

PRESS RELEASE

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION
APPROVES AWARDS OF US\$842 MILLION FOR COMPENSATION
AT ITS FORTIETH SESSION

The Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, under the Presidency of Ambassador Sverre Bergh Johansen (Norway), has today approved awards of US\$842,112,136.81 for compensation. The delegations of Kuwait, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka addressed the fifteen-member Governing Council at its opening plenary meeting.

The Council approved eight reports and recommendations of the panels of Commissioners concerning claims from individuals in category "D", claims from corporations in category "E", and claims from Governments in category "F":

Part one of the eighth instalment of category "D" claims (individual claims for losses over US\$100,000) involved 216 claims filed on behalf of individuals by 10 Governments. Of these, 190 claims filed by 9 Governments were recommended for compensation, with a total award value of US\$34,906,517.12;

Part one of the ninth instalment of category "D" claims involved 244 claims filed on behalf of individuals by 16 Governments and international organizations. Of these, 225 claims filed by 16 Governments and international organizations were recommended for compensation, with a total award value of US\$25,616,749.69;

The seventh instalment of category "E2" claims (non-Kuwaiti claims, excluding oil sector, construction/engineering and export guarantee and insurance claims) involved 63 claims filed on behalf

of corporations by 27 Governments, and one claim submitted directly by a corporation. Of these, 45 claims filed by 21 Governments were approved by the Council for compensation, with a total award value of US\$56,364,423.00;

The thirteenth instalment of category "E3" claims (non-Kuwaiti construction/engineering claims) involved 17 claims filed on behalf of corporations by eight Governments. Of these, two claims filed by two Governments were approved by the Council for compensation, with a total award value of US\$2,120,218.00;

The ninth instalment of category "E4" claims (Kuwaiti claims, excluding oil sector claims) involved 21 claims filed on behalf of corporations by the Government of Kuwait. All claims were approved by the Council for compensation, with a total award value of US\$228,804,975.00;

The eleventh instalment of category "E4" claims involved 19 claims filed on behalf of corporations by the Government of Kuwait. All claims were approved by the Council for compensation, with a total award value of US\$171,567,659.00;

The fifth instalment of category "F1" claims (claims filed by Governments, with the exception of environmental claims) involved 16 claims filed by four Governments. Of these, three claims filed by three Governments were approved by the Council for compensation, with a total award value of US\$79,496,628.00; and

The first instalment of category "F4" claims (environmental claims filed by Governments) involved 105 environmental monitoring and assessment claims filed by six Governments. Of these, 69 claims filed by five Governments were approved by the Council for compensation, with a total award value of US\$243,234,967.00.

The Council discussed a progress report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission. The report addressed the processing of claims and the payment of approved claims.

The Council also discussed the report of the Executive Secretary on the distribution of payments awarded to successful claimants, the transparency of the distribution process, and the return of undistributed funds.

The Council decided to hold its next regular session from 25 to 27 September 2001.

In a special session held on 19 June 2001, the Council adopted the conclusions of the Working Group concerning the provision of technical assistance to Iraq in respect of environmental claims before the UNCC, the text of which appears in decision 124.

To date, the Commission has awarded compensation of over US\$35.4 billion, including the awards approved in the fortieth session; over US\$12 billion of the amount awarded has been made available to Governments and international organizations for distribution to successful claimants in all categories of claims.

Further information about the Commission, including the text of Governing Council decisions and reports and recommendations of the panels of Commissioners, can be found on the United Nations Compensation Commission website located at www.uncc.ch.
