

# annual report

## 2017



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## Committee on Accountability

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In 2017 the Committee completed its review of three cases that had been referred in 2016. In addition, two new cases were referred to the Committee on Accountability by the Treasurer and Financial Comptroller (TR/CF) pursuant to Article 13.30 of the Financial Rules.

**Case No.1:** The Committee concluded its examination of a case of alleged fraud by a former External Collaborator in an ILO project involving claims for daily subsistence allowance (DSA) and car hire expenses in respect of field visits that did not actually take place. The investigation also pertained to allegations made against a former staff member which were not substantiated. The Committee upheld the findings of the investigation undertaken by IAO and concluded that there was sufficient witness evidence to confirm that the external collaborator had not visited the project after June 2015 and that the subsequent claims for DSA and travel expenses were fraudulent. The Committee noted that the External Collaboration contract had ended and recommended that the collaborator should not be re-engaged by the Office. It also recommended that the losses be recovered to the extent possible.

**Case No.2:** The Committee concluded its examination of a case of alleged fraud against the Staff Health Insurance Fund by a retired official. The Committee upheld the findings of the IAO investigation and concluded that the former official had submitted falsified invoices for medical treatment to the SHIF and that in the absence of any evidence or plausible explanation to the contrary, that she either falsified them herself or knew them to be falsified. The Committee concluded that these actions constituted fraud and recommended that the losses should be recovered to the extent possible, including if deemed appropriate through action at the National level and that the matter should be referred by the SHIF Secretariat to its Management Committee for due consideration.

**Case No.3:** The Committee concluded its examination of a case of alleged fraud against the Staff Health Insurance Fund by a serving official. The Committee upheld the findings of the IAO investigation and concluded that the official had submitted falsified invoices for medical treatment in respect of himself and dependent family members to the SHIF. The Committee concluded that the actions of the official were

fraudulent and recommended that the matter should be referred for consideration of suitable disciplinary sanction. The Committee advised that the SHIF should be asked to re-examine its file and to establish the full extent of the loss. All losses should then be recovered to the extent possible, including if deemed appropriate through action at the National level and the matter should be referred by the SHIF Secretariat to its Management Committee for due consideration

**Case No.4:** The Committee examined a case of alleged fraud against the Staff Health Insurance fund by a serving official. The Committee upheld the findings of the IAO investigation which included a full admission and apology on the part of the official concerned. The Committee concluded that the actions of the official were fraudulent and recommended that the matter should be referred for consideration of suitable disciplinary sanction. The Committee advised that all losses should then be recovered to the extent possible, including if deemed appropriate through action at the National level and the matter should be referred by the SHIF Secretariat to its Management Committee for due consideration.

**Case No.5:** The Committee remained seized with a case involving alleged fraud against the ILO Short Term Staff Compensation Scheme by an External Collaborator and ILO Staff Member.

The members of the Committee for 2017 were Ms van Leur (Chairperson), Mr Chughtai (FINANCE), Ms Beaulieu (JUR) and Mr Villemonteix (HRD). Ms O'Neill (HRD) served as Secretary.

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