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## ELECTION OF A UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO FILL THE VACANCY CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF DR. G.J. VAN HEUVEN GOEDHART

Terms of appointment of a new High Commissioner

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. In connexion with the item proposed by him for inclusion in the provisional agenda of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly (A/3171/Rev.1), the Secretary-General has the honour to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the question of the terms of appointment of a new United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
2. According to chapter III, paragraph 13, of the Statute of the Office of the High Commissioner (General Assembly resolution 428 (V) of 14 December 1950), the terms of appointment of the High Commissioner shall be proposed by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly.
3. In accordance with the Staff Regulations in force in 1950, the late High Commissioner received the salary of an Assistant Secretary-General, i.e., \$15,000 net per annum (equivalent to \$23,000 gross), together with a representation allowance of \$7,000 net. Under the current Staff Regulations, officers of the rank of Under-Secretary receive as a basic minimum remuneration a salary of \$12,500 net (equivalent to \$18,000 gross) together with an allowance of \$3,500 net. Under-Secretaries or officials of equivalent rank are not, according to these regulations, entitled to education allowances or children's allowance but, if otherwise eligible, receive other allowances and benefits which are available to staff members generally. The question of any additional payment for representation and hospitality purposes will be at the discretion

of the Secretary-General, in accordance with the arrangements for special payments provided for in the Staff Regulations.

4. The Secretary-General proposes, accordingly, that the terms of appointment for a new High Commissioner should be those pertaining to the rank of Under-Secretary and officials of equivalent rank.

5. The Secretary-General proposes further that the appointment should be made for the remaining period of the mandate of the Office of the High Commissioner under General Assembly resolution 727 (VIII), namely, for the period ending 31 December 1958.

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