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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 their surviving spouses who are United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund beneficiaries. Assistance is based on financial need, in accordance with financial criteria that are set out in the terms of reference of the Special Payments Fund, as approved by the Governing Body. The last annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund was submitted to the Governing Body at its 344th Session (March 2022) for information.

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Related documents: [GB.244/PFA/10/8](#); [GB.254/PFA/10/13](#); [GB.292/PFA/19/2](#); [GB.341/PFA/13](#); [GB.344/PFA/INF/6](#).

1. Since its last report, which was submitted to the Governing Body at its 344th Session (March 2022) for information, ¹ the Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund has met once, at its 83rd Session, on 16 August 2022.

▶ Payments authorized for 2022 at the Board's 83rd Session

2. In line with the criteria set out in the Board's terms of reference and rules for administration of the Special Payments Fund, 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 payable to General Service staff in the country of residence. ²
3. In its last report, the Board informed the Governing Body that further information had been requested from two applicants – one former official and one surviving spouse – for grants in 2021. Upon completion of these applications, two grants were approved by the Board, which resulted in two payments made in the second and third quarters of 2022, for a total amount of US\$24,827.
4. At its 83rd Session, the Board considered the applications of two former officials who had already received financial assistance from the Special Payments Fund and who continued to fulfil the criteria. Two grants were subsequently authorized by the Board. The respective financial transfers were made in one single payment for the whole year, in the fourth quarter of 2022, for a total amount of US\$28,915.
5. In the last quarter of 2022, the surviving spouse of a former official who passed away in the first quarter of 2022 introduced a new request. Additional documentation was necessary to complete the file. Upon receipt of the missing information, the Board will determine whether the case qualifies for the payment of a grant for 2022.
6. Furthermore, in December 2022, the surviving spouse of another former official contacted the secretariat of the Board, with the intention to submit a request. The request is yet to be finalized owing to a deterioration of the health of the applicant, who has already received financial support from the Special Payments Fund in previous years.
7. Therefore, in 2022, the Special Payments Fund supported two beneficiaries (two former officials) and received incomplete requests from another two beneficiaries (two surviving spouses).
8. The secretariat of the Board will follow up on the two pending cases and the Board will update the Governing Body accordingly in its next report.
9. The Fund receives a contribution from the regular budget on a biennial basis. There are sufficient funds available for current expenditures.

¹ GB.344/PFA/INF/6.

² GB.341/PFA/13, appendix, as approved by the Governing Body at its 341st Session (March 2021).

▶ Board membership

10. The Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund is composed of three members. One member seat is currently vacant following the resignation of Mr Montant in 2021. The search for his replacement is ongoing. A proposal will be submitted to the Governing Body at its 349th Session (October–November 2023).

Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund

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