



Secretariat

ST/IC/83/13
10 March 1983

INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Controller

Subject: SPOUSE ALLOWANCE FOR STAFF IN THE GENERAL SERVICE
AND RELATED CATEGORIES IN NEW YORK

1. On the basis of the procedures established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for adjusting the dependent spouse allowance for staff in the General Service and related categories, the Secretary-General has approved an increase in the amount of that allowance in New York from \$850 to \$1,200 net per annum with retroactive effect from 1 October 1982.
2. These procedures provide that adjustments to the allowance should normally be made at the time of a salary survey, but that, where legal or tax provisions in a particular location undergo changes which have a substantial impact on the amount of the allowance, interim adjustments should be made. The rate of \$850 was established by ICSC on the occasion of the 1979 salary survey and was based on the difference in United States federal, state and city taxes for single persons and married persons filing a joint tax return in respect of outside gross equivalents of salaries at the G-4 level. In accordance with the decision of the Commission, that change was implemented concurrently with the revised salary scales for the General Service and related categories established on the basis of the ICSC recommendations.
3. The increase in the allowance to \$1,200 per annum was determined by applying this procedure using the 1982 United States tax rates and other provisions and the outside gross equivalent of the average salary at the G-4 level in the salary scale which entered into effect on 1 October 1982.
