

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION PAYS OUT US\$825,177,061.61 AND
CONCLUDES THE SECOND PHASE OF PAYMENTS TO SUCCESSFUL CLAIMANTS

The United Nations Compensation Commission has today made available, in the second phase of payments, a total of US\$825,177,061.61 to 56 Governments and eight offices of three international organizations for distribution to 30,951 successful claimants. This amount includes: US\$21,500 for nine claims in category "A" (claims of individuals for departure from Kuwait or Iraq); US\$701,112,178.02 for 28,928 claims in category "C" (claims of individuals for damages up to US\$100,000); US\$65,271,066.49 for 1,139 claims in category "D" (claims of individuals for damages above US\$100,000); US\$54,192,819.10 for 810 claims in category "E" (claims of corporations, other private legal entities and public sector enterprises); and US\$4,579,498 for 65 claims in category "F" (claims of governments and international organizations).

The present payments mark the conclusion of the second phase of payments and complete payment to successful individual claimants in categories "A" and "C".

The attached table lists the Governments and international organizations receiving funds, and the amounts of money to be made available to each of them.

Background

The first phase of payments involved an initial payment of US\$2,500 to each successful individual claimant in categories "A" and "C", as well as payment of the full amount to all successful claimants in category AB≅ (claims for death or serious personal injury). A total amount of US\$3,252,337,997.09 was made available to 1,498,119 successful

individual claimants in categories "A", "B" and "C" under the first phase of payments.

In respect of the second phase of payments, the UNCC Governing Council in decision 73 determined that priority of payment will continue to be provided to individual claimants in categories "A" and "C", while also providing meaningful compensation to claimants in categories "D", "E" and "F". In accordance with this decision, payments of up to US\$100,000 were subsequently made available to approved claims in all these categories in two rounds comprising payment amounts of US\$25,000 and US\$75,000 respectively. Including the present payments, a total of US\$4,860,461,112.60 has been made available to 870,816 claimants in categories "A", "C", "D", "E" and "F" under the second phase of payments.

The third phase of payments is scheduled to commence in October 2000. The UNCC Governing Council in decision 100 decided that successful claimants in categories "D", "E" and "F" would receive an initial amount of US\$5 million in the order in which the claims have been approved. Subsequent payments of US\$10 million will be made to successful claimants in those categories of claims.

Funds to pay the awards of compensation are drawn from the United Nations Compensation Fund which receives 30 per cent of the revenue generated from the export of Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products. At present, funds are made available to the Compensation Fund from the proceeds of the "oil-for-food" mechanism established by Security Council resolution 986 (1995) and subsequent resolutions.

The present payment brings the overall amount of compensation made available to date by the United Nations Compensation Commission to US\$8,112,799,109.69.

The Governing Council monitors the distribution of payments to claimants by Governments and international organizations. Governments and international organizations are obligated to distribute funds to successful claimants within six months of receiving payment and to report on payments made to claimants no later than three months thereafter. Any funds undistributed within twelve months of receiving payment shall be returned to the Commission promptly. Further payments to Governments and international organizations shall be suspended where Governments and international organizations fail to report on distribution of funds or fail to return undistributed funds on time.

Further information about the Commission can be found on the UNCC website located at <http://www.uncc.ch>.

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**Consolidated Report of Payment of Categories A, C, D, E and F claims
Second Phase of Payment - 6 September 2000**

No.	Country	Category "A" (US\$)	Category "C" (US\$)	Category "D" (US\$)	Category "E" (US\$)	Category "F" (US\$)	Total (US\$)
1	ARGENTINA		43,038.55				43,038.55
2	AUSTRALIA		1,577,479.40	507,524.05	95,669.48	49,128.00	2,229,800.93
3	AUSTRIA		712,747.42	31,340.52	89,962.00	90,074.00	924,123.94
4	BELGIUM		168,765.35		225,000.00		393,765.35
5	BOLIVIA		49,153.39				49,153.39
6	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA		35,845.93		300,000.00		335,845.93
7	BRAZIL		222,757.94		75,000.00		297,757.94
8	BULGARIA		62,013.32	41,564.02	225,000.00		328,577.34
9	CANADA		10,932,937.83	1,659,017.60	152,666.87	100,000.00	12,844,622.30
10	CHINA		78,431.17		469,076.84		547,508.01
11	CROATIA		96,956.60		283,096.00		380,052.60
12	CYPRUS		129,334.94		305,783.00	35,581.00	470,698.94
13	CZECH REPUBLIC		198,015.49		151,066.00		349,081.49
14	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA					75,000.00	75,000.00
15	DENMARK		1,284,515.72	33,633.94	75,000.00	75,000.00	1,468,149.66
16	FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA	4,000.00	229,807.72		375,000.00		608,807.72
17	FINLAND		112,376.48		146,581.00	75,000.00	333,957.48
18	FRANCE		3,938,412.73	461,914.25	79,000.00		4,479,326.98
19	GERMANY		1,895,626.13	991,197.97	383,721.10	63,416.00	3,333,961.20
20	GREECE		436,187.13	111,950.00	150,000.00		698,137.13
21	HUNGARY		197,565.90	13,266.00	202,328.47	75,000.00	488,160.37
22	ICELAND		42,835.35				42,835.35
23	IRAN	1,500.00	9,538,390.85		106,808.00		9,646,698.85
24	IRELAND		588,288.45	154,892.32	75,000.00	120,615.00	938,795.77
25	ISRAEL		1,547,176.32	520,776.24	3,794,572.00		5,862,524.56
26	JAPAN		270,840.02	86,116.20	365,824.78	75,000.00	797,781.00
27	JORDAN	9,500.00	123,570,305.57	2,918,048.07	175,542.00	750,000.00	127,423,395.64
28	KUWAIT		422,443,297.39	44,025,208.89	41,210,909.00	1,575,000.00	509,254,415.28
29	LIBERIA				312,632.00		312,632.00
30	LUXEMBOURG		1,565.74				1,565.74
31	MALDIVES				75,000.00		75,000.00

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32	MALTA				6,106.00		6,106.00
33	NETHERLANDS		847,029.38		225,000.00	261,975.00	1,334,004.38
34	NEW ZEALAND		182,044.05			35,833.00	217,877.05
35	NIGERIA		87,520.01			48,491.00	136,011.01
36	NORWAY		31,800.96		133,150.00		164,950.96
37	POLAND		903,463.88	63,257.80	241,311.00	150,000.00	1,358,032.68
38	REPUBLIC OF KOREA		1,759,128.88		309,500.00	75,000.00	2,143,628.88
39	ROMANIA		4,394.07				4,394.07
40	RUSSIAN FEDERATION		39,753.48		225,000.00	109,959.00	374,712.48
41	SAUDI ARABIA		14,592.66		300,000.00		314,592.66
42	SINGAPORE	2,500.00	174,576.67	31,668.79	80,590.40		289,335.86
43	SLOVAKIA		85,151.08				85,151.08
44	SLOVENIA		128,042.12		75,000.00		203,042.12
45	SPAIN		149,400.60		87,462.16	75,000.00	311,862.76
46	SUDAN		4,483,402.72	911,529.37	150,000.00		5,544,932.09
47	SWEDEN		1,087,782.72	612,845.44	75,000.00	75,000.00	1,850,628.16
48	SWITZERLAND		180,396.05		300,000.00		480,396.05
49	SYRIA		15,311,978.64	580,924.37			15,892,903.01
50	THAILAND		378,829.63		75,000.00	75,000.00	528,829.63
51	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA		23,605.89		75,000.00		98,605.89
52	TUNISIA		2,102,019.95				2,102,019.95
53	UNDP ALGERIA			47,818.29			47,818.29
54	UNDP JERUSALEM		1,869,293.05				1,869,293.05
55	UNDP UAE			10,515.00			10,515.00
56	UNDP WASHINGTON		578,856.77	91,781.06			670,637.83
57	UNHCR BULGARIA		77,561.26				77,561.26
58	UNHCR CANADA		873,391.92	95,433.57			968,825.49
59	UNHCR GENEVA		26,404.40				26,404.40
60	UNITED KINGDOM		25,809,736.49	6,034,872.49	717,076.00	176,423.00	32,738,107.98
61	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		18,213,829.03	4,795,590.23	1,217,385.00	338,003.00	24,564,807.26
62	UNRWA GAZA		2,455,621.30	363,380.01			

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63	VIETNAM	4,000.00	4,999.00				
64	YEMEN		42,822,902.53	75,000.00			42,897,902.53
	Total	21,500.00	701,112,178.02	65,271,066.49	54,192,819.10	4,579,498.00	825,177,061.61