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Standards of accommodation for official travel
of United Nations staff by air

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with the provision of operative paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 3198 (XXVIII), the Secretary-General submits his annual report for the period 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976 on the implementation of the resolution. Under the terms of the resolution, the cost of official travel expenses is limited to economy-class accommodation by air in the case of all officials below the grade of Assistant Secretary-General.
2. During this period, first-class travel was approved for one staff member below the Assistant Secretary-General level, in view of special circumstances in connexion with his work as Principal Secretary of the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights in Chile. The approval was accorded on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and Chairman of the ad hoc Working Group on the Study of Reported Violations of Human Rights in Chile.
3. Approval to travel first class was also granted to a Vice-Rector of the United Nations University on two occasions, at the request of the Rector of the University, to allow him to accompany the Rector on travel in connexion with fund-raising activities for the University Endowment Fund.
4. In this period, on the recommendation of the Medical Service, first-class accommodation was approved in the case of two staff members below the Assistant Secretary-General level, on the grounds of physical disability.

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5. In two other instances, officials whose duties and responsibilities were recognized as equivalent to those of Assistant Secretary-General through payment of a special duties allowance were also authorized to travel first class.

6. Other than the above exceptions, the decision of the General Assembly was fully implemented.
