

## PRESS RELEASE

## UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION PAYS OUT US\$190 MILLION

The United Nations Compensation Commission has made available today a total of US\$190,381,244.88 to 25 Governments and one international organization for distribution to 1,069 successful claimants. Payment is being made in respect of claims in category "D" (claims of individuals for damages above US\$100,000), category "E" (claims of corporations, other private legal entities and public sector enterprises), and category "F" (claims of Governments and international organizations) that were approved at the forty-eighth session of the Governing Council, held from 24 to 26 June 2003. Payment is also being made in respect of a number of claims in category "C" (claims of individuals for damages up to US\$100,000) as a result of the distribution of awards pursuant to decision 123 of the Governing Council. Today's payment is made in accordance with the temporary payment mechanism set out by the Governing Council in decision 197, adopted at its forty-eighth session.

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

The present payment brings the overall amount of compensation made available to date by the United Nations Compensation Commission to US\$17,775,416,181.19.

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Background

The first phase of payments involved an initial payment of US\$2,500 to each successful individual claimant in categories "A" (claims of individuals for departures from Kuwait or Iraq) and "C" (claims of individuals for damages up to US\$100,000), as well as payment of the full amount to all successful individual claimants in category "B" (claims for death or serious personal injury). In the second phase, payments of up to US\$100,000 were subsequently made available to approved claims in categories "A", "C", "D", "E", and "F" in two rounds comprising payment amounts of up to US\$25,000 and US\$75,000 respectively. The second phase concludes payment of the full amount to all successful claimants in categories "A" and "C". A total of US\$8,394,000,499.27 has been made available to 1,503,191 claimants in all categories under the first and second phases of payments.

In the third phase of the payments mechanism, which commenced in October 2000, each successful claimant in categories "D", "E" and "F" received an initial amount of up to US\$5 million in accordance with decision 100 of the Governing Council of the UNCC. Subsequent rounds of payments of up to US\$10 million were made to successful claimants in these categories of claims in

the order in which they have been approved. A total of US\$9,191,034,437.04 has been made available to 7,859 claimants in categories “D”, “E” and “F” under the third phase.

At the forty-eighth session, the Governing Council adopted decision 197, establishing a temporary payment mechanism in light of the reduction in the Compensation Fund’s income, following the adoption of Security Council resolution 1483 (2003), which provides in paragraph 21 that the Fund shall receive 5 per cent of all export sales of petroleum, petroleum products, and natural gas from Iraq. Under this temporary payment mechanism, US\$200 million from the Compensation Fund will be made available for the payment of successful claims approved at each session (from the forty-eighth (June 2003) to the fifty-first (March 2004) sessions, inclusive). Successful claimants in all categories will receive an initial amount of US\$100,000 or the unpaid principal amount of the award, if less, with the disbursement of subsequent rounds of payments of US\$100,000 to successful claimants in all categories in the order in which they have been approved at the sessions described above, until the available funds for distribution have been exhausted.

The Governing Council monitors the distribution of payments to claimants by the relevant Governments and international organizations. Governments and international organizations are obligated to distribute funds to successful claimants expeditiously and to report to the Commission on payments made to claimants. Any funds undistributed to claimants by Governments and international organizations within twelve months of receiving payment shall be returned to the Commission. Further payments to Governments and international organizations shall be suspended where they fail to report on the distribution of funds to successful claimants or fail to return undistributed funds on time.

Further information about the Commission can be found on its website located at [www.uncc.ch](http://www.uncc.ch).

**UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION**  
 Consolidated report of payments of categories "C", "D", "E" and "F" claims  
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Country	Category C		Category D		Category E		Category F		Totals		
	Amount (US\$)	Number of claims	Amount (US\$)	Number of claims	Amount (US\$)	Number of claims	Amount (US\$)	Number of claims	Amount (US\$)	Number of claims	
1	Australia		23,949.76	1					23,949.76	1	
2	Austria	36,332.18	1						36,332.18	1	
3	Canada		3,232,235.78	25					3,232,235.78	25	
4	China				328,829.00	2			328,829.00	2	
5	France		248,530.23	2	600,000.00	2			848,530.23	4	
6	Germany		86,452.36	1	709,762.00	8			796,214.36	9	
7	India	110,217.00	1	4,829,580.75	39				4,939,797.75	40	
8	Israel		77,209.94	3					77,209.94	3	
9	Italy		75,158.78	2	150,460.00	4			225,618.78	6	
10	Japan				372,759.00	3			372,759.00	3	
11	Jordan	856,657.00	11	46,355,565.35	280				47,212,222.35	291	
12	Kuwait		80,133,196.92	360	33,459,453.00	153	200,000.00	1	113,792,649.92	514	
13	Lebanon	26,907.00	1	968,497.45	8				995,404.45	9	
14	Netherlands		496,793.00	2	345,809.00	6			842,602.00	8	
15	Pakistan		1,252,950.72	7	4,350.00	1			1,257,300.72	8	
16	Portugal				3,618.00	1			3,618.00	1	
17	Saudi Arabia		137,431.56	3	216,000.00	1			353,431.56	4	
18	Singapore				300,000.00	1			300,000.00	1	
19	Spain		78,050.86	1	63,904.00	2			141,954.86	3	
20	Sudan		242,674.69	3					242,674.69	3	
21	Switzerland				466,557.00	3			466,557.00	3	
22	Syrian Arab Republic	487,398.00	7	5,052,965.04	49	300,000.00	1		5,840,363.04	57	
23	Turkey				1,522,023.00	10			1,522,023.00	10	
24	United Kingdom		1,258,914.48	16	2,623,434.00	25			3,882,348.48	41	
25	United States		2,313,299.74	17					2,313,299.74	17	
26	UNRWA Gaza		333,318.29	5					333,318.29	5	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,517,511.18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>147,196,775.70</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>41,466,958.00</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>190,381,244.88</b>	<b>1,069</b>

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