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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION PAYS OUT US\$11,800,599.38

The United Nations Compensation Commission has made available today a total of US\$11,800,599.38 to 21 Governments and two international organizations for distribution to 687 successful individual claimants in the first, second, and third instalments of category "D" claims (claims for damages above \$100,000). This is the first payment for category "D" claims.

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

The first phase of payments involved an initial payment of US\$2,500 to each successful individual claimant in categories "A" (claims for departure from Kuwait or Iraq) and "C" (claims for damages up to \$100,000), as well as payment of the full amount to all successful claimants in category "B" (claims for death or serious personal injury). The final payments began on 8 July 1999, bringing the amounts made available for compensation in the first phase of payments to a total of US\$3,153,203,114.60 to 1,457,900 successful individual claimants in categories "A", "B" and "C".

In respect of the second phase of payments, the Governing Council in decision 73 determined that priority of payment will continue to be provided to claimants in categories "A" and "C", while also providing meaningful compensation to claimants in categories "D", "E" (claims of corporations) and "F" (claims of governments and international organizations). The Governing Council decided that transfers shall be made to approved claims in all categories when there are funds in the Compensation Fund sufficient to make a payment of US\$25,000 (or the unpaid principal amount of the award if less) in respect of each approved claim. Once that amount has been paid on all awards of claims in categories "A" and "C" and all approved claims in categories "D", "E" and "F", the amount for further payments on all claims shall increase to US\$75,000 (or the unpaid principal amount of the award if less). On 23 September 1999, the Commission commenced the second phase of payments by making available US\$481,224,655.70 to 73 Governments and nine offices of three

international organizations for distribution to 167,730 successful claimants in categories "A", "C", "E" and "F".

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. Funds are made available in accordance with the "oil-for-food" mechanism established by Security Council resolution 986 (1995) and extended by Security Council resolutions 1111 (1997), 1143 (1997), 1153 (1998), 1210 (1998) and 1242 (1999).

The present payment brings the overall amount of compensation made available to date by the United Nations Compensation Commission to US\$3,646,667,679.65.

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

UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Consolidated report of payments of category "D" claims

Second phase of payments - 14 October 1999

	<u>Country</u>	<u>Number of claims</u>	<u>Amount (US\$)</u>
1	Australia	7	136,804.10
2	Canada	36	586,161.02
3	Denmark	1	709.34
4	Egypt	1	25,000.00
5	France	3	74,038.09
6	Germany	2	41,605.67
7	Hungary	1	25,000.00
8	Iceland	1	9,055.73
9	Ireland	2	12,050.00
10	Israel	11	228,533.71
11	Italy	5	98,025.35
12	Jordan	141	2,462,463.72
13	Kuwait	223	3,438,023.26
14	Lebanon	5	108,834.60
15	Pakistan	6	142,388.61
16	Poland	1	10,634.14
17	Sudan	31	571,222.28
18	Sweden	2	35,000.00
19	Syria	6	121,057.00
20	UNDP Washington	2	32,958.00
21	United Kingdom	97	1,768,504.61
22	United States	96	1,716,445.08
23	UNRWA Gaza	7	156,085.07
	Total	687	11,800,599.38
