be utilized to the extent possible for the purposes of this article.

Article 18. Relation to other benefits under the Staff Rules

In any case of death, injury or illness recognized under these rules as attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) Authorized absences occasioned by the injury or illness shall be charged to the sick leave of the staff member. Following the exhaustion of sick leave and subject to any prior separation, the staff member shall be placed on special leave (under Staff Rule 107.02). Any special leave granted under this paragraph covering the period when the staff member is paid compensation equivalent to salary and allowances in accordance with article 11.1(b) or 11.2(b), shall be deemed special leave with pay, while any period of subsequent special leave shall be deemed special leave without pay.

In any case where hardship is subsequently occasioned by the prior use of sick leave as the result of injury or illness attributable to service, a special sick leave credit may be granted, if and as required in the individual case, equal in whole or in part to the authorized sick leave previously so utilized;

(b) In the case of serious disability, where the absence of the staff member from duty is likely to last six months or longer, the Director-General may, on request of the staff member, provide travel for the staff member and his or her eligible family members to the place of entitlement as determined in accordance with Staff Rules 109.01(b) and 109.02(c), and for their return travel when the staff member returns to duty, provided that, in appropriate cases, the travel expenses involved shall be counted as travel expenses related to the next home leave entitlement of the staff member, or where the staff member does not return to duty, as travel on separation. Travel expenses and other conditions relating to such travel shall be as provided for home leave in accordance with Appendix G and Appendix H to the Staff Rules;

(c) The provisions of Staff Rule 103.03 relating to reinstatement following retirement on disability under the Joint Staff Pension Fund Regulations shall also apply to staff members separated for reasons of health as the result of injury or illness attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization;

(d) In the case of separation as the result of death, injury or illness attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the Organization, the two years requirement for removal expenses on separation under Staff Rule 109.12(a)(iv) shall not apply.

Appendix E

Education Grant

Definitions

- (a) For the purposes of the provisions of rule 106.17, rule 206.16 and this appendix:
- (i) "Child" means a child of a staff member who is dependent upon the staff member for main and continuing support. "Disabled child" means a child who is unable, by reason of physical or mental disability, to attend a normal educational institution and therefore requires special teaching or training to prepare him or her for full integration into society or, while attending a normal educational institution, requires special teaching or training to assist him or her in overcoming the disability;
 - (ii) "Home country" means the country of home leave of the staff member under rule 107.03 or 207.02. If both parents are eligible staff members, "home country" means the country of home leave of either parent;
 - (iii) "Duty station" means the country, or area within commuting distance notwithstanding national boundaries, where the staff member is serving.

Eligibility

- (b) Subject to conditions established by the Director General, a staff member who holds a fixed-term or a permanent appointment shall be entitled to an education grant in respect of each child, provided that:
- (i) The staff member is regarded as an international recruit and resides and serves at a duty station which is outside his or her home country;
 - (ii) The child has completed his or her fifth birthday, or completes his or her fifth year provided this occurs in the first term of that scholastic year; and
 - (iii) The child is in full-time attendance at a school, university or similar educational institution.
- (c) If a staff member eligible under paragraph (b) above is reassigned to a duty station within his or her home country in the course of a school year, he or she may receive the education grant for the balance of that school year.

Duration

- (d) (i) The grant shall be payable up to the end of the school year in which the child completes four years of post-secondary studies or is awarded the first recognized degree, whichever is earlier;
- (ii) The grant will not normally be payable beyond the school year in which the child reaches the age of 25 years. If the child's education is interrupted for at least one

school year by national service, illness or other compelling reasons, the period of eligibility shall be extended by the period of interruption;

- (iii) If the child’s education is interrupted by an internship or work assignment and then resumed, the grant shall be payable provided the child has neither reached the age of 25 or completed four years of post-secondary studies or been awarded the first recognized degree;
- (iv) Where attendance is for less than two thirds of the scholastic year, the amount of the grant payable for the period of attendance for that year shall be prorated to the proportion the period of attendance bears to the full scholastic year;
- (v) Where the period of service of the staff member does not cover the full scholastic year, the amount of the grant payable for the period of attendance for that year shall normally be prorated to the proportion the period of service bears to the full scholastic year.

Payment of the education grant

(e) The education grant provided for under staff regulation 6.12(a) shall be payable in respect of each child as set out below.

- (i) Admissible expenses shall include tuition, tuition in the mother tongue and enrolment-related fees. Admissible expenses actually incurred shall be reimbursed at the rates indicated in the sliding scale below:

Education grant entitlements in effect as of the school year in progress on 1 January 2022

<i>Claim amount bracket (United States dollars)</i>	<i>Reimbursement rate (percentage)</i>
0 – 13 224	86
13 225 – 19 836	81
19 837 – 26 448	76
26 449 – 33 060	71
33 061 – 39 672	66
39 673 – 46 284	61
46 285 and above	–

- (ii) In addition to the reimbursement of admissible expenses, a lump-sum amount of US\$ 5,300 shall be paid to staff members serving in duty stations with a hardship classification of “A” to “E” whose child attends boarding school at the primary or secondary level outside the country of the staff member’s duty station. In exceptional cases, the lump-sum boarding assistance may be granted to a staff member at a headquarters duty station in respect of a child attending boarding school at the primary and secondary levels outside the country of the duty station, at the discretion of the Director General.
- (iii) The lump-sum amount for boarding assistance shall also be payable to a staff

member serving at a duty station with a hardship classification of “A” to “E” whose child attends boarding school at the primary or secondary level when the educational institution is located beyond commuting distance from the area where the staff member is serving and, in the opinion of the Director General, no school in that area would be suitable for the child.

- (iv) Non-reimbursable capital assessment fees shall be reimbursed outside the education grant scheme, up to a maximum amount or limit established by the Director General.
- (f) The grant shall not be payable in respect of:
 - (i) Attendance at a nursery school;
 - (ii) Attendance at a free school or one charging only nominal fees at the duty station;
 - (iii) Correspondence courses, except those that, in the opinion of the Director-General, are the best available substitute for full-time attendance at a school of a type not available at the duty station;
 - (iv) Private tuition, except tuition in a language of the home country at duty stations where satisfactory school facilities for learning that language are not available, tuition of the language of the duty station, when prescribed by a local school as a pre-condition for admitting the child to the grade corresponding to the grade he or she has reached elsewhere, and as a supplement to the regular school programme tuition for special coaching in a subject taught by the school or in any additional academic subject not included in the school curriculum but required for the pursuit of the child's subsequent education;
 - (v) Vocational training or apprenticeship that does not involve full-time schooling or in which the child receives payment for services rendered.

Tuition of the mother tongue

(g) An education grant may be provided to a staff member serving in a country with a national language different from his or her mother tongue who is obliged to pay tuition for the teaching of the mother tongue to a dependent child attending a local school in which the instruction is given in a language other than his or her own. The Director-General will decide in each case whether the education grant shall be paid for the tuition of the mother tongue. The maximum reimbursable amounts for teaching of the mother tongue shall correspond to the sliding scale of reimbursement rates indicated under subparagraph (e)(i) above.

Advances against the education grant

(h) Staff members who are eligible for the education grant in respect of their children and who are required to pay all or a portion of school fees at the beginning of the school year may apply for an advance against their entitlement to the education grant. Any advance approved will be considered as due from the staff member until it is discharged by certification of the entitlement or is recovered.

Travel

(i) A staff member to whom boarding assistance is payable under subparagraphs (e)(ii) and (e)(iii) above in respect of the child's attendance at an educational institution at the primary or secondary level shall be entitled to travel expenses for the child of one return journey each scholastic year between the educational institution and the duty station, provided that:

- (i) Such travel expenses shall not be paid if the requested journey is unreasonable, either because of its timing in relation to other authorized travel of the staff member or his or her eligible family members or because of the brevity of the visit in relation to the expense involved;
- (ii) Where attendance is for less than two thirds of the school year or the staff member's service does not cover two thirds of the school year, travel expenses shall not normally be payable;
- (iii) Transportation expenses shall not exceed the cost of a journey between the staff member's home country and the duty station.

Claims

(j) Claims for the education grant shall be submitted in writing and supported by evidence satisfactory to the Director-General.

Special education grant for disabled children

(k) Eligibility

The special education grant for disabled children provided for under staff regulation 6.12(d) shall be payable in respect of each disabled child as set out below:

(l) Duration

- (i) The grant shall be computed on the basis of the calendar year if the child is unable to attend a normal educational institution, or on the basis of the school year if the child is in full-time attendance at a normal educational institution while receiving special teaching or training.
- (ii) The grant shall be payable in respect of any disabled child from the date on which the special teaching or training is required up to the end of the school year or the calendar year, as appropriate, in which the child reaches the age of 25 years.
- (iii) In exceptional cases, the age limit may be extended up to the end of the school year or the calendar year, as appropriate, in which the child reaches the age of 28 years.
- (iv) Where the period of service of the staff member does not cover the full school year or calendar year, the amount of the grant payable for the period of attendance for that year shall be prorated to the proportion the period of service bears to the full school or calendar year.

(m) Payment of the grant

- (i) Admissible expenses for a disabled child shall include those educational expenses required to provide an educational programme designed to meet the needs of the child so that he or she may attain the highest level of functional ability, under conditions established by the Director General. The amount of the grant for each disabled child shall be 100 per cent of the admissible educational expenses actually incurred, subject to a maximum reimbursement equal to the upper limit of the top bracket of the sliding scale in subparagraph (e)(i) above.
- (ii) Where the educational institution provides boarding, the actual expenses for boarding shall be included in the calculation of the admissible expenses, subject to a maximum reimbursement equal to the upper limit of the top bracket of the sliding scale in subparagraph (e)(i) above plus the amount of \$5,000 equivalent to the lump-sum for boarding assistance.
- (iii) If the disabled child is eligible for the regular education grant, the claim shall be made in the first instance against the regular education grant, and reimbursement under the special education grant will be made only in respect of educational expenses incurred for the necessary special teaching or training. The combined total amount payable under the two types of grant shall not exceed the upper limit of the top bracket of the sliding scale in subparagraph (e)(i) above. "Educational expenses" reimbursable under the special education grant shall consist of the expenses incurred to provide an educational programme designed to meet the needs of the disabled child in order that he or she may attain the highest possible level of functional ability. Other costs or fees directly related to the educational programme that are not optional or related to an extracurricular activity may be included in the educational expenses, but not school supplies, uniforms, insurance, donations and contributions or similar charges.
- (iv) If full board (accommodation and meals) is provided for a disabled child attending an educational institution at the duty station, the boarding expenses shall not be reimbursable unless it is medically certified that the full-time boarding in the institution is an integral part of the educational programme. Expenses for equipment shall also be reimbursed, if not otherwise covered under health insurance, up to a maximum of US\$ 1,500 per year within the overall maximum of the upper limit of the top bracket of the sliding scale in subparagraph (e)(i) above.

(n) Travel

Where the disabled child attends an educational institution away from the duty station, travel costs may be paid for up to two round trips per school year between the educational institution and the duty station, provided the Director-General is satisfied that the needs of the disabled child require attendance at that educational institution. In very exceptional circumstances, travel may also be reimbursed for the person accompanying the disabled child.

(o) Claims

Claims for the special education grant shall be submitted annually in writing and supported by medical evidence satisfactory to the Director-General regarding the child's disability. If the Medical Officer confirms that the disability is of a permanent nature, it is sufficient to produce the

medical evidence only once with the first claim. In case of a temporary disability, medical evidence shall be submitted with each claim. The staff member shall also be required to provide evidence that he or she has exhausted all other sources of benefits that may be available for the admissible expenses under paragraph (m) above. The amount of educational expenses used as the basis for the calculation of the special education grant shall be reduced by the amount of any benefits so received or receivable by the staff member.

Currency of reimbursement

(p) The amount of an education grant advance or claim for reimbursement will be calculated in United States Dollars and converted to the payroll currency based on the UN operational rate of exchange in effect on the date of payment. The resulting amount will be transferred to the staff member's primary bank account designated for salary distribution.

Appendix F

Home Leave

(a) In accordance with staff rule 107.03 or 207.02, an internationally recruited staff member shall be eligible for home leave provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) While performing his or her official duties, the staff member continues to reside in a country other than that of which he or she is a national;

(ii) The staff member's service is expected by the Director-General to continue at least six months beyond the date of his or her return from any proposed home leave. In the case of the first home leave, the staff member's service is also expected to continue at least six months beyond the second anniversary of the date of his or her appointment or the date on which the staff member became eligible for home leave. In the case of home leave following the return from a family visit travel, the staff member shall have completed at least nine months of continuous service since departure on the family visit travel.

(b) Staff members whose eligibility for home leave is established at the time of their appointment shall begin to accrue service credit towards home leave from the effective date of their appointment. Staff members who become eligible for home leave subsequent to their appointment shall begin to accrue such service credit from the effective date of their becoming eligible.

(c) The first home leave shall fall due after the eligible staff member has completed two years of service. Staff members appointed under the 100 series Staff Rules shall not be entitled to the first home leave until they have fulfilled the requirement of the period of probationary service. Subsequently, staff members may take home leave at any time during the two-year period of service in which it falls due provided the conditions under paragraph (a) are met.

(d) The country of home leave shall be the country of the staff member's nationality, the term "nationality" being as defined in rule 103.08 or 203.05. In exceptional and compelling circumstances, the Director-General may authorize the designation of another country as the country of home leave. A staff member requesting such authorization will be required to satisfy the Director-General that he or she has maintained normal residence in the other country for a prolonged period preceding his or her appointment, that he or she continues to have close family or personal ties in that country and that his or her taking home leave there would not be inconsistent with the purposes and intent of staff regulation 7.3.

(e) The staff member's place of home leave shall be, for purposes of travel and transportation entitlements, the place with which the staff member had the closest residential ties during the period of his or her most recent residence in the country of home leave preceding his or her appointment. A staff member who has served with another international organization immediately preceding his or her appointment shall have the place of home leave determined as though his or her entire previous service with the other international organization had been with UNIDO.

(f) Staff members may be required to take their home leave in conjunction with travel on official business or change of official duty station, due regard being paid to the interests of the staff members and their families.

(g) If both husband and wife are staff members entitled to home leave, each of them shall have the choice of exercising his or her own home leave entitlement or of accompanying the spouse.

Their dependent children, if any, may accompany either parent. The frequency of travel shall not exceed once in every two years with regard both to staff members and to their dependent children.

(h) Staff members travelling on approved home leave shall be entitled to claim, in respect of the home leave travel, travel time and expenses for themselves and their eligible family members for the outward and return journeys between the official duty station and the place of home leave.

(i) Staff members travelling on approved home leave shall be required to spend a substantial period of annual leave in their home country. The Director-General may request a staff member, on return from home leave, to furnish satisfactory evidence that this requirement has been met.

(j) Eligible staff members who serve at duty stations designated by the International Civil Service Commission as D and E category and that do not fall under the rest and recuperation framework, shall be granted home leave once in every 12 months. In such cases, the periods of qualifying service and the expected duration of continuous service specified in paragraph (a)(ii) above shall be reduced by half.

k) With respect to home leave authorized under the provisions of paragraph (j) above, while every second such leave must be spent in the home country, a staff member may travel on alternate home leave to a country other than his or her home country. In such cases, the staff member shall be paid travel expenses and granted travel time up to the amounts to which he or she would have been entitled had he or she travelled to his or her place of home leave.

(l) With respect to home leave authorized for eligible staff members who serve at a 24-month home leave duty station, while every second such leave must be spent in the home country, a staff member may travel on alternate home leave to a country other than his or her home country when a parent or a child of the staff member resides in that other country or where the spouse is a national of that country. In such cases, the staff member shall be paid travel expenses and granted travel time up to the amounts to which he or she would have been entitled had he or she travelled to his or her place of home leave.

(m) With respect to home leave authorized for eligible staff members who serve at a 12- or 24-month home leave duty station, travel may be authorized to a country other than the home country for security reasons under conditions to be established by the Director-General.

Appendix G

Official Travel

Route and mode of travel

(a) The normal route for all official travel shall be the most direct and economical route. An alternative route may be approved when, in the opinion of the Director-General, it is in the best interests of the Organization.

(b) The normal mode of transportation for all official travel shall be by air. An alternative mode of transportation may be approved when, in the opinion of the Director-General, its use is in the best interests of the Organization.

(c) If a staff member or family member travels by a more economical mode of transportation than the approved mode, the Organization shall pay only for the mode of transportation actually used.

Standard of accommodation

(d) Staff members and their eligible family members shall be provided with transportation at the least costly air-fare structure regularly available or its equivalent. Children under two years of age travelling by air shall be provided with a ticket giving entitlement to a seat.

(e) For all travel for which the least costly air-fare provision applies, economy class or air excursion fares shall be used, wherever available and applicable.

(f) In application of paragraphs (d) and (e) above, the Administration shall determine the flight duration on the basis of the most direct and economical route, including scheduled stops for such purposes as change of planes or refuelling, but excluding travel time to and from airports.

(g) For all official travel by sea approved under paragraph (b) above, staff members and their family members shall be provided with the standard of accommodation that is, in the opinion of the Director-General, appropriate to the circumstances of the case.

(h) For all official travel by train approved under paragraph (b) above, staff members and their family members shall be provided with regular first-class or equivalent accommodation, including sleeper and other facilities, as appropriate.

(i) A higher standard of accommodation may be approved if, in the opinion of the Director-General, special circumstances warrant it.

(j) If a staff member or family member travels by more economical accommodation than the approved standard, the Organization shall pay only for the accommodation actually used at the rate paid by the traveller except that in the case of home-leave and family-visit travel a staff member may avail himself or herself of package tour arrangements provided that the cost of such arrangements does not exceed the entitlement established above.

Travel time

(k) Staff members shall be granted, in respect of journeys in each direction, a fixed amount of travel time, not chargeable to annual leave, determined by reference to the most direct flight available under current airline schedules. An adjustment of up to two additional days, not chargeable to annual leave, may be made if a staff member can show that the actual travel time by the most direct and fastest available mode of transportation, including authorized stopovers for the journey, exceeds the approved amount of travel time.

Travel by car

(l) Staff members who are authorized to travel by car under paragraph (b) above shall be reimbursed by the Organization at rates and under conditions established by the Director-General on the basis of operating costs in the area in which the travel is undertaken and an appropriate minimum distance for the calculation of the daily subsistence allowance.

(m) Reimbursement for travel within a radius of 56 kilometres of the official duty station shall be based on actual mileage, and for travel beyond a 56-kilometre radius, on the mileage as shown on official road guides. Commutation between residence and place of business shall not be reimbursable.

(n) The mileage rate, which is established by the Director-General, shall be payable to only one of two or more persons travelling together on the same trip and in the same car.

(o) The total of mileage rate reimbursement and travel subsistence allowance that a staff member may claim in respect of a particular journey shall be limited to the maximum travel expenses to which he or she would have been entitled had the staff member and eligible family members travelled by the most economical route.

Purchase of tickets

(p) Unless the staff member concerned is authorized to make other arrangements, all tickets for transportation involving official travel of staff members and eligible family members shall be purchased by the Organization in advance of the actual travel or, where circumstances so require, shall be secured by the staff member.

(q) When a staff member requests a standard of accommodation in excess of his or her entitlement under paragraphs (d) to (j) above or is authorized to travel, for reasons of personal preference or convenience, by a route or mode of transportation other than that approved and provided for under paragraphs (a) to (c) above, the staff member shall be required to reimburse the Organization for any additional costs thus incurred before the Organization provides him or her with the necessary tickets.

Special arrangements for travel on appointment, change of duty station, education grant, home leave, family visit and repatriation travel

(r) As an alternative to the travel arrangements described in paragraphs (d) to (j) above, for authorized travel on appointment, change of duty station, education grant, home leave, family

visit and repatriation a staff member may request payment of an amount equivalent to 75 per cent of the cost of the full economy-class fare, by the least costly regularly scheduled air carrier on the most direct and economical route between the airport closest to the place of departure and the destination. For children entitled to student or youth fare tickets, the lump-sum amount will be equivalent to 75 per cent of the applicable reduced fare. A staff member availing himself or herself of such an arrangement shall be free to make his or her own travel arrangements, without restriction on the choice of travel agent or mode, route and standard of travel. This arrangement is deemed to cover all other entitlements relating to the specific travel, including any surface travel. By selecting this option, staff members will agree to waive all other entitlements in respect of that travel contained in the Staff Rules and will not be entitled to any further amount for transportation, rest stopovers, terminal expenses, accompanied excess baggage and unaccompanied shipments, or for other incidental expenses. In the case of appointment and repatriation, staff members will be entitled to relocation or partial relocation shipment, as applicable, under appendix H to the Staff Rules. Staff members will be covered by the provisions of appendix D to the Staff Rules if the travel is via the most direct route to and from the authorized places of departure and destination. For children studying outside the staff member's home country, the cost of the lump sum education grant travel must not exceed the costs of such lump sum travel to or from the nearest airport to the established place of home leave. With respect to home and family leave travel, the staff member is required to submit proof that he or she as well as eligible family members spent a minimum of seven consecutive calendar days, excluding authorized travel time, in the country authorized for home/family leave. For education grant travel the staff member may be required to submit proof that eligible family members spent a minimum of 14 days at the duty station.

(s) The provisions of staff rules 108.07 and 208.08 on compensation for loss of or damage to personal effects will not apply if the staff member selects the lump sum option.

(t) The 75-per-cent cash payment may also be requested by staff members who elect to travel by car. In their case the amount paid shall be 75 per cent of the costs of the full economy class or of the student/youth fare, as explained in paragraph (r) above, for all eligible family members regardless of whether they travel at the same time or in the same car. Alternatively, staff members may continue to claim mileage rate reimbursement and travel subsistence allowance as defined in paragraphs (n) and (o) above. Staff members who elect to travel by car are not covered by the provisions of appendix D to the Staff Rules concerning compensation for travel-incurred illness, injury or death.

Travel subsistence allowance

(u) Except as provided in paragraphs (bb) (jj) and (kk) below, a staff member authorized to travel at the Organization's expense shall receive an appropriate daily subsistence allowance in accordance with the schedule of rates established from time to time. Such established rates shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph (cc) below and to reductions in cases where lodging or meals are provided free of charge by the Organization, by a Government or by a related institution.

(v) The Director-General may, in exceptional and compelling circumstances, authorize a reasonable increase in the travel subsistence allowance to be paid to a staff member who is required to accompany a senior official and whose official duties while in travel status require that his or her additional living expenses be established at a rate substantially higher than that contemplated in setting the allowance rate for his or her level.

(w) The travel subsistence allowance shall consist of a total contribution of the Organization towards such charges as meals, lodging, gratuities and other payments made for personal services rendered. Except as provided in paragraphs (hh) and (ll) below, any expenditures incurred in excess of the allowance shall be borne by the staff member.

(x) Except as provided in paragraphs (bb) and (jj) below, when the spouse or dependent children of a staff member are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense, the staff member shall be paid an additional travel subsistence allowance in respect of each of them at half the rate applicable to the staff member.

(y) Except for leave taken at a rate not exceeding one and a half days for each completed month in which a staff member is in travel status on official business, the travel subsistence allowance shall not be paid in respect of any period of annual or special leave. It shall not, in any event, be paid in respect of leave taken at the conclusion of active duty on an assignment but prior to the staff member's return to his or her official duty station.

(z) The travel subsistence allowance shall continue to be paid during periods of sick leave while the staff member is in travel status, except that, if he or she is hospitalized for more than three days, only one third of the appropriate daily rate shall be paid.

(aa) The appropriate travel subsistence allowance shall be paid for any days on which a staff member is required to perform official duties in connection with travel on home leave.

(bb) No travel subsistence allowance shall be payable in respect of travel on home leave, family visit or education grant, provided that the allowance may be paid for stopovers actually made on such travel under conditions established by the Director-General. Where travel at the Organization's expense is authorized for medical, security or other reasons under staff rules 109.01(a)(vii), 109.02(a)(vii), 209.01(vii) or 209.02(a)(vi), an appropriate amount of subsistence allowance may be paid at the discretion of the Director-General.

Special rates of travel subsistence allowance

(cc) In the event of staff members being assigned to conferences or for other extended periods of duty away from their official duty station, the Director-General may establish a special rate of subsistence allowance.

Computation of the travel subsistence allowance

(dd) Except during travel by sea, the subsistence allowance shall be paid to a staff member, at the rates and under the conditions prescribed in paragraphs (u) to (bb) above for each calendar day or fraction thereof involving an overnight stay away from his or her residence, during which the staff member or his or her family members are in official travel status, provided that for a journey of 24 hours or longer a full day's allowance at the appropriate rate shall be paid for the day on which travel is begun and that no allowance shall be paid for the day on which travel is ended. Where travel does not involve an overnight stay away from the residence, no allowance shall be paid for a journey of less than 10 hours, and 40 per cent of the allowance shall be paid for a journey of 10 hours or more.

(ee) Where travel is by sea, a full day's allowance at the appropriate rate shall be paid for the day of arrival at the port of disembarkation, provided the traveller remains in official travel status for

more than 12 hours thereafter. No allowance shall be paid for the day on which embarkation takes place.

(ff) If more than one rate should apply during the course of any one day, the rate applicable to the major portion of the day shall be paid for the entire day. If the traveller completes his or her travel on the same day as he or she commenced it, the rate applicable for the area of the destination shall be paid for that day.

(gg) When it is necessary, for the purpose of computing the amount of travel subsistence allowance payable, to specify the "hour of departure" and the "hour of arrival", these shall be considered as the time when the train, ship or aircraft used by the traveller actually leaves or arrives at its regular terminal.

Terminal expenses

(hh) For all official travel to or from the duty station, a staff member may claim reimbursement of terminal expenses incurred for each required trip by means of public conveyance between the airport or other point of arrival or departure and the hotel or other place of dwelling up to US\$ 38 in respect of himself or herself and up to US\$ 13 in respect of each family member authorized to travel at the Organization's expense. No expenses shall be reimbursable in respect of an intermediate stop that:

- (i) Is not authorized;
- (ii) Does not involve leaving the terminal; or
- (iii) Is exclusively for the purpose of making an onward connection.

(ii) Terminal expenses shall be deemed to include all expenditures for transportation between the airport or other point of arrival or departure and the hotel or other place of dwelling, including transfer of accompanied baggage and other incidental charges, except the costs provided for under paragraph (ll)(iii) below.

Expenses while in transit

(jj) A staff member and his or her eligible family members authorized to travel by sea shall be entitled to a fixed amount to cover transit expenses equivalent to the amount of travel subsistence allowances that would have been payable in respect of the travel if the travel had been by air.

(kk) When the authorized mode of transportation is other than by sea, the full travel subsistence allowance shall be payable for the time spent in transit, subject to the conditions laid down in paragraphs (u) to (gg) above, and provided that, in the case of travel other than on official business, a maximum of three days' travel time shall be allowed in respect of any specific journey.

Miscellaneous travel expenses

(ll) Necessary additional expenses incurred by a staff member in connection with the transaction of official business or in the performance of authorized travel shall be reimbursed by the Organization after completion of travel, provided the necessity and nature of the expenses are

satisfactorily explained and supported by proper receipts, which shall normally be required for any expenditures in excess of US\$ 6. Such expenses, for which advance authorization shall be obtained to the extent practicable, shall normally be limited to the following:

- (i) Hire of local transportation other than that provided for under paragraphs (hh) and (ii) above;
- (ii) Telephone, telefax, telegraph, radio and cable messages of official business;
- (iii) Transfer of authorized baggage by transportation agency;
- (iv) Hire of room for official use;
- (v) Stenographic or typewriting services or rental of official business machines in connection with the preparation of official reports or correspondence;
- (vi) Transportation or storage of baggage or property used on official business;
- (vii) Passport and visa costs.

Travel advances

(mm) Staff members authorized to travel shall provide themselves with sufficient funds for all current expenses by securing an advance of funds if necessary. An advance of 100 per cent of the estimated daily subsistence allowance and other expenses authorized under these provisions may be made to a staff member authorized to undertake official travel.

Incidental expenses related to illness or accident during travel

(nn) The Organization shall pay or reimburse reasonable expenses incidental to an illness or injury, other than hospital and medical expenses, that may be incurred by staff members who become ill or are injured while in travel status on official business, in so far as such expenses are not covered by other arrangements.

Car insurance coverage

(oo) Staff members authorized to travel by car must ensure that the car they use is covered by an insurance policy for an amount sufficient to protect them against any third-party claims arising from traffic accidents as well as against loss of or damage to the car. Authorization to use the car for official travel does not relieve them of the responsibility of carrying such insurance coverage. The Organization will in no case assume liability for any loss of or damage to the staff member's car.

Appendix H

Transportation of personal effects and household goods

1. Definitions

For the purposes of these provisions:

- (a) "Excess baggage" shall mean baggage in excess of the weight or volume carried without charge by transportation companies;
- (b) "Personal effects and household goods" shall include all effects and goods normally required for personal or household use provided that animals, boats, cars, motor cycles, trailers and other power-assisted conveyances shall in no case be considered as such effects and goods.

2. Excess baggage

- (a) Staff members travelling by air economy class or its equivalent shall be entitled to payment of excess baggage for themselves and their eligible family members to the extent of the difference between the free baggage allowance by first class and by economy class or its equivalent.
- (b) When baggage is carried without charge by one transportation company, but considered as excess by a company furnishing subsequent transportation other than by air, the traveller may be reimbursed for the charges involved provided he or she obtains a statement from the company making the charges that the baggage was considered as excess.
- (c) Charges for excess baggage by air, other than those authorized under paragraph (a) above, shall not be reimbursable unless, in the opinion of the Director-General, the circumstances under which the staff member is travelling are of a sufficiently exceptional and compelling nature to warrant such reimbursement.

3. Partial Relocation Shipments

- (a) On travel on home leave, family visit or education grant, when the authorized travel is by air or by land, charges for unaccompanied shipment of personal baggage may be reimbursed up to a maximum, including the net weight or volume of packing but excluding crating and lift vans, of:
 - (i) 50 kg (110 lb) or 0.31 cubic metres (11 cubic feet) by surface means per person in respect of each journey, except as provided in subparagraph (ii) below. At the request of the staff member, this entitlement may be converted to an additional 10 kg of accompanied excess baggage or its equivalent as established by the Director-General;
 - (ii) 200 kg (400 lb) or 1.24 cubic metres (44 cubic feet) by surface means for travel on education grant in respect of the first outward journey to, or the final return journey from, an educational institution.
- (b) On travel on appointment or assignment for less than one year or on separation from service in the case of an appointment for less than one year, staff members, including project personnel in short-term status, may be authorized to ship personal effects at the Organization's expense by the

most economical means, as determined by the Director-General, up to a maximum of 100 kg (220 lb) or 0.62 cubic metres (22 cubic feet), including the weight or volume of packing but excluding crating and lift vans. Where the appointment or assignment is extended for a total period of one year or more, the staff member shall be paid expenses for an additional shipment of personal effects and household goods up to the maximum entitlements established in subparagraph (c) below.

(c) On travel on appointment or assignment for one year or more, on transfer or on separation from service in the case of an appointment for one year or more, where no entitlement to removal costs exists under rule 109.12, staff members, including project personnel in intermediate-term or long-term status, shall be paid expenses incurred in transporting personal effects and household goods by the most economical means, as determined by the Director-General, up to a maximum, including the weight or volume of packing but excluding crating and lift vans, of:

- (i) 1,000 kg (2,200 lb) or 6.23 cubic metres (220 cubic feet) for the staff member;
- (ii) 500 kg (1,100 lb) or 3.11 cubic metres (110 cubic feet) for the first family member;
- (iii) 300 kg (660 lb) or 1.87 cubic metres (66 cubic feet) for each additional family member

authorized to travel at the expense of the Organization.

(d) On travel on appointment, assignment, transfer or separation from service, where entitlement to relocation shipment does exist under rule 109.12, a staff member shall be paid expenses incurred in transporting a reasonable amount of personal effects and household goods, as an advanced removal shipment, by the most economical means, as determined by the Director-General, up to a maximum, including the weight or volume of packing but excluding crating and lift vans, of:

- (i) 450 kg (990 lb) or 2.80 cubic metres (99 cubic feet) for the staff member;
- (ii) 300 kg (660 lb) or 1.87 cubic metres (66 cubic feet) for the first family member;
- (iii) 150 kg (330 lb) or 0.93 cubic metres (33 cubic feet) for each additional family member

authorized to travel at the expense of the Organization. The weight or volume of any shipment under this subparagraph shall be deducted from the maximum weight or volume to which the staff member is entitled under paragraph 4 below.

(e) Partial relocation shall normally be made in one consignment and shall be within the limit of costs of transportation between the places of departure and destination of the authorized travel of the staff member or his or her family members. Reasonable costs of packing, crating, cartage, or unpacking and uncrating of such shipments under subparagraphs (a)(ii), (b), (c) and (d) above will be reimbursed within the limits of authorized weight or volume but costs for the servicing, dismantling, installing or special packing of personal effects and household goods shall not be reimbursed. Storage and demurrage charges shall not be reimbursed unless, in the opinion of the Director-General, they are directly incidental to the transportation of the consignment.

(f) Where surface shipment under subparagraphs (a)(ii), (b), (c) or (d) above is the most economical means of transport, such shipment may be converted to air freight on the basis of one half of the weight or volume of the authorized surface entitlement when:

- (i) A staff member elects to convert the whole surface entitlement to air freight; or
- (ii) In the opinion of the Director-General, the conversion to air freight of a portion of the surface entitlement is necessary to meet urgent needs.

However, for shipments under subparagraph (c) above, a portion of the surface entitlement up to 10 per cent thereof may be converted to air freight, on the basis of the full weight or volume, except in case of separation from service or on appointment, assignment or transfer to Headquarters at Vienna or to a duty station in a city where the headquarters of one of the organizations participating in the United Nations common system is located. If the entitlement is under subparagraph (d) above, twice the weight or volume of the air freight shipment shall be deducted from the staff member's entitlement under paragraph 4 below.

(g) When the authorized travel is by air, the staff member may elect to convert the whole surface shipment relating to travel on home leave, family visit or education grant under subparagraph (a)(i) above to air freight on the basis of the one-half rule. No costs for packing, crating, unpacking and uncrating will be paid, but reasonable costs will be paid for cartage of such air freight shipments.

(h) Notwithstanding the one-half rule laid down in subparagraphs (f) and (g) above, conversion to air freight on the basis of the full weight or volume may be authorized in the following cases:

- (i) Where the cost of air freight is lower than surface shipment;
- (ii) Where there is an extraordinary risk of damage to, or loss of, the shipment in transit;
- or
- (iii) Where an excessive shipping delay is expected, particularly for shipment to land-locked countries.

However, for surface shipments under paragraph (a) above, conversion on the basis of the full weight or volume may be authorized only in the cases indicated in (i) and (ii) above.

4. Relocation Shipment

Payment by the Organization of relocation shipment under staff rule 109.12 shall be subject to the following considerations:

(a) The entitlement for relocation shipment of household goods for staff with assignments of two years or more shall be up to a standard 20-foot container for single staff and a 40-foot container for staff with eligible family members, via the most cost-effective route and mode of transportation. The consignments shall not exceed the following maximum weights:

- (i) 4,890 kg for the 20-foot container, including the weight or volume of packing but excluding crating and lift vans, for a staff member with no spouse or dependent child
- (ii) 8,150 kg for a staff member with a spouse or dependent child residing at the official duty station, for the 40-foot container.

(b) Shipments under rule 109.12 and these provisions shall normally be made in one consignment. Reasonable costs of packing, crating, cartage, unpacking and uncrating of such shipments within the limits of the authorized weight or volume will be reimbursed, but costs for the servicing, dismantling, installing or special packing of personal effects and household goods shall not be reimbursed. Storage and demurrage charges shall not be reimbursed unless, in the opinion of the Director-General, they are directly incidental to the transportation of the consignment.

(c) Transportation of personal effects and household goods shall be by the most economical means, as determined by the Director-General, taking into account costs allowable under subparagraph (b) above.

(d) Where both husband and wife are staff members and each is entitled to relocation shipment or to partial relocation shipment under subparagraph 3(c) above, the maximum weight or volume that may be removed at the Organization's expense for both of them shall be that provided for a staff member with a spouse or dependent child residing at the official duty station.

(e) The Organization shall not pay relocation shipment in respect of staff recruited as project personnel under the 200 series Staff Rules.

5. Lump sum option in lieu of costs for relocation or partial relocation shipments

(a) As an alternative to the arrangements described under partial relocation shipments (paragraph 3 (b) and (c) above) and under relocation shipments (paragraph 4 (a) to (e) above), eligible staff members under the 100 or 200 series to the Staff Rules, as applicable, will be given the option to choose between the standard entitlement or the lump sum payment.

(i) Lump sum for relocation shipment, applies to staff members employed under the 100 series of the Staff Rules and eligible to relocation shipment in accordance with staff rule 109.12 (a);

(ii) Lump sum for partial relocation shipment applies to staff members employed under the 100 or 200 series of the Staff Rules, and entitled under staff rule 109.11 or 209.11 to partial relocation shipment. A lump sum for shipment at a lower rate will also be available for eligible staff members employed under the 100 or 200 of the Staff Rules with appointments or assignments of less than one year.

(b) The lump sum shall be paid at different rates for staff members with or without a spouse and/or dependent children as set out by the Director-General.

(c) The lump sum is payable upon arrival at the duty station upon appointment, assignment or transfer, or upon separation from service. It is normally not subject to adjustment afterwards.

(d) The lump sum shall not be available on a partial basis. By opting for the lump sum, a staff member agrees to waive the entitlement to relocation or partial relocation shipment as well as any other related costs as set out in the present Appendix (partial relocation shipment, paragraph 3 (b) to (g) above, and relocation shipment, paragraph 4 (a) to (e) above), that would otherwise apply. The Organization is not responsible for any delays in the arrival of personal effects or household goods or additional expenses that may be incurred or liabilities that may arise as a result of opting for the lump sum. It is the staff member's responsibility to take out appropriate insurance; the provisions of section 6 below do not apply to the lump sum option.

(e) The lump sum option shall not apply upon separation if the staff member resigns before completing the minimum years or months of service required to become eligible to the lump sum option.

(f) Entitlement to the lump sum in lieu of relocation shipment costs shall normally cease if the lump sum has not been claimed within one year of the date on which the staff member

became entitled to relocation shipment.

(g) Entitlement to the lump sum in lieu of partial relocation shipment shall normally cease if the lump sum has not been claimed a) within six months of the date on which the staff member became entitled to partial relocation shipment for staff members with appointments of one year or more and b) within 2 months, for staff members appointed for less than a year.

(h) The provisions of Staff Rules 108.07 and 208.08 on compensation for loss of or damage to personal effects will not apply if the staff member selects the lump sum option.

6. Insurance

(a) Staff members shall not be reimbursed for the cost of personal accident insurance or of insurance of accompanied personal baggage. Compensation may, however, be paid in respect of loss of, or damage to, accompanied personal baggage, in accordance with such arrangements as may be in force under rules 108.07 or 208.08.

(b) In the case of partial relocation shipments authorized under rule 109.11 or 209.11 and paragraph 3 above, except on home leave, family visit or education grant travel, insurance coverage shall be provided by the Organization as follows: for shipments under subparagraph 3(b), up to a maximum of \$US 2,000 for the staff member and for shipments under subparagraph 3(c) or (d), up to a maximum of:

- (i) \$US 16,000 for the staff member;
- (ii) \$US 8,000 for the first family member;
- (iii) \$US 4,800 for each additional family member.

Such insurance coverage shall not include articles of special value for which special premium rates are charged. The Organization shall not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, unaccompanied baggage. When the unaccompanied shipment is in accordance with the entitlement for advance removal shipment authorized under subparagraph 3(d) above, the amount of the insurance coverage shall be deducted from the overall insurance entitlement authorized for removal shipments under subparagraph (c) below.

(c) The cost of insurance of personal effects and household goods in transit (excluding articles of special value for which special premium rates are charged) under paragraph 4 above shall be reimbursed, up to a maximum valuation of \$US 80,000 for a staff member with no spouse or dependent child and \$US 130,000 for a staff member with a spouse or dependent child residing at the official duty station. The Organization shall in no case be responsible for loss or damage.

(d) In the case of all shipments under subparagraphs 3(b), (c) or (d) or under paragraph 4 above, the staff member shall furnish the Organization, prior to shipment, with an itemized inventory in duplicate of all articles shipped, including all containers such as suitcases as well as their contents, and the replacement value in United States dollars of each article in the shipment. If no inventory is furnished, no insurance coverage will be provided.

7. Storage charges

(a) When an internationally recruited staff member is assigned to a duty station where payment of partial relocation shipment rather than payment of relocation shipment costs, is authorized, the Organization shall pay the costs for the storage of personal effects and household goods and other pertinent charges, including the cost of insurance up to a maximum of \$US 40,000 for a staff

member with no spouse or dependent child and \$US 65,000 for a staff member with a spouse or dependent child, provided that:

- (i) The staff member is assigned from a duty station to which he or she enjoyed relocation shipment entitlement under rule 109.12(a) or would have enjoyed such entitlement had the staff member been recruited from outside the area of the duty station;
 - (ii) The staff member is expected to return to the same duty station within four or eight years or the maximum duration set by the Director-General for service in the field;
 - (iii) The quantity of personal effects and household goods stored does not exceed the difference between the maximum allowance under subparagraph 4(a) above and the amount actually shipped under paragraph 3 above. The maximum insurance value shall be reduced accordingly.
- (b) Storage charges shall not be paid beyond the maximum number of years set by the Director-General for service in the field following the date of assignment.

Appendix I

Repatriation Grant

Payment of repatriation grants under staff regulation 10.8 and schedule IV of the Staff Regulations shall be subject to the following definitions and conditions:

(a) "Obligation to repatriate", as used in schedule IV of the Staff Regulations, shall mean the obligation to return a staff member and his or her spouse and dependent children, upon separation from service, at the expense of the Organization, to a place outside the country of his or her duty station.

(b) "Home country", as used in schedule IV of the Staff Regulations, shall mean the country of home leave entitlement under rule 107.03 or 207.02, or such other country as the Director-General may determine.

(c) "Qualifying service", as used in schedule IV of the Staff Regulations, shall mean five years or more of continuous service and residence away from the home country and the country of nationality of a staff member, or the country where the staff member has acquired permanent resident status. Such service shall, for the purposes of this appendix, include service performed under a United Nations appointment immediately prior to 1 January 1986. If at any time the staff member was considered to have acquired permanent residence in the country of his or her duty station and subsequently changed from such status, the staff member's continuous service will be deemed to have commenced at the time the change was made. Continuity of such service shall not be considered as broken by periods of special leave without pay or in partial pay, but full months of any such periods shall not be credited as service for the purpose of calculating the amount of the grant payable; periods of less than one calendar month shall not affect the ordinary rates of accrual.

(d) Payment of the repatriation grant shall be subject to the provision by the former staff member of evidence of relocation away from the country of the last duty station. Evidence of relocation shall be constituted by documentary evidence that the former staff member has established residence in a country other than that of the last duty station. This requirement shall not apply to any qualifying service for repatriation grant that was accrued prior to 1 July 1979.

(e) Entitlement to the repatriation grant shall cease if no claim of payment of the grant has been submitted within two years after the effective date of separation from service. However, where both husband and wife are staff members and the spouse who separates first is entitled to the repatriation grant, his or her entitlement to the repatriation grant shall cease if no claim for payment of the grant has been submitted within two years after the date of separation from service of the other spouse.

(f) Payment of the repatriation grant shall be calculated:

(i) For staff in the Professional and higher categories, including project personnel, on the basis of the staff member's gross salary less staff assessment according to the schedule of rates set forth in paragraph (i) of schedule III of the Staff Regulations applied to the gross salary;

(ii) For staff in the General Service and related categories, on the basis of the staff member's gross salary, including language allowance and non-resident's allowance, if any, less staff assessment according to the schedule of rates set forth in paragraph (ii) of schedule III of the Staff Regulations applied to the gross salary alone.

(g) Payment shall be at the rates specified in schedule IV of the Staff Regulations, provided that a staff member who was eligible for a repatriation grant under schedule V of the Staff Regulations in effect on 30 June 2016, but who is no longer eligible for such grant under the present schedule IV, shall be paid a repatriation grant in accordance with the rates specified in schedule V of the Staff Regulations in effect on 30 June 2016 for the number of years of qualifying service accrued as of 30 June 2016.

(h) No payments shall be made to staff recruited locally under rule 103.06, to a staff member who abandons his or her post, to a staff member who is summarily dismissed, or to any staff member who is residing at the time of separation from service in his or her home country while performing official duties. A staff member who, after service at a duty station outside his or her home country, has served at a duty station within that country may be paid on separation from service, subject to paragraph (d) above, the full or partial repatriation grant at the discretion of the Director-General.

(i) A dependent child, for the purpose of the repatriation grant, shall mean a child recognized as dependent under rule 106.15(b) or 200.02 at the time of the staff member's separation from service. The repatriation grant shall be paid at the rate for a staff member with a spouse or dependent child to an eligible staff member regardless of the place of residence of the spouse or dependent child.

(j) Where both husband and wife are staff members and each is entitled, on separation from service, to payment of the repatriation grant, payment shall be made to each, at the single rate, according to their respective entitlements, provided that, where dependent children are recognized, the first parent to be separated may claim payment at the rate applicable to a staff member with a spouse or dependent child. In this event, the second parent, on separation from service, may claim payment at the single rate for the period of qualifying service subsequent thereto, or, if eligible, at the rate applicable to a staff member with a spouse or dependent child for the whole period of his or her qualifying service, from which shall normally be deducted the amount of the repatriation grant paid to the first parent.

(k) Loss of entitlement to payment of return travel expenses under rule 109.10 or 209.12 shall not affect a staff member's eligibility for payment of the repatriation grant.

(l) In the event of the death of an eligible staff member, no payment shall be made unless there is a surviving spouse or one or more dependent children whom the Organization is obligated to repatriate in accordance with the provisions of staff rules 109.02, 109.03 or 209.02. If there is one such survivor, payment shall be made at the single rate; if there are two or more such survivors, payment shall be made at the rate applicable to a staff member with a spouse or dependent child.

Appendix J

Joint Disciplinary Committee

Composition

(a) The Joint Disciplinary Committee established under staff rule 111.01 shall consist of three members as follows:

- (i) A chairperson, selected from a panel appointed biennially by the Director-General after consultation with the Staff Council;
- (ii) One member appointed biennially by the Director-General;
- (iii) One member elected by the staff.

The staff shall elect biennially by ballot three members, one from each of the following groups:

Group I	Staff below the Associate Officer level or in corresponding salary levels
Group II	Staff in the Associate Officer through Second Officer level or in corresponding salary levels
Group III	Staff in the First Officer through Director level

The staff-elected member to sit on the Committee for a particular case shall be from the group to which the staff member whose case is to be considered belongs.

(b) Alternate members shall be selected in the same manner as the members. An alternate member shall serve during the consideration of any case for which a member is unavailable or disqualified under paragraph (e) below, provided that alternate members elected by the staff shall serve in the order in which they received votes in such election.

(c) The members and alternate members of the Joint Disciplinary Committee shall be eligible for reappointment or re-election and in any event shall remain in office until their successors are appointed or elected.

(d) A member may be removed from the panel of chairpersons by the Director-General after consultation with the Staff Council; the member and the alternate members appointed by the Director-General may be removed by the Director-General; the member and the alternate members elected by the staff may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Staff Council.

(e) The Chairperson of the Joint Disciplinary Committee, at the request of either party, may disqualify any member or alternate member from the consideration of a specific case if, in the opinion of the Chairperson, such action is warranted by the relation of such member or alternate member to the staff member whose case is to be considered. The Chairperson may also excuse any member or alternate member from the consideration of a specific case.

Procedure

(f) In considering a case, the Joint Disciplinary Committee shall act with maximum dispatch. Proceedings before the Committee shall normally be limited to the original written presentation of the case, together with brief statements and rebuttals, which may be made orally or in writing but without delay. The Joint Disciplinary Committee shall make every effort to send its report to the Director-General within two weeks after being convened.

(g) The Joint Disciplinary Committee shall permit a staff member to arrange to have his or her case presented before it by a serving staff member or a retired staff member residing at the duty station.

Appendix K

Joint Appeals Board

The provisions of staff rule 112.01 shall also be applicable to project personnel appointed under staff rules 200.01 through 213.03 and short-term staff appointed under staff rules 301.01 through 313.02.

Composition

(a) The Joint Appeals Board established under staff rule 112.01 shall be composed of:

- (i) Chairpersons appointed by the Director-General from a list presented by the Staff Council;
- (ii) Members appointed by the Director-General;
- (iii) An equal number of members elected by the staff.

The number of chairpersons and members of the Board shall be determined by the Director-General upon recommendation of the Staff Council.

(b) The chairpersons and members of the Joint Appeals Board shall be appointed or elected for two years, shall be eligible for reappointment or re-election and in any event shall remain in office until their successors are appointed or elected.

(c) A chairperson may be removed from a Board by the Director-General upon recommendation of the Staff Council. The members appointed by the Director-General may be removed by the Director-General. The members elected by the staff may be recalled by a majority vote of the staff taken at the initiative of the Staff Council.

(d) The Board shall establish its own rules of procedure. At the commencement of its term of office, the Board shall, from among the chairpersons, elect its presiding officer and, when necessary, an alternate presiding officer, who shall serve in the absence of the presiding officer; at the same time, the Board also shall decide on the system of rotation to be followed in constituting panels of the Board.

(e) The Joint Appeals Board may, by a majority vote of all its chairpersons and members, recommend to the Director-General changes in the provisions of chapter XII of the Staff Rules and this appendix.

(f) The Secretariat of the Joint Appeals Board shall consist of a Secretary and such other staff as may be required for its proper functioning.

Panel of the Joint Appeals Board

(g) For the consideration of each appeal, the presiding officer of the Joint Appeals Board shall constitute a panel of the Board, composed as follows:

- (i) A panel chairperson selected from among the chairpersons of the Board;

- (ii) A member selected from among those appointed by the Director-General;
- (iii) A member selected from among those elected by the staff.

(h) In constituting such panels, the maximum possible rotation of chairpersons and members of the Board shall be observed. No person who has served on the Joint Disciplinary Committee during consideration of a specific case or who has assisted the Director-General in a review procedure referred to in paragraph (a) of staff rule 112.02 or 212.02 shall serve on a panel established to consider an appeal relating to the same case.

(i) Before a panel undertakes consideration of an appeal, the parties shall be notified of the proposed composition thereof. The presiding officer of the Board may, at the request of either party, disqualify the chairperson or either member if, in the opinion of the presiding officer, such action is warranted to ensure impartiality. He or she may also excuse the chairperson or either member from serving on the panel.

(j) Subject to the principles set out in paragraphs (g)-(i) above, the presiding officer of the Board shall fill any vacancies arising on a panel.

Procedure of the Joint Appeals Board

(k) An appeal shall not be receivable unless the time-limits specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of staff rule 112.02 or 212.02 have been met or have been waived, in exceptional circumstances, by the panel constituted for the appeal.

(l) The designated representative of the Director-General shall submit a written reply within two months following the date of receipt of the appeal.

(m) Proceedings before a panel shall normally be limited to the original written presentation of the case, together with brief statements and rebuttals, which may be made orally or in writing, in one of the working languages of the Secretariat.

(n) A staff member may arrange to have his or her appeal presented to the panel on his or her behalf by another serving or retired staff member. The staff member may not, however, be represented before the panel by any other person.

(o) Where the competence of the Joint Appeals Board is in doubt, the panel constituted for the appeal shall decide.

(p) In case of termination or other action on grounds of inefficiency or relative efficiency, the Panel shall not consider the substantive question of efficiency but only evidence that the decision has been motivated by prejudice or by some other extraneous factor.

(q) The panel shall have the authority to call members of the Secretariat who may be able to provide information on the issues before it and shall have access to all documents pertinent to the case. The chairperson of the panel shall determine which documents are to be transmitted to the members of the panel and to the parties.

(r) In considering any appeal, the panel shall act with the maximum dispatch consistent with a fair review of the issues before it.

(s) Within one month of the date on which the consideration of an appeal has been completed, the panel shall, by majority vote, adopt and submit a report to the Director-General. The report shall be considered as constituting a record of the proceedings in the appeal and may include a summary of the matter, as well as all recommendations that the panel considers appropriate. Vote on the recommendations shall be recorded and any member of the panel may have his or her dissenting opinion included in the report.

(t) Within one month after the panel has forwarded its report, the final decision on the appeal shall be taken by the Director-General and shall be communicated to the staff member, together with a copy of the panel's report. The Director-General's decision and a copy of the panel's report shall also be transmitted to a designated officer of the Staff Council, except if the appeal was against a disciplinary action or if the staff member objects.

(u) To enable staff members to exercise their right to make application to the competent Administrative Tribunal, the Secretary of the Joint Appeals Board shall, at the request of the staff member, communicate to him or her the report of the panel, if the Director-General has not made a decision upon the report within a period of one month after the date on which the report was submitted to the Director-General.

Appendix M

Staff Performance Appraisal System

a) As stipulated in Staff Rule 104.08, the service and conduct of staff members shall be subject of regular appraisals under the Staff Performance Appraisal System (PAS). The PAS is an integral part of UNIDO's programme for Change and Organizational Renewal and supports and reinforces a collaborative approach between a supervisor and supervisee for assigned deliverables and expected behaviors.

(b) A normal performance cycle shall cover a 24 months period, normally beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December of the following year. The formal review and assessment of the staff member's performance during a normal performance cycle occurs in three phases, namely the Start of the Cycle (SOC) from 1 January to 30 June of year 1, the In-Progress phase through four check-in discussions between 1 July of year 1 to 30 June of year 2, and the End of the Cycle (EOC) from 1 July to 31 December of year 2.

(c) In case the PAS is required at a time when the normal performance cycle may not be possible (e.g. at the entry of new staff, reassignment of serving staff, change in first reporting officers, planned or unplanned absences), the performance period may cover a period of at least six months or less than two years. Therefore, if at least six months are left within a given year, the performance document shall cover such a period. If there are less than six months left during the given year, this period shall be added to the next year.

(d) At the end of the cycle, two overall ratings are established in the PAS of a staff member, i.e. one for the achievement of the results under the compact and the other for the demonstration of core values and competencies as applicable under UNIDO's competency framework.

(e) The definitions of the performance ratings are established as follows:

♣ For the achievement of the results of the compact:

- Set new performance standard (band 10)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timeliness were met with distinction that set new performance standard.
- Met Extraordinary Performance (band 9)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines were met with extraordinary performance.
- Met Exceptional Performance (band 8)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines were met with exceptional performance.
- Met Very High Performance (band 7)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines were met with very high performance.
- Met Very Good Performance (band 6)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines were met with very good performance.
- Met Good Performance (band 5)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines were met with good performance.

- Met Satisfactory Performance (band 4)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines were met with satisfactory performance.
- Met Somewhat Satisfactory Performance (band 3)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines were met with some aspects of performance.
- Met less than Satisfactory Performance (band 2)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines met less than satisfactory performance.
- Not Met Expected Performance (band 1)
Definition: The deliverables, in quality, quantity and timelines did not meet expected performance.

♣ For the performance in the core values and competencies:

- Set new performance standard (band 10)
Definition: Demonstrated all behaviours with distinction that set new performance standard.
- Demonstrated Extraordinary Performance (band 9)
Definition: Demonstrated extraordinary performance of all behaviours.
- Demonstrated Exceptional Performance (band 8)
Definition: Demonstrated exceptional performance of all behaviours
- Demonstrated Very High Performance (band 7)
Definition: Demonstrated very high performance of all behaviours
- Demonstrated Very Good Performance (band 6)
Definition: Demonstrated very good performance of all behaviours
- Demonstrated Good Performance (band 5)
Definition: Demonstrated good performance of all behaviours
- Demonstrated Satisfactory Performance (band 4)
Definition: Demonstrated satisfactory performance of behaviours
- Demonstrated Somewhat Satisfactory Performance (band 3)
Definition: Demonstrated some aspects of performance of behaviours
- Demonstrated less than Satisfactory Performance (band 2)
Definition: Demonstrated less than satisfactory performance of behaviours
- Not Demonstrated Expected Performance (band 1)
Definition: Did not demonstrate the behaviours

(f) When one or both of the final overall ratings is in band 1, 2 or 3, a performance improvement period of six months is applicable during the extension of the probationary period by six months. A performance improvement period of minimum six months and maximum 12 months is applicable for a staff member on a fixed term contract.

(g) A staff member, who has received an overall rating in band 1, 2 or 3, and who is not in agreement with one or both of the final performance ratings established at the completion of the cycle, may submit a rebuttal within 60 calendar days of the date of the email notification generated from the online system, once the supervisor of the staff member established the overall ratings.

(h) A rebuttal panel is established at UNIDO headquarters and constitutes a pool of ten members, who shall be serving staff members of UNIDO. A rebuttal case shall be reviewed by a sub-panel comprising of three members selected from the pool, who shall submit their recommendations to the Chief, Human Resource Services for a final decision.

Appendix N

Hardship Allowance, Non-family Service Allowance and Mobility Incentive

1. Definitions

For the purposes of the present appendix,

- (a) "Assignment" shall mean the appointment or reassignment of an internationally recruited staff member to a duty station for a period of one year or more;
- (b) "Duty stations" shall be classified as follows:
 - (i) "H" duty stations, consisting of Headquarters, North American and European duty stations and similar designated locations;
 - (ii) All other duty stations, or field duty stations, which are further divided into the categories: "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E", according to the degree of difficulty of the conditions of life and work in the locality as determined by the International Civil Service Commission.
- (c) "Entitlement to relocation shipment" shall mean an entitlement to a relocation shipment or full removal of personal effects and household goods, as provided in staff rule 109.12.
- (d) "Mobility" shall mean the geographic reassignment of a staff member from one duty station to another, usually to another country, for a period of one year or longer.

2. Hardship allowance

Purpose

- (a) The hardship allowance provides compensation for the varying degrees of hardship at different duty stations. The allowance shall be payable from the initial appointment or the first assignment of a staff member in the Professional and higher categories to any of the duty stations classified in the categories "B", "C", "D" or "E" , provided that the staff member meets the general conditions of eligibility for the allowance.

Eligibility

- (b) Internationally recruited staff members in the Professional and higher categories who are appointed or reassigned for one year or more to "B", "C", "D" or "E"-category duty stations shall be eligible for a hardship allowance.
- (c) The hardship allowance shall not be payable to:
 - (i) Staff serving in "H" and "A" duty stations;
 - (ii) Staff on short term assignment;
 - (iii) Staff in receipt of a daily subsistence allowance (DSA); or,
 - (iv) Locally recruited staff members.

Payment

- (d) The annual amount of the hardship allowance shall vary according to the classification of the duty station and the staff member's grade, as shown in Table 1 below.

(e) The hardship allowance shall be prorated and paid in monthly installments. The allowance shall be payable for the entire duration of the staff member's service at the duty station and for as long as that duty station remains classified in the category concerned. Any change in the classified category shall result in an appropriate adjustment to the amount of the hardship allowance.

Table 1
Annual amounts of the hardship allowance effective 1 January 2020

Hardship category of duty station	Hardship allowance (annual amounts in United States dollars)		
	Group 1 (P-1 to P-3)	Group 2 (P-4 and P-5)	Group 3 (D-1 and above)
A	--	--	--
B	5 930	7 110	8 300
C	10 680	13 040	15 410
D	14 230	16 610	18 960
E	17 790	21 340	23 720

3. Non-family service allowance

Purpose

(a) The non-family service allowance is an incentive for internationally recruited staff members in the Professional and higher categories to undertake assignments at non-family duty locations. The non-family service allowance is payable in addition to the hardship allowance.

Eligibility

(b) Internationally recruited staff members in the Professional and higher categories who are appointed or reassigned for one year or longer at a field duty station designated by the International Civil Service Commission as *non-family* shall be eligible for the non-family service allowance.

(c) The non-family service allowance shall not be payable to:

- (i) Staff serving in duty stations not designated as *non-family* by the International Civil Service Commission;
- (ii) Staff on short-term assignment;
- (iii) Staff in receipt of a daily subsistence allowance (DSA);
- (iv) Locally recruited staff members.

Payment

(d) The non-family service allowance shall be paid in prorated, monthly installments and shall differentiate between staff members with eligible dependants and staff members with no dependants, as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2
Annual amounts of the non-family service allowance

*Non-family service allowance
(annual amounts in United States dollars)*

Staff with eligible dependants	19 800
Staff with no dependants	7 500

4. Mobility incentive

Purpose

(a) The mobility incentive is an advance annual payment that aims at encouraging the mobility of internationally recruited staff members in the Professional and higher categories to field duty stations.

Eligibility

(b) Internationally recruited staff members in the Professional and higher categories shall be eligible for a mobility incentive provided that they:

- (i) Have five years or more of continuous service as a staff member of one or more of the organizations participating in the common system of salaries and allowances. Continuity of service shall not be considered as broken by periods of special leave without pay, but full months of any such period shall not be credited as service for the purpose of this allowance; and
- (ii) Are on assignment of one year or more to a new, non-"H" duty station and are installed at the new duty station.

(c) The mobility incentive shall not be payable to:

- (i) Staff at "H" duty stations;
- (ii) Staff on short-term assignment;
- (iii) Staff in receipt of a daily subsistence allowance (DSA);
- (iv) Locally recruited staff members;
- (v) Staff who have served for five consecutive years or more at the same duty station.

(d) In counting the number of assignments for the purposes of the mobility incentive, the following provisions shall apply:

- (i) An assignment shall not be counted as such unless it involves the installation of the staff member at the duty station (i.e. payment by the Organization of relocation travel, relocation shipment and settling-in grant) except in the case of an initial appointment for one year or more where no relocation travel and settling-in grant have been paid;
- (ii) Any period of service on travel or mission status while in receipt of a daily subsistence allowance shall not be counted as an assignment. However, if such status is extended beyond one year at the same duty station, that period shall be so counted;

- (iii) If a staff member is posted to a duty station for an initial period of less than one year and the period is subsequently extended so that service at the duty station equals or exceeds one year, such service shall be counted as an assignment;
- (iv) In the case of consecutive assignments of less than one year at different duty stations during which the staff member is paid post adjustment under staff rule 106.04, the combined periods of such assignments may be counted as one assignment;
- (v) If a staff member is assigned to a duty station for a period of one year or more and the period is subsequently reduced on the initiative of the Organization to a period of less than one year, such service should normally be counted as an assignment.

(e) Transfers, secondments and loans to other organizations participating in the United Nations common system shall be treated in the same way as movement within the Organization for the purpose of the mobility allowance, i.e. in order to be counted as an assignment, such transfers, secondments and loans should be for a period of one year or more and involve a change of duty station.

Payment

(f) The mobility incentive shall be paid in the form of annual payments to be made up front for a period up to a maximum of five years. After five consecutive years at the same duty station, the mobility incentive is discontinued. The amount of the mobility incentive may need to be prorated if a staff member is assigned or re-assigned to a H duty station and corresponding amounts may need to be recovered. The amounts of the mobility incentive are shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3
Annual amounts of the mobility incentive effective 1 January 2020

Assignment number	Additional Amounts	Group 1 (P-1 to P-3)	Group 2 (P-4 and P-5)	Group 3 (D-1 and above)
2 to 3	None	6,700	8,375	10,050
4 to 6	25 %	8,375	10,469	12,563
7+	50 %	10,050	12,563	15,075

Transitional measure

(g) Staff members who were in receipt of a mobility allowance on 30 June 2016 shall continue to be paid that allowance at the same levels for a period of up to five years at the same duty station or until they are reassigned to a new duty station, whichever occurs earlier.