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Standards of accommodation for air travel

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/248, section XIII, paragraph 3, of 21 December 1990, the Secretary-General reviewed the rules and procedures for the payment by the Organization of travel expenses and/or subsistence allowance to members of certain organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, with a view to ensuring consistency in travel arrangements within the United Nations. As a result of the above review, the Secretary-General revised the applicable rules with effect from 1 January 1991. The revised rules may be found in the Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/107/Rev.6 and are summarized in paragraph 2 for the information of the General Assembly.

2. The rules for payment of air travel expenses for representatives of Member States travelling in their official capacity to attend meetings of various intergovernmental bodies and for other United Nations official work were changed from the normal entitlement of economy class accommodation to the following, generally applicable, maximum entitlements:

(a) The cost of economy class accommodation for journeys of less than nine hours' duration;

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(b) The cost of accommodation in the class immediately below first class for journeys exceeding nine hours' duration.

3. All other provisions in relation to travel, together with the payment of daily subsistence allowance at the standard travel subsistence allowance rate plus 40 per cent, remain unchanged.

4. The Secretary-General is of the view that the General Assembly's concern for consistency in travel arrangements within the United Nations, as expressed in its resolution 45/248, section XIII, has been met through the issuance of the above revised rules, and that there are no outstanding issues in this regard requiring the Assembly's attention at the present time.
