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Decision concerning the payment mechanism and payment of remaining claims taken by the  
Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission  
at its 170th meeting, on 12 November 2009

The Governing Council,

Having considered the current payment mechanism in force under decision 256  
(S/AC.26/Dec.256 (2005)),

Noting that phase one under this payment mechanism was completed in October 2006,

Noting also that phase two provides for priority in payment to environmental awards and those  
with outstanding amounts less than US\$500 million, and fixes payments to claims with outstanding  
balances greater than \$500 million to \$2 million per payment round,

Noting further that following the payment to the remaining environmental claim under phase two  
of the mechanism, all nine remaining claims will have outstanding balances greater than \$500 million to  
be paid,

Noting that these nine awards with a total approximate outstanding amount of \$24 billion are all  
payable to Kuwait,

1. Decides that, following payment in full of the remaining environmental claim under decision 256, the payment of claims will be made as follows:

(a) Each quarter, all remaining claims will receive rounds of payments of \$10 million, or the unpaid balance of the award, if less, in the order in which they have been approved, until all available amounts in the Compensation Fund have been exhausted;

(b) If upon payment of the amounts referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above on any claim, that claim will have a remaining balance of \$1 million or less, the Executive Head may pay the full remaining balance of the claim;

2. Decides also that the Governing Council will keep the payment mechanism under review in light of the ongoing consultations between Iraq and Kuwait under the auspices of the UNCC.

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