



THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Pension questions**Decisions of the United Nations
General Assembly on the report of the
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board**

1. The Board held its fiftieth session at the World Meteorological Organization, in Geneva, from 5 to 14 July 2000. A summary of its report was presented to the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee (the Committee) in November 2000.¹ The Board's recommendations dealt chiefly with: the management of the Fund's investments; the results of the actuarial valuation of the Fund as of 31 December 1999; the entitlement to survivors' benefits; the pension situation of former international civil servants in the former USSR; the selection of the next Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Fund; and the Fund's long-term administrative arrangements and strategy.
2. On 22 December 2000 the United Nations General Assembly considered and approved the report of the Board (A/55/9).² In its resolution, with one relatively small exception – the General Assembly requested the Board to replace a study of benefits for domestic partnership ... with a study on the existing rules and practices governing entitlements to survivors' pension benefits in international organizations – the General Assembly endorsed all of the Board's decisions and recommendations as reported to the Committee last November.
3. The Committee has been informed in earlier papers of the problems related to the application of transfer agreements between the Fund and the former USSR, Ukrainian SSR and Byelorussian SSR, following the suspension of these agreements in 1990. There have been no further developments since the report of last November.

Geneva, 19 February 2001.

¹ GB.279/PFA/13/1.

² Related UNGA reports: A/C.5/55/L.14 and A/RES/55/224.