

## ILO/ITU STAFF HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

**Record of Decisions**  
**of the 205<sup>TH</sup> Meeting of the Management Committee**

**Thursday, 22 September 2011**

**9.30 a.m., ILO, Room XII Elimane Kane (M3 South)**

Present:

Representing the insured persons:

**ILO**

Ms. Chantal Amine  
Mr. Christopher Baron  
Ms. Mireille Ecuillon  
Mr. Philippe Marcadent  
Mr. Jean-François Santarelli  
Ms. Xenia Scheil-Adlung

**ITU**

Mr. David Broadhurst  
Mr. Michel Rolland

Representing the Organizations:

Mr. Charles Agbavwe  
Mr. Tilmann Geckeler  
Mr. Fikri Gurzumar.  
Mr. Juan Llobera

Ms. Marianne Wilson  
Mr. Thierry Perewostchikow

Other attendees:

Mr. Clifford Kunstler, SHIF Executive Secretary  
Ms. Heather Harris, SHIF Claims Supervisor

**Apologies for absence were received from:**

Mr. Giuseppe Zefola

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The meeting opened at 9.40 a.m.

Chair opens meeting by introducing and welcoming:

- Mr. Thierry Perewostchikow, member newly appointed to the SHIF Management Committee (MC) by the Secretary-General of the ITU; and
- Ms. Heather Harris, newly appointed SHIF Claims Supervisor.

**Item 1: Approval of meeting agenda**  
(SHIF/MC/11/205/AG)

**MC decides to approve agenda.**

**Item 2: Review of the Draft Report on the operations of the Fund in 2010**  
(SHIF/MC/2011/205/2)

Chair refers to document ref. SHIF/MC/2011/205/2 and requests of the Executive Secretary (ES) that he comment on document. ES comments on *Report on the Operations of the Fund*, and also on Fund's economic outlook in light of national budgetary constraints, unpredictable markets and unsettled currencies. Suggests that the MC remain conservative in its positions.

MC requests of ES that he prepare an introductory note from the MC. Readers should in particular be reminded of effects of amendments effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 and 2010.

**Item 3: Report on discussions within Working Group  
established at the request of the ILO Director General**

Chair requests of Chairperson of the working group established at the request of the ILO Director General that he provide MC with a summary of working group's progress to date. Working group Chairperson briefly summarizes discussions within the working group, whose recommendations to the Director-General will not be formulated until later this year or early 2012. Does, however, inform MC that ILO and ITU are arranging funding for the re-write of HIIS (NHIS).

**Item 4: Continued discussion on Long-term Care**  
(SHIF/MC/2011/203/4)

Chair refers MC to document ref. SHIF/MC/2011/203/4 and requests of ES that he remind MC of its content, as well as of key questions that remain to be considered by the MC. The main question for MC's consideration is that of whether it falls within the scope of the SHIF to make available an external long-term care (LTC) insurance scheme.

Several MC members question the extent of the demand for an external long-term care (LTC) insurance scheme – in particular a facultative scheme. Initiative is left to the elected MC members to establish the degree of demand. However, this will have to be done outside the context of the SHIF.

Several MC members believe that SHIF should not involve itself in making an external LTC insurance scheme available, but should concentrate on re-visiting current LTC benefits. Also question whether ILO and ITU administrations should be requested to provide voluntary group LTC coverage, as only a compulsory scheme would be financially advantageous for insured persons and facultative LTC schemes can be easily accessed in the open market.

**MC decides that it does not fall within the scope of the SHIF to make available an external long-term care insurance scheme. However, upon request, ES may provide ILO and ITU technical support with respect to the selection of an external scheme. MC also decides to re-visit current LTC benefits in the context of the general revision of all capped benefits.**

## **Item 5: Other Business**

### **1. Financial situation and membership statistics at 31.07.2011**

Chair refers MC to document ref. SHIF/MC/2011/205/5-1 and asks ES to comment. As ES has already commented on the Fund's financial outlook and no further issues of note need to be called to the attention of the MC, ES comments succinctly.

### **2. External Auditors' draft Report on the SHIF accounts for the 2010 period**

Chair refers MC to document ref. SHIF/MC/2011/205/5-2 and asks ES to comment. As no issues of note are raised in the draft Report, ES comments succinctly. Main issue, i.e. weaknesses associated with HIIS, are being addressed through deployment of NHIIS.

### **3. Special case: Request for reimbursement of transport costs by air ambulance from Geneva to Cairo**

Chair refers MC to document ref. SHIF/MC/2011/205/5-3.

**Pursuant to para. 2 of Art. 2.1 ("Free choice of medical practitioner, pharmacist and medical establishment") of the SHIF Regulations, and on exceptional basis, MC decides to accede to the insured person's request for reimbursement in respect of air ambulance transportation from Geneva to Cairo, such being an alternative arrangement advantageous to the Fund. This decision is taken with the proviso that no reimbursements will be authorized in respect of transportation back to Geneva.**

### **4. Special case: Request for ASHI coverage where ten-year requirement is not fulfilled**

Chair refers MC to document ref. SHIF/MC/2011/205/5-4.

**Pursuant to Art. 1.7 ("Coverage in exceptional cases") of the SHIF Regulations and in view of past practice in similar cases, MC decides to accede to the insured persons request for SHIF coverage after retirement.**

### **5. ILO SHIF Claims Settlement Statistics 2005-2015**

Chair refers MC to document ref. SHIF/MC/2011/205/5-5.

This document was prepared for the working group established by the ILO Director-General. Its distribution was promised at the last MC meeting (204<sup>th</sup> held 04.07.2011).

### **6. Request for reintegration into the Fund of an insured member's child after interruption of coverage**

ES mentions the reasons put forward by the insured member to explain the interruption of his son's affiliation to the Fund on a voluntary basis and the request for his reintegration into the Fund.

MC considers that bona fide and adequate reasons existed for the interruption and accedes to the insured member's request to have his son reintegrated into the Fund as per Art. 1.6, paragraph 3, of the Fund's Regulations.

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The meeting ended at 12.40 p.m.

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