



THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Pensions questions**

**(b) Report of the Board of Trustees of  
the Special Payments Fund**

The forty-seventh report of the Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund, established by the Governing Body at its 143rd Session (November 1959), is submitted overleaf for information.

Geneva, 5 October 2000.



# Appendix

## Forty-seventh report of the Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund

1. Since its last report, which was examined by the Governing Body at its 276th Session (November 1999), the Board of Trustees of the Special Payments Fund has met once, on 10 April 2000.

### Payments authorized for 1999 at the Board's 60th Session (March 1999)

2. Total grants amounted to US\$58,848. These included four grants under the terms of reference as extended in 1989<sup>1</sup> and six grants under the terms of reference as extended in 1992.<sup>2</sup>

### Payments authorized for 2000 at the Board's 61st Session (April 2000)

3. At the date of this report, grants amounting to US\$26,334 had been paid, out of the total amount of US\$38,858 which had been authorized for the entire year. Grants paid included four grants under the extension of 1989 and five grants under the extension of 1992.

4. As in previous years, the Board of Trustees awarded grants according to the criteria in its terms of reference and gave particular attention to individual cases of hardship. The average age of recipients is 75 years.

5. Most of the payments are in Swiss francs. Expenditure in 2000 will not exceed the Fund's current balance, and 2000-01 budget provisions are adequate.<sup>3</sup>

### Proposal for extension of the terms of reference of the Special Payments Fund

6. In November 1999,<sup>4</sup> the Governing Body was informed that the Board had proposed to extend the terms of reference of the Special Payments Fund to include former officials who are recipients of UNJSPF disability benefits, irrespective of age. The issue had arisen when the Board received an application from a disabled former official who met all of the criteria for an award, except for the age requirement (beneficiaries must be at least 60 years of age). Considering that the purpose of the Special Payments Fund is to assist former officials who are suffering financial hardship after many years of ILO employment and that there are few disability recipients who find themselves in severe financial hardship, the Board felt that such an extension would be desirable.

7. In November 1999, the Director-General indicated that as the Fund's terms of reference had been amended several times and this proposal would extend the scope and longevity of the Fund further, he wished to review the broader policy and financial implications and report back to the Governing Body at a later date. The Office has since found another financial solution to help this disabled former official. As there are no other similar cases, the Director-General does not consider it

<sup>1</sup> GB.244/PFA/10/8.

<sup>2</sup> GB.254/PFA/10/13.

<sup>3</sup> Programme and Budget for 2000-01, para. 290.4.

<sup>4</sup> GB.276/PFA/14/1.

necessary to extend the terms of reference at this time. However, the matter might be reviewed in the future should the need arise.