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Decision concerning revisions to the temporary payment mechanism taken by
the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission
at its 148th meeting, on 29 September 2005

The Governing Council,

Recalling decision 197 (S/AC.26/Dec.197 (2003)), which established a temporary payment mechanism for the payment of claims approved at the forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of the Governing Council and its decision 227 (S/AC.26/Dec.227 (2004)), which extended the temporary payment mechanism,

Noting that the Compensation Commission completed the review of all claims at the fifty-sixth session of the Governing Council,

1. Decides that, notwithstanding paragraph 6 of decision 17 (S/AC.26/Dec.17 (1994)) and paragraph 2 (a) of decision 227 (S/AC.26/Dec.227 (2004)), the funds available to the Commission for the payment of claims will be allocated as follows:

(a) The maximum amount from any balances in the Compensation Fund, except for the amounts allocated for the Commission's administrative budget or operating reserve, shall be made available for payments every three months for distribution among successful claimants;

(b) Payments will be made to successful claimants in the order in which their claims have been approved and that no payment shall be made that increases the total amount paid of any claim award until the payments made on every other outstanding claim award at least equals that total amount;

2. Decides also that the terms of sub-paragraph (b) above apply equally to claims that have been suspended from receiving further payment upon such suspension(s) being removed or to unlocated claimants referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of decision 48 (S/AC.26/Dec.48 (1998)) upon their being located;

3. Decides further that the Governing Council will keep the priority of payment and the payment mechanism under review.
