GENERAL JSPB/G.4/Rev.3



i

ā,

ŗ

UNITED NATIONS

Regulations of the

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

1 April 1961

CORRIGENDUM



(GENERAL) (JSPB/G.4/Rev.3) March 1961 NEW YORK

٩

Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

1. Article X

Delete para. 1 and substitute the following:

"1. If a participant ceases to be in the employment of a member organization for reasons other than death, or dismissal for serious misconduct, as defined in the staff regulations, and is not eligible for a disability or retirement benefit, he shall be entitled to a withdrawal settlement in accordance with paragraph 2 or 3 below."

2. Article XLII

Delete the underlining in paras. 1, 2 and 3.

JSPB/G.4/Rev.3/Corr.1 (English only)



(GENERAL) (JSPB/G.4/Rev.3) April 1961 NEW YORK

CORRIGENDUM

Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Supplementary article B, paragraph 1, page 24:

Replace lines 6-12 by the following:

l

(b) If he has completed one year of continuous employment;

provided that he is not eligible under article II.1 to become a participant, provided that he is under sixty years of age, and provided further that his associate participation is not excluded by his contract of employment. For the purposes of this article, intervals of not more than thirty calendar days in the period of employment shall not be considered as breaking the continuity of employment.

> JSPB/G.4/Rev.3/Corr.2 (English and French only)

CORRIGENDUM



(GENERAL) (JSPB/G.4/Rev.3) April 1961 NEW YORK

Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

- 1. By resolution 1614 (XV) the General Assembly adopted the following amendments to the <u>Regula-tions</u>, effective 1 April 1961:
 - (a) Article IV (Retirement benefits):

Delete paragraph 1 (c).

ł

(b) Article VIII (Child's benefit), paragraph 4, line 4:

For "article IV.1 (c)", read "article X.3 (d)".

(c) Article X (Withdrawal settlements):

Add the following paragraph 3 (d):

"Where the participant withdraws from the Fund after having reached the age of fifty-five and before reaching the age of sixty, an immediate life annuity equal in actuarial value to the retirement benefit he would have received under article IV.1 (a), had he been sixty at the date his service ceased, together with all those survivorship benefits and options to which under articles IV, IV bis, VII, VII bis, VII ter and VIII a recipient of a retirement benefit is entitled, except only that article IV.1 (b) and article IV.4 shall not apply."

2. As a consequence of the foregoing:

Page iv, last line:

For "and resolution 1561 (XV) effective 1 April 1961", read "and resolutions 1561 (XV) and 1614 (XV) effective 1 April 1961".

JSPB/G.4/Rev.3/Corr.3

TABLE OF CONTENTS

•

1.7.1

Article		Page
Ι.	Definitions.	1
П.	Participation	2
III.	Validation of non-pensionable service	3
IV.	Retirement benefits	3
IV. bis	Minimum return of accumulated contributions	4
v.	Disability benefits.	5
VI.	Commencement, discontinuance and reduction of disability	-
	benefits	5
VII.	Widow's (or disabled widower's) benefit	6
VII. <u>bis</u>	Secondary dependant's benefit	7
VII. <u>ter</u>	Other death payments	7
VIII.	Child's benefit	8
VIII. <u>bis</u>		
IX.	Eligibility for disability and death benefits	9
Х.	Withdrawal settlements	10
XI.	Summary dismissal for serious misconduct	12
XII.	Re-employment	13
XIII.	Preservation of pension rights	
XIV.	Establishment of a Pension Fund	
XV.	Payments into the Fund	
XVI.	Contributions on account of participants	15
XVII.	Normal contributions by member organizations	16
XVIII.	Voluntary deposits by participants	16
XIX.	Deficiency payments	
XX.	Staff pension committees of member organizations	17
XXI.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee	17
XXII.	Joint Staff Pension Board	18
X XIII.	Secretary of the Joint Staff Pension Board	18
XXIV.	Power of delegation.	18
XXV.	Investment of assets of the Fund	18
XXVI.	Staff	19
XXVII.	Administration expenses	
XXVIII.	Admission of specialized agencies	19
XXIX.	Adoption of basic tables	
XXX.	Currency	
X XXI.	Actuarial valuations	20
XXXII.	Non-assignability of rights	21
XXXIII.	Debts owed to the Fund	
XXXIV.	Documentary evidence	21
XXXV.	Annual report	21

iii

Article		Page
XXXVI.	Administrative Rules	22
XXXVII.	Amendments	22
XXXVIII.	Termination of the membership of a member organization	22
XXXIX.	External audit	22
XL.	Appointed date	23
XLI.	Jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal	23
XLII.	Forfeiture of right to a benefit	23
Suppleme	ntary article A. The Interim Commission for the Interna-	
		~ .

tional Trade Organization			
Supplementary article B.	Associate participation	24	
Supplementary article C.	The International Atomic Energy Agency.	25	

The Regulations of the Joint Staff Pension Fund were adopted by the General Assembly by resolution 248 (III) effective 23 January 1949 and amended by resolution 680 (VII) effective 1 January 1953, resolution 772 (VIII) effective 1 January 1954 and 1 January 1955, resolution 874 (IX) effective 4 December 1954, resolution 955 (X) effective 3 November 1955, resolution 1201 (XII) effective 1 January 1958, resolution 1309 (XIII) dated 10 December 1958, and resolution 1561 (XV) effective 1 April 1961.

REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND

Article I

Definitions

1. "Member organization" means the United Nations or a specialized agency, referred to in Article 57, paragraph 2, of the Charter, which has been admitted to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund under article XXVIII of these Regulations.

2. "Age of retirement" means the age at the end of the month in which the participant reaches the age of sixty years or such later age as may be determined in accordance with the staff regulations applying to the participant concerned for the termination of appointment by retirement.

3. "Pensionable remuneration" means the remuneration of a participant which is pensionable in accordance with his terms of employment. It shall not include any special grants or allowances, such as children's allowances, education grants, expense allowances, cost-of-living allowances, payments for overtime, fees, honoraria, and payments for any expenses incurred in the service of a member organization. If part or the whole of the pensionable remuneration is paid in kind, the value of such payments, if not stated in the terms of employment, shall be determined by the Joint Staff Pension Board.

4. "Final average remuneration" means the average annual pensionable remuneration of the participant during the last five years of his contributory service, on the understanding that, in the case of participants who have entered the Fund prior to 3 November 1955, it means the average pensionable remuneration of the participant during the last ten years of his contributory service whenever this average is higher. Where the participant has less than five years of contributory service, the final average remuneration shall mean the average annual pensionable remuneration during the actual period of contributory service.

ł

5. "Contributory service" means the actual time spent in continuous employment, with a member organization or with two or more of these organizations, for which contributions have been paid in accordance with these Regulations.

6. "Actuarial equivalent" means the equivalent determined on the basis of the mortality tables and the rate of interest last adopted by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board under article XXIX.

7. "Designated recipient" means a person or persons, physical or corporate, designated by a participant to the Joint Staff Pension Board in accordance with a procedure determined by that Board, as the person or persons eligible to receive the benefits payable under these Regulations to a designated recipient. Where more than one person is so designated, the participant shall determine the proportion of the benefit to be paid to each such person.

8. "Survivor" means a widow, or a disabled widower, or a child, or a secondary dependant, who survives the participant or former participant and is entitled to a benefit under the present Regulations.

9. "Secondary dependant" means a mother, or a father, or an unmarried brother, or an unmarried sister, who was recognized as a dependant under the staff rules of a member organization and in respect of whom a dependancy allowance was being paid to a participant at the time his service ceased.

.

10. "Basic benefit" means the retirement or disability benefit to which a participant is entitled when he leaves the service, or, if he dies in the service, the disability or retirement benefit to which he would have been entitled had he qualified for such benefit at the date of death.

Article II

.

Participation

1. Every full-time member of the staff of each member organization shall become a participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund:

(a) If he enters employment under a contract without a time-limit; or

 (\underline{b}) If he enters employment under a fixed-term contract for five years or more; or

(c) If he has completed five years of employment and remains on a contract providing for further service of at least one year, or remains in employment for more than one year thereafter; or

(d) If the member organization certified that the particular fixed-term contract is considered to cover a probationary period and is designed to lead to employment for an indefinite period; or

(e) If, having formerly been a participant in virtue of this article and

- (i) His participation having been interrupted for a period not exceeding three years, or
- (ii) His prior contributory service having been restored in accordance with article XII,

he re-enters employment under a fixed-term contract for at least one year, or has completed one year's employment,

provided that he is under sixty years of age at the time of entry or reentry into the Fund and that his participation is not excluded by his contract of employment.

2. The foregoing provision shall apply to the Registrar and every fulltime officer of the Registry of the International Court of Justice except that the occupant of the position of Registrar as at 16 December 1954 shall become a participant notwithstanding that he was over sixty years of age at the time of his appointment.

3. Participation of a participant shall cease when the payment of a benefit under these Regulations becomes due to him or on his account.

Article III

Validation of non-pensionable service

ł

1. A participant who has been in the employment of a member organization as a full-time staff member and whose participation in the Pension Fund was at that time excluded by article II of these Regulations because he entered employment under a contract for less than one year, or had completed less than one year of service, may, subject to paragraph 4 of this Regulation, elect within one year of the commencement of his participation to have the period of such prior employment included in his contributory service to the extent to which he pays into the Pension Fund, in accordance with the administrative rules established for this purpose by the Joint Staff Pension Board, a sum or sums equal to the contributions which he would have paid had he been subject to these Regulations throughout this period, with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX, and provided that there has been continuity of employment. For the purposes of this article, intervals of not more than thirty calendar days in the period of employment shall not be considered as breaking the continuity of employment. The time covered by these intervals shall not be included in the period of contributory service.

2. Payment into the Pension Fund of amounts equal to twice the amount of the payment so made by the participant shall be made by the member organization designated for that purpose in accordance with arrangements concluded by the member organizations.

3. The earliest date from which employment with the United Nations can be validated is the first day of February 1946.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article, a participant may not make pensionable a period during which he was employed under a contract of employment which specifically excluded his participation in the Pension Fund.

Article IV Retirement benefits

1. (a) A participant who reaches the age of sixty shall, upon retirement, be entitled during the remainder of his life to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly, equal to one fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years:

(b) This retirement benefit shall be not less than whichever is the smaller of:

- (i) 120 dollars multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding ten; or
- (ii) One-thirtieth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding ten;

Ł

(c) A participant who reaches the age of fifty-five shall be entitled, at any time before he reaches the age of sixty, to retire with an immediate retirement benefit equal in actuarial value to the benefit he would have received under sub-paragraph (a) above had he been sixty at the date his service ceased; sub-paragraph (b) above shall not apply in this case.

2. A participant, other than a participant whose retirement benefit under paragraph 1 (a) above is increased as a result of the application of paragraph 1 (b), may, with the consent of the Joint Staff Pension Board, prior to the date on which the first payment of his retirement benefit becomes due, elect to receive a lump sum not greater than one-third of the actuarial equivalent of the retirement benefit payable to him, and his retirement benefit shall be reduced in the proportion that such lump sum bears to the actuarial equivalent of his retirement benefit prior to reduction.

3. A participant, other than a participant whose retirement benefit under paragraph 1 (a) above, is increased as a result of the application of paragraph 1 (b), who is entitled under this article to a benefit which is less than 300 dollars per annum may, prior to the date on which the first payment of his retirement benefit becomes due and with the consent of the Joint Staff Pension Board, receive the whole benefit payable to him in the form of a lump sum which is the actuarial equivalent of his benefit. A participant who is married at the date of retirement may also receive the actuarial equivalent of the prospective benefit which would be payable on his death under article VII.2 (a).

4. A participant whose retirement benefit would be increased as a result of the application of paragraph 1 (b) above may, at the date of retirement, elect to waive the additional amount which he would thereby receive; if he so elects, he shall be entitled to a retirement benefit calculated under paragraph 1 (a), and shall then be entitled to receive a lump sum under the conditions of paragraphs 2 or 3 above.

Article IV bis

Minimum return of accumulated contributions

A participant who becomes entitled to a retirement benefit under article IV shall be entitled to elect, at the date his service ceases, to receive a reduced benefit with a guarantee that the total benefits paid on his account under these Regulations shall not be less than the amount payable under article VII <u>ter</u>.1 as at the date of retirement. Where the participant, at the date of retirement, has a wife, the amount of the reduction shall be one-half of 1 per cent of his own and his survivors' benefits; in other cases, the amount of the reduction shall be $1 \ 1/2$ per cent of his own and his survivors' benefits.

Article V

Disability benefits

Subject to the provisions of article XVI, a participant who, before reaching the age of sixty, has, in the opinion of the Joint Staff Pension Board, become unable to perform duties appropriate to his grade owing to serious physical or mental impairment shall be entitled, subject to article IX, while such disability continues, to a disability benefit payable in the same manner as a retirement benefit and equal to one fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years; this disability benefit shall be not less than the smaller of:

(a) One-third of the final average remuneration; or

(b) The retirement benefit to which he would have been entitled if he had remained in service until he had reached the age of sixty and his final average remuneration had remained unchanged.

Article VI

Commencement, discontinuance and reduction of disability benefits

1. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall determine, in accordance with article V and the procedure laid down in the administrative rules made under these Regulations, when a participant qualified for a disability benefit. The participant shall not, however, be entitled to a disability benefit so long as he is entitled to receive any larger payments under the staff regulations applying to him other than payments under a scheme of compensation for disability attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of a member organization.

2. Until the recipient of a disability benefit reaches the age of sixty the Joint Staff Pension Board may require evidence of the continuance of disability and review his eligibility to a disability benefit in the light of such evidence. Where the Board decides that the recipient is no longer eligible for a disability benefit, it shall, after giving such notice as it considers proper in each case, discontinue the disability benefit. Where the disability benefit is discontinued and the recipient is not re-employed by a member organization, the recipient shall be entitled to a withdrawal settlement as though he had withdrawn under the provisions of article X at the date disability payments began, except that the amount of the withdrawal settlement which would have been awarded under article X shall be reduced by the amount of the disability payments made to him.

3. The Joint Staff Pension Board may make rules regarding the extent to and the circumstances in which a disability benefit may be reduced when the recipient, although remaining disabled in accordance with the provisions of article V, is nevertheless in paid employment.

Article VII

Widow's (or disabled widower's) benefit

1. Subject to the provisions of article XVI, if a married male participant dies, his widow shall be entitled, subject to article IX, to a widow's benefit amounting to half of the basic benefit; this benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage.

2. (a) If a married man who is a recipient of a retirement benefit as provided under article IV dies, his widow, provided she was his wife at the time of the cessation of his service with the member organization, shall be entitled to a widow's benefit half as large as the benefit which was being paid to the deceased at the time of his death; however, if the deceased at the time of his retirement had received a lump sum as provided in article IV, in lieu of part or the whole of the retirement benefit to which he was entitled, the widow's benefit shall be half of the total retirement benefit to which the staff member was entitled at the cessation of his service, except that in the case where a married man received the actuarial equivalent of a prospective widow's benefit, no widow's benefit shall be payable; this benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage;

(b) If a married man who is a recipient of a disability benefit dies, his widow, provided she was his wife at the time he qualified for the disability benefit, shall be entitled to a widow's benefit half as large as the benefit being paid to the deceased at the time of his death; this benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage.

3. Upon ceasing to be entitled to a widow's benefit by reason of remarriage, the widow shall be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to twice the annual amount of her widow's benefit.

4. Wherever the amount of the widow's benefit determined under paragraph 1 or 2 above would be less than 750 dollars per annum, it shall be increased to the smaller of:

(a) 750 dollars per annum; or

(b) Twice the original amount determined.

5. A widow whose annual benefit under the present article is less than 200 dollars may, prior to the first payment of such benefit and with the consent of the Joint Staff Pension Board, receive in lieu thereof a lump sum which is the actuarial equivalent of such benefit.

6. Should a married woman participant, or a married woman in receipt of a retirement or disability benefit, die and her widower be found by the Joint Staff Pension Board on the basis of a medical examination to be totally and permanently incapable either physically or mentally of providing for his own support at the time of her death, he shall be entitled, subject to the same conditions as would apply to a widow, to the same benefits as set forth in this article, as would the widow of a male participant.

Article VII bis Secondary dependent's benefit

1. Upon the death of a participant who does not leave a widow, or a disabled widower, or a child, entitled to a benefit, but who leaves a secondary dependant, the secondary dependant shall be entitled to a benefit under the conditions in paragraph 3 below.

2. Upon the death of a recipient of a retirement or disability benefit who, at the time his service ceased, had neither a spouse nor a child eligible for benefit, but who at that time had a secondary dependant, the secondary dependant shall, if he can prove to the satisfaction of the Joint Staff Pension Board that the former pensioner had continued to contribute materially to his support between the date of separation from service and the date of death, be entitled to a benefit under the conditions in paragraph 3 below.

3. The amount of a secondary dependant's benefit under paragraph 1 or 2 above shall be:

(a) In the case of a mother or father, the amount of a widow's or disabled widower's benefit, respectively, under article VII;

(b) In the case of a brother or sister, the amount of a child's benefit under article VIII.2 (a);

The benefit under sub-paragraph (a) above shall be payable under the same conditions as the benefit to a widow, except that in the event of the remarriage of the dependent parent the Board shall have discretion to continue the benefit if it deems fit. The benefit under sub-paragraph (b) above shall be payable under the same conditions as a child's benefit under article VIII.1.

4. Not more than one secondary dependant of a participant shall be eligible for a benefit.

Article VII ter

Other death payments

1. Upon the death of a participant who does not leave a survivor entitled to a benefit, there shall be paid to his designated recipient a sum equal to:

(a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX; plus

(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund of a member organization at the time of his entry into the Fund, without interest; plus

(c) If he has validated a period of prior non-pensionable service under article III, such amount, not exceeding 5 per cent of his pensionable remuneration for that period, as he may have received from the Provident Fund of a member organization in excess of his own contributions thereto and have refunded to that member organization; If a designated recipient does not survive a participant or if a participant has not made, or has revoked, a designation, such sum shall be paid to the participant's estate.

2. If, in the event of the death of a participant who leaves a survivor entitled to a benefit under these Regulations, or of a former participant who is in receipt of a disability benefit, the total benefits paid to him and to all his survivors amount to less than the amount which would have been payable under paragraph 1 above, there shall be paid to his designated recipient the difference between the sum total of the benefits paid and the amount in paragraph 1. If a designated recipient has died before the last benefit payment is made under articles V, VII, VII <u>bis</u> or VIII, or if a participant has not made, or has revoked, a designation, such sum shall be payable to the estate of the former participant.

3. If the total benefits paid to a former participant who has elected to receive a reduced retirement benefit under article IV <u>bis</u>, and to all his survivors, amount to less than the sum which would have been payable under paragraph 1 above had he died on the date his service ceased and qualified for a benefit under that paragraph, there shall be paid to his designated recipient the difference between the sum total of the benefits paid and the amount in paragraph 1. If a designated recipient has died before the last benefit payment is made under articles IV, VII, VII <u>bis</u> or VIII, or if the former participant has not made or has revoked a designation, such sum shall be payable to the estate of the former participant.

Article VIII

Child's benefit

1. Subject to paragraph 4 below, each unmarried child of a participant who dies or on whose account a benefit becomes payable under articles IV, V or VII shall be entitled to a child's benefit. The child's benefit shall be payable monthly up to and including the month in which the child shall attain the age of eighteen or, if the child is in full time attendance at a school or university or similar educational institution, the age of twenty-one. If the child is totally disabled by reason of physical or mental incapacity, there shall be no age limit so long as the disability continues.

2. The annual benefit on account of each child shall be determined as follows:

(a) If there is a surviving parent (except in the case where a surviving parent is a widow who is not receiving a benefit or a widower who has not become entitled to a benefit and who, in the opinion of the Board, is unable to support the former participant's children), the amount of each child's benefit shall be equal to one-third of the basic benefit, subject to a minimum of 300 dollars and a maximum of 600 dollars per child, and subject further to an over-all maximum as in paragraph 3 below;

3

ħ

(b) If there is no parent surviving, or if the surviving parent is a widow who is not receiving a benefit or a widower who had not become entitled to a benefit under these Regulations and who, in the opinion of the

Board, is unable to support the former participant's children, the total children's benefits shall be calculated as under sub-paragraph (\underline{a}) above, with the addition of the following amount:

- (i) Where there is only one eligible child, by whichever is the greater of 300 dollars or 25 per cent of the basic benefit;
- (ii) If there are two or more eligible children, by whichever is the greater of 600 dollars or 50 per cent of the basic benefit;
 The total children's benefits payable under sub-paragraph (ii) above shall be divided equally among all the eligible children to determine the amount of any one child's benefit. As and when a child ceases to be eligible, the total benefit payable to the remainder should be recalculated in accordance with this sub-paragraph.

3. The total children's benefits payable under paragraph 2 (<u>a</u>) above shall not exceed 1,800 dollars a year. Further, the sum of children's benefits, plus any retirement benefit payable under article IV.1, or disability benefit, or widow's benefit, shall not exceed the final average remuneration of the former participant plus the children's allowances which were paid by a member organization at the cessation of his employment.

4. Entitlement to a child's benefit is limited to dependent children existing at the time of eligibility for retirement or disability benefit or at the time of the death of the participant, provided that, if the benefit on account of the participant is payable under article IV.1 (c), the entitlement to a child's benefit shall not arise until the date on which the participant reaches or would have reached the age of sixty. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall define "dependent child", having regard to the provisions of the staff rules of the member organization.

5. In no circumstances shall more than one child's benefit be payable in respect of any one child.

Article VIII bis

Commencement of entitlement to survivor's benefit

1. Entitlement to a survivor's benefit under articles VII.1, VII <u>bis.1</u> and VIII of these Regulations shall begin on the day following the death of the participant, except as otherwise provided in these Regulations.

2. Entitlement to a survivor's benefit under articles VII.2 and VII <u>bis.2</u> shall begin on the first day of the month following the death of the primary beneficiary.

3. The Joint Staff Pension Board may, however, decide for any particular category of cases that an earlier date of commencement should apply if deemed more appropriate.

Article IX

Eligibility for disability and death benefits

1. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall require every entrant or reentrant, before admission to coverage by the benefits provided under articles V, VII.1 and VII <u>bis</u>.1, to undergo a medical examination to be prescribed in the administrative rules made under these Regulations unless the Board decides to accept the findings of a medical examination previously undergone by the entrant.

2. On the basis of the medical examination referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall decide whether the participant concerned shall be covered by the provisions of articles V, VII.1 and VII <u>bis.1</u> immediately, or shall not be covered by those provisions until he has completed five years of contributory service or, in the case of a re-entrant, until he has completed five years of contributory service subsequent to his re-entrance. However, no participant shall be excluded from the benefits provided under articles V, VII.1 and VII <u>bis.1</u>, if the disability or death is the direct result of accident or damage to health arising from service in an unhealthy area, nor shall his survivor be excluded from the provisions of articles VII.1, or VII bis.1, if he has attained the age of sixty.

Article X Withdrawal settlements

1. If a participant ceases to be in the employment of a member organization for reasons other than death or dismissal for serious misconduct, as defined in the staff regulations, and is not eligible for a disability benefit under article V or a retirement benefit under article IV.1 (a), and does not receive a retirement benefit under article IV.1 (c), he shall be entitled to a withdrawal settlement in accordance with paragraph 2 or 3 below.

2. If the participant has less than five years of contributory service, he shall be paid a sum equal to:

(a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX; plus

(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund of a member organization at the time of his entry into the Pension Fund, without interest; plus

(c) If he has validated a period of prior non-pensionable service under article III, such amount, not exceeding 5 per cent of his pensionable remuneration for that period, as he may have received from the Provident Fund of a member organization in excess of his own contributions thereto and have refunded to that member organization.

3. If the participant has five or more years of contributory service he shall be entitled to elect, at the date his service ceases, to receive one of the following:

(a) Subject to article XII.1 a life annuity, deferred to age sixty, equal to one fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years, with survivor benefits in accordance with paragraph 6 below;

- (b) Subject to article XII.2:
- (i) An amount in cash equal to the amounts in paragraphs 2 (a), 2 (b) and 2 (c) above; plus
- (ii) A life annuity, deferred to age sixty, equal in value to the difference between the amount he receives in cash and the actuarial equivalent, at the date his employment ceased, of the retirement benefit payable at the age of sixty calculated on the basis of his contributory service and final average remuneration; where the amount of this annuity at age sixty is less than 300 dollars a year, he shall be entitled to receive, at the date his service ceases, in lieu of the annuity, a cash sum of equal actuarial value;

(c) A final cash settlement, which shall extinguish all his entitlements under these Regulations, consisting of:

- (i) A sum in cash equal to the amounts in paragraph 2 above; plus
- (ii) For each completed year of service in excess of five, 10 per cent of the amount in paragraph 2 (a) above, subject to a maximum of the amount in paragraph 2 (a).

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 (c) above, a participant in the Pension Fund on 31 March 1961 who subsequently becomes eligible for a final cash settlement under paragraph 3 (c) above shall be entitled to receive, in lieu of and if greater than the amount in paragraph 3 (c), the following:

- (a) If he withdraws on or before 31 December 1966:
- (i) The amount of the lump sum withdrawal benefit which he would have received had the Regulations, actuarial bases and other provisions in force at 31 March 1961 been still in force at the date his service ceased; together with
- (ii) The amount by which his own contribution to the Pension Fund after

 April 1961 exceeds the amount he would have contributed under
 the Regulations, actuarial bases and other provisions in force at
 31 March 1961, with compound interest on this excess at the rate
 designated under article XXIX;
- (b) If he withdraws on or after 1 January 1967:
- (i) The amount of the lump sum which he would have received under sub-paragraph (a) above had he withdrawn on 31 December 1966; plus
- (ii) The amount of his own contribution to the Pension Fund from 1 January 1967 until the date his service ceases, with compound interest at the rate designated under article XXIX, which amount shall be increased by 10 per cent for each of his completed years of contributory service in excess of five, whether before or after 1 January 1967, subject to a maximum increase of 100 per cent.

5. Where, under this article, a deferred annuity to a participant is payable at the age of sixty, he may elect to receive the annuity from an earlier age, provided that this age shall not be less than fifty-five. In such event, the value of the annuity shall be subject to an appropriate actuarial reduction to be determined by the Joint Staff Pension Board.

6. On the death of a former participant who elected to receive a deferred annuity under paragraph 3 (a) above:

(a) If he leaves a widow who was his wife at the time his service ceased, a widow's benefit shall be payable as from the date of his death, of an amount calculated as follows:

- (i) If death occurred after the commencement of the annuity, the widow's benefit shall be one-half of the amount of that annuity;
- (ii) If death occurred before the commencement of the annuity, the widow's benefit shall be one-half of the annuity which, had it been payable to the former participant from the date of his death, would have had the same actuarial value as the annuity he would have received at the age of sixty;

(b) If he leaves no widow, but leaves a dependent mother or father who, at the time his service ceased, was recognized as a secondary dependant, a secondary dependant's benefit shall be payable, of an amount calculated as in sub-paragraph (a) (i) or (a) (ii) above, as may be appropriate;

(c) A survivor's benefit payable under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above shall be subject to the same conditions as if the benefit had been payable under article VII or VII <u>bis</u>;

(d) If he dies before the commencement of the annuity and leaves no survivor entitled to a benefit under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above, there shall be paid to his designated recipient an amount equal to the sums in paragraph 2 above as at the date his service ceased. If a designated recipient does not survive the former participant, or if no designation has been made, or if the designation has been revoked, such sum shall be paid to the former participant's estate.

Article XI

Summary dismissal for serious misconduct

A participant who, in conformity with the staff regulations, has been summarily dismissed for serious misconduct shall receive:

(a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX; plus

(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund at the time of his entry into the Pension Fund, without interest, provided that, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or of the competent authority of the member organization concerned, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall, to the extent so recommended, grant to such participant a lump sum equal to either the whole or a part of the remainder of the benefit he would have been entitled to, under article X, had he ceased to be employed for reasons other than summary dismissal for serious misconduct.

Article XII

Re-employment

If a person who has ceased to be a participant again becomes a participant by virtue of a new appointment, the following provisions shall apply, subject to article IX:

1. If the participant, when he previously left the service, had elected to receive a deferred annuity under article X.3 (a):

(a) If payment of the annuity had not commenced, his contributory service credit prior to separation shall be restored and his benefits when he again ceases to be a participant shall be calculated on the basis of his total period of contributory service;

(b) If payment of the annuity had commenced, such payment shall cease and if the participant repays all payments of his benefit received with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX, his contributory service credit prior to separation shall be restored; if the participant does not so repay the payments of his benefit received, then the lump sum which is the actuarial equivalent of the discontinued benefit at the date upon which payments were discontinued shall be credited as an additional contribution in accordance with the provisions of article XVIII, 2 and 3.

2. If the participant, when he previously left the service, had elected to receive a cash refund together with a deferred annuity under article X.3 (b):

(a) If he has not, at the time he again becomes a participant, begun to receive the annuity payable under article X.3 (b) (ii), he may pay into the Pension Fund, in a manner acceptable to the Joint Staff Pension Board, a sum or sums equivalent to the amount he received under article X.3 (b) (i), with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX:

- (i) If he does so, his contributory service credit prior to separation shall be restored and his benefits, when he again ceases to be a participant, shall be calculated on the basis of his total period of contributory service;
- (ii) If he does not do so, the annuity arising from the earlier period of service shall not begin until he again ceases to be a participant, and his entitlement to further benefits shall be determined solely by reference to his contributory service after re-employment, provided however that the total benefits paid or payable to him in respect of two or more periods of employment shall not exceed the benefits he would have received had all his employment been continuous;

(b) If he has, at the time he again becomes a participant, begun to draw the annuity payable under article X.3 (b) (ii), payment of that annuity shall cease, and the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) above shall be applied.

3. If the participant received a final cash settlement under article X.3 (c) or X.4, or if he commuted a deferred annuity under article X.3 (a), or

X.3 (b), his entitlement to further benefits shall be determined solely by reference to his contributory service after re-employment, provided however that the total benefits paid or payable to him in respect of two or more periods of employment shall not exceed the benefits he would have received had all his employment been continuous.

4. If the participant was in receipt of a disability benefit under article V, payment of that benefit shall cease, and;

(a) He shall re-enter the Pension Fund as a participant with credit for the contributory service which he had accumulated when his disability benefit began;

(b) In making any withdrawal settlement to which he may become entitled within five years after his re-entry into the Pension Fund, the Joint Staff Pension Board may take into account the amount of the disability benefit payments made to him, and the amount of any retirement benefit which may become payable to him within one year after his re-entry into the Fund may be reduced by the Board to an amount not exceeding the sum of the disability benefit of which he had been in receipt and the retirement benefit earned during his period of contributory service since reappointment.

Article XIII

Preservation of pension rights

Any agreement adjusting the provisions of these Regulations which the Secretary-General proposes to conclude with a Member government, or with an inter-governmental organization, with a view to securing continuity of the pension and staff benefit rights of participants, shall be communicated to the Joint Staff Pension Board by the representatives of the Secretary-General on that Board, for observations, prior to the submission of such an agreement to the General Assembly for approval.

Article XIV Establishment of a Pension Fund

A Fund shall be established to meet the liabilities resulting from these Regulations which shall be known as the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. All moneys deposited with bankers, all securities and investments and all other assets which are the property of the Fund shall be deposited, acquired and held in the name of the United Nations on behalf of all the participants and beneficiaries of the Fund. The Fund shall be administered separately from the assets of the United Nations by the Joint Staff Pension Board in accordance with these Regulations, and shall be used solely for the purposes provided for in these Regulations.

Article XV Payments into the Fund

The Fund shall be maintained by:

1. The contributions of the participants;

- 2. The contributions of the member organizations;
- 3. The yield from the investments of the Fund;
- 4. Any deficiency payments under article XIX; and
- 5. Any other receipts.

Article XVI Contributions on account of participants

1. Seven per cent of the pensionable remuneration of each participant shall be deducted from his remuneration and paid each month to the Pension Fund.

2. During any period of sick leave on full or partial pay, a participant shall continue to contribute to the Pension Fund by deduction from such payments on the basis of his full pensionable remuneration, and any benefit under these Regulations to which he becomes entitled during such period shall be calculated on the basis of his full pensionable remuneration.

3. (a) A participant on leave without pay, granted for reasons other than the performance of military service, shall be covered by the full benefits provided under these Regulations if full contributions on his account are received on the dates on which they would normally become due;

(b) A participant on leave without pay, granted for reasons other than the performance of military service, on whose account full contributions are not so received, shall be covered by the full benefits provided under these Regulations for a period of four months, or for such longer period as the Board, upon the application of the participant, may allow; thereafter he shall be covered only by the benefits provided in paragraph 5 of this article.

4. A participant on leave without pay, granted for the performance of military service, shall be covered only by the benefits provided in paragraph 5 of this article, and the Joint Staff Pension Board shall not accept contributions on his account during the period of such leave.

5. (a) A participant on leave without pay who is not covered by the full benefits provided under the present Regulations, who reaches the age of sixty and retires, shall be entitled to a retirement benefit as provided under article IV;

(b) Any such participant who before reaching the age of sixty becomes disabled, or withdraws from the Fund, or dies, shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Fund on the date his appointment terminated, his contributory service being reckoned to his last day of actual service;

(c) If a participant on leave without pay, granted for the performance of military service, becomes disabled or dies before reaching the age of sixty, the benefit payable under sub-paragraph (b) above shall not be less than the individual actuarial reserve of such participant calculated at the time disability or death occurred.

6. A period of leave without pay shall not be included in a participant's contributory service unless full contributions are received during the currency of such leave or unless, within a period of twelve months from the participant's return to work, full contributions in respect of such period, with interest at the rate designated in article XXIX, are received by the Fund.

7. Payments of full contributions in accordance with the provisions of this article on behalf of a participant who is or has been on leave without pay may be made either (a) in full by the participant, or (b) in full by the member organization, or (c) by the participant and the member organization in such shares as they may determine.

8. For the purpose of this article, "full contributions" means the sum of the contributions payable by a participant under paragraph 1 of this article, and the contributions payable by a member organization under article XVII in respect of his participation.

Article XVII

Normal contributions by member organizations

Each member organization shall pay into the Pension Fund monthly a contribution equal to 14 per cent of the total monthly pensionable remuneration of the participants employed by it.

Article XVIII

Voluntary deposits by participants

1. In addition to the contributions deducted from the remuneration of a participant as provided in article XVI, any participant may, subject to the approval of the Joint Staff Pension Board and under such conditions as the Board may prescribe, deposit in the Pension Fund, in a lump sum or sums and/or by an increased rate of contribution, an amount computed to be sufficient to purchase an additional retirement benefit which, together with his prospective regular retirement benefit as provided herein, will provide for him a total retirement benefit not to exceed 60 per cent of his final average remuneration at the age of retirement. Interest at such rates as may be set from time to time by the Board shall be allowed on such contributions.

2. Such additional contributions and/or amounts deposited under the provisions of article XII, together with the interests thereon, shall be credited to the participant's individual account in the Pension Fund and shall be used to provide an additional benefit, payable in the same form and at the same time as any regular benefit to which he may become entitled under these Regulations; and such additional benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the amount so credited at the time such benefit becomes payable.

3. Any married male participant who has contributed under the provisions of this article and who becomes entitled to a retirement or disability benefit may, prior to the commencement of payment of such benefit, elect to receive, in lieu of the additional benefit payable in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article, a benefit payable only during his own life-time which is the actuarial equivalent of the benefit, including the prospective widow's benefit, otherwise payable.

Article XIX

Deficiency payments

If at any time an actuarial valuation shows that the assets of the Pension Fund may not be sufficient to meet the liabilities under the Regulations, there shall be paid into the Fund by each member organization the sum necessary to make good the deficiency. Each member organization shall contribute to this sum an amount proportionate to the total contributions which each paid under article XVII during the three years previous to the date of the actuarial valuation referred to above.

Article XX

Staff pension committees of member organizations

Each member organization shall have a staff pension committee, which shall include members chosen by the body of the member organization corresponding to the General Assembly of the United Nations, by the chief executive officer, and by the participants.

Article XXL

United Nations Staff Pension Committee

1. The United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall consist of three members elected for three years by the General Assembly, three members appointed by the Secretary-General and three members, who must be participants and on the staff of the United Nations, elected for three years by such participants by secret ballot. Where questions directly affecting participants employed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice are under consideration, a member appointed by the Registrar shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Staff Pension Committee. The Assembly and the participants shall each elect three alternate members for three years, and the Secretary-General shall appoint three alternate members.

2. The term of office of elected members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall begin on 1 January following the election, and shall terminate on 31 December following the election of their successors. The elected members shall be eligible for re-election.

3. A secretary to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall be appointed by the Secretary-General upon the recommendation of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee. The Secretary of the Joint Staff Pension Board can be appointed to this office.

Article XXII Joint Staff Pension Board

- 1. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall consist of eighteen members:
- Six members appointed by the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, two from the members elected by the General Assembly, two from the members appointed by the Secretary-General, and two from the members elected by the participants; and
- Twelve members appointed by the staff pension committees of the other member organizations in accordance with a table fixed by the Administrative Rules of the Fund which shall provide for equal representation of the three groups referred to in article XX.

2. The Joint Staff Pension Board may appoint a standing committee, which will act on its behalf when the Board is not in session.

Article XXIII

Secretary of the Joint Staff Pension Board

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Staff Pension Board, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint a Secretary and other officer or officers to act in the absence of the Secretary. The Secretary and the officer acting in his absence shall exercise their functions under the authority of the Board. The payment of all benefits under these Regulations must be certified by the Secretary or the officer authorized by the Board to act in his absence.

Article XXIV

Power of delegation

Subject to article XXIII, the Joint Staff Pension Board may delegate to the staff pension committee of each member organization, in respect of the participants and beneficiaries in that body, some or all of its discretionary powers relating to:

- (a) Admission of participants;
- (b) The granting of benefits under these Regulations.

Article XXV

Investment of assets of the Fund

Subject to the complete separation to be maintained between the assets of the Pension Fund and the assets of the United Nations as provided in article XIV, the investment of the assets of the Fund shall be decided upon by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, after consultation with an Investments Committee and after having heard any observation or suggestions by the Joint Staff Pension Board concerning the investments policy. The Investments Committee shall consist of six members appointed by the Secretary-General after consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to consequent confirmation by the General Assembly.

Article XXVI Staff

1. Subject to article XXIII, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall provide the staff required by the Joint Staff Pension Board and by the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, including the staff necessary for keeping of the accounts and records of the Fund and the payment of benefits.

2. Consulting actuaries to the Joint Staff Pension Board shall be appointed by the Secretary-General on the recommendation of the Board.

Article XXVII Administration expenses

1. Expenses incurred in the administration of these Regulations by the Joint Staff Pension Board shall be met by the Fund.

2. Estimates of the administrative expenses referred to in paragraph 1 shall be submitted annually to the General Assembly of the United Nations for approval.

3. Expenses incurred in the administration of these Regulations by the staff pension committee of a member organization shall be met out of the general budget of that organization.

Article XXVIII Admission of specialized agencies

1. A specialized agency referred to in Article 57, paragraph 2, of the Charter shall become a member organization of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund on its acceptance of these Regulations, provided that agreement has been reached with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as to any payments necessary to be made by such specialized agency to the Pension Fund in respect of the new obligations incurred by the Fund through its admission, and as to the other transitional arrangements that may be necessary, including the extent to which these Regulations are to be applicable to employees of the specialized agency at the time of admission to the Fund.

2. Any agreement which the Secretary-General proposes to conclude with a specialized agency shall be communicated to the Joint Staff Pension Board by the representatives of the Secretary-General on that Board, for observations, prior to its conclusion.

Article XXIX Adoption of basic tables

1. The Joint Staff Pension Board, upon the advice of a committee of three independent actuaries to be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the recommendation of the Board, shall adopt from time to time service, mortality and other tables and shall decide upon the rate of interest which is to be used in each actuarial valuation of the Pension Fund.

2. At least one in each three years, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall have an actuarial investigation made into the service, mortality and compensation experience of the participants and beneficiaries of the Pension Fund; and, taking into account the results of such investigation, the Board shall adopt such service, mortality and other tables as it shall deem appropriate.

3. Without prejudice to the power of the Joint Staff Pension Board to establish a rate of interest for actuarial valuations purposes under paragraph 1 above, the rate of interest which shall be used in all actuarial calculations required in connexion with these Regulations shall be $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum through 31 December 1957, 3 per cent per annum for the period 1 January 1958 to 31 March 1961 and $3 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum thereafter unless and until changed by the Board.

Article XXX

Currency

1. Contributions to the Fund shall be calculated upon the pensionable remuneration fixed by the terms of employment and shall be remitted to the Fund in United States dollars or in such other currency as may be agreed between the Board and the member organization concerned.

2. Benefits shall be calculated and paid in the currency in which contributions have been received by the Fund on the account of each participant, provided however that payment of benefits may be made in any other currency selected from time to time by the recipient, at the rate of exchange obtainable by the Fund at the date of payment.

Article XXXI

Actuarial valuations

1. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall have an actuarial valuation of the Pension Fund made not later than one year after the appointed date* by a qualified actuary or actuaries, and thereafter at least every three years. The actuarial report shall state the assumptions on which the calculations are based; it shall describe the method of valuation used; it shall state the results of the investigations as well as the recommendations, if any, for any appropriate action. The report shall be presented to the Joint

*See article XL.

Staff Pension Board, and to the competent authority of each member organization.

2. Upon the receipt of the actuarial report, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall make proposals to the General Assembly of the United Nations, and to member organizations, for any action to be taken as a result thereof. Copies of the actuarial report and of any such proposals shall be forwarded to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Article XXXII

Non-assignability of rights

A participant or a beneficiary may not assign his rights under these Regulations to another person.

Article XXXIII

Debts owed to the Fund

Any payment due from a participant to the Pension Fund and unpaid at the date of his becoming entitled to any benefit under these Regulations shall be deducted from the benefit in a manner to be determined by the Joint Staff Pension Board.

Article XXXIV

Documentary evidence

1. Every participant and every beneficiary under these Regulations shall furnish such documentary evidence as may be required under the Administrative Rules.

2. If the Joint Staff Pension Board finds that any material fact so required has been omitted or misrepresented, the Board shall be empowered to take such omission or misrepresentation into account in deciding on the individual's entitlement to benefits or participation in the Pension Fund or in modifying any such decision, provided that the individual's entitlement to benefits and participation in the Fund in such case shall be no less favourable than it would have been had the material facts been disclosed or accurately represented.

Article XXXV Annual report

The Joint Staff Pension Board shall present annually to the General Assembly of the United Nations and to the member organizations a report, including a balance-sheet, on the operation of these Regulations. The Secretary-General shall inform each member organization of any action taken by the General Assembly upon the report.

Article XXXVI Administrative Rules

The Joint Staff Pension Board shall make Administrative Rules necessary for the carrying out of these Regulations. These Administrative Rules shall be reported to the General Assembly of the United Nations and to the competent organ of each member organization.

Article XXXVII

Amendments

The Joint Staff Pension Board may recommend to the General Assembly of the United Nations amendments to these Regulations. The General Assembly may, after the Joint Staff Pension Board has been consulted, amend these Regulations; and the Regulations so amended shall take effect in regard to the participants in the Fund, including those who were participants before the Regulations were amended, as from the date specified by the General Assembly but without prejudice to rights to benefits acquired through contributory service accumulated prior to that date.

Article XXXVIII

Termination of the membership of a member organization

1. Termination of membership in the Pension Fund of a member organization, whether as the result of an application by such member organization or as a result of continued default in the payment of contributions, shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations upon the recommendation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.

2. In the event of termination of membership the following provisions shall apply: The proportionate share of each such former member organization in the total assets of the Pension Fund as of the date its membership terminated shall be determined by actuarial valuation. The share so determined shall be disposed of either by payments to the former organization or pursuant to such arrangement as may be mutually agreed between that organization and the Board, in either case on behalf of and for the exclusive benefit of its staff who were participants as of such date; provided, however, that no part of the assets of the Pension Fund which are in excess of the amount required to meet the liabilities under the Regulations as of such date shall be included in determining such proportional share.

Article XXXIX External audit

The Joint Staff Pension Board shall arrange for an annual audit of the Fund to be made by the Board of Auditors of the United Nations. A copy of the report of the Board of Auditors shall be included as part of the annual report as prescribed under article XXXV.

Article XL

Appointed date

These Regulations, which supersede and replace the Provisional Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Scheme, shall come into force on 23 January 1949.

Article XLI

Jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

1. Applications alleging non-observance of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund arising out of a decision of the Joint Staff Pension Board may be submitted directly to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal by:

(a) Any staff member of a member organization which has accepted the jurisdiction of the Tribunal in Joint Staff Pension Fund cases who is eligible under article II of the Regulations as a participant in the Fund, even after his employment has ceased, and any person who has succeeded to such staff member's rights upon his death;

(b) Any other person who can show that he is entitled to rights under the Regulations of the Fund by virtue of the participation in the Fund of a staff member of such member organization.

2. In the event of a dispute as to whether the Tribunal has competence, the matter shall be settled by a decision of the Tribunal.

3. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final and without appeal.

4. The time-limits prescribed in article 7 of the Statute of the Tribunal are reckoned from the date of the communication of the contested decision of the Joint Staff Pension Board.

Article XLII

Forfeiture of right to a benefit

1. The right to a lump-sum benefit shall be forfeit if, for two years after the date on which payment would have been due, the person entitled has <u>lodged no claim and has</u> failed to submit payment instructions or has refused to accept payment.

2. The right to a pension or life annuity shall be forfeit if, for five consecutive years, the person entitled has lodged no claim and has failed to submit payment instructions or has refused to accept arrears.

3. The right to unpaid instalments of a pension or life annuity shall be forfeit if, for two years after payment would have been due, the person entitled has <u>lodged no claim and has</u> failed to submit payment instructions or has refused to accept payment.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this article shall not affect any right to a benefit which has not been exercised for reasons beyond the beneficiary's control. 5. Forfeitures as described above shall be reported to the Board. Where the right to a benefit has been forfeited pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this article and information subsequently received shows that such forfeiture would have been contrary to the provisions of paragraph 4 if the facts of the case had been known in time, the Board shall restore the right to a benefit.

6. The Board may reinstate right to a benefit when it has been satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist which warrant such action.

Supplementary article A

The Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization

For the purpose of these Regulations, the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization shall be treated as if it were a specialized agency except that its representatives shall not have the right to vote in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and its Standing Committee.

Supplementary article B

Associate participation

1. Every full-time member of the staff of each member organization shall become an associate participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund:

 (\underline{a}) If he enters employment under a fixed-term contract for at least one year but less than five years; or

(b) If he has completed one year of continuous employment, provided that he is not eligible under article II.1 to become a participant, provided that he is under sixty years of age, and provided further that his associate participation is not excluded by his contract of employment. For the purposes of this article, intervals of not more than thirty calendar days in the period of employment shall not be considered as breaking the continuity of employment.

2. The participation of an associate participant shall cease when he reaches the age of sixty.

3. An associate participant shall be eligible for a disability benefit under article V and his survivors to a death benefit under articles VII and VII <u>bis</u> and to a child's benefit under article VIII. He shall not be entitled to a retirement benefit under article IV nor to a withdrawal settlement under article X, and his survivors shall not be entitled to a death benefit under article VII <u>ter</u>.

4. Each member organization shall pay monthly into the Pension Fund, in respect of each associate participant, a contribution equal to $4 \ 1/2$ per cent of his pensionable remuneration, or such percentage contribution, not to exceed 6 per cent, as shall be determined from time to time by the Joint Staff Pension Board on the basis of actuarial valuation of the Fund. 5. Whenever an associate participant is entitled under article II to become a participant, he may elect during the first year of his participation to have the period performed as an associate participant included in his contributory service to the extent to which he pays into the Pension Fund a sum or sums equal to the contributions he would have paid as a participant, plus interest, at the rate designated in article XXIX. Payment into the Pension Fund of amounts sufficient to meet the Fund's obligations, resulting from the inclusion of such additional contributory service, which are not met by payments made by the participants shall be made by the member organization designated for that purpose in accordance with arrangements concluded by the member organizations, provided that payment has not already been made by a member organization for the period concerned.

6. All other provisions of these Regulations consistent with the present article shall be applicable to associate participants, <u>mutatis mutandis</u>, in the same manner as to a participant. Such administrative rules as shall be considered necessary for the implementation of this article shall be established by the Joint Staff Pension Board.

Supplementary article C

The International Atomic Energy Agency

For the purposes of these Regulations, the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be treated as if it were a specialized agency.

Litho in U.N.

01743-March 1961-18M 20900-September 1961-5M