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## Pension questions

### Report of the Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund

**Summary:** The Special Payments Fund is a financial assistance fund for former ILO staff (or surviving spouses) who are United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund beneficiaries. Assistance is based on financial need, in accordance with strict criteria that are set out in the Special Payments Fund's terms of reference approved by the Governing Body. The annual report of the Board of Trustees to the Governing Body was last considered in March 2017 (329th Session).

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**Related documents:** GB.329/PFA/INF/6/2; GB.244/PFA/10/8; GB.254/PFA/10/13.



1. Since its last report, which was examined by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017),<sup>1</sup> the Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund has met once, on 31 March 2017.

## Payments authorized for 2017 at the Board's 78th Session (March 2017)

2. The Board authorized grants amounting to a total of US\$83,204, to be paid in four quarterly instalments during the year 2017. This included five grants under the amendment to the terms of reference of 1989<sup>2</sup> and four grants under the amendment to the terms of reference of 1992.<sup>3</sup> The average age of the recipients was 79 years. During recent years, the number of beneficiaries has remained within the range of nine to 14 per year.
3. As in previous years, the Board of Trustees awarded grants according to the criteria set out in its terms of reference and gave particular attention to individual cases of hardship. The Board reviewed three new applications for assistance, but was not able to grant assistance to two persons as their net income had exceeded the criteria specified in the terms of reference. To be eligible for assistance, former officials or their surviving spouses must have an annual net income of less than 70 per cent of the local G.1, step 6, salary that is paid to General Service staff in the country of residence.<sup>4</sup>
4. There are sufficient funds available for current expenditures. The Board has closely monitored the Fund's balance in recent years and will inform the Governing Body in the event that this situation changes.

Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund

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<sup>1</sup> [GB.329/PFA/INF/6/2](#).

<sup>2</sup> [GB.244/PFA/10/8](#) (officials who served the ILO after 1945 and fulfil certain other conditions, or their survivors).

<sup>3</sup> [GB.254/PFA/10/13](#) (survivors of former ILO officials who, on retirement, converted part of their pension into a lump sum).

<sup>4</sup> The local annual salary for 2017 at G.1, step 6, was 61,366 Swiss francs (CHF) in Switzerland, and €29,603 in France.