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Information Circular

Subject: **Remuneration rates for free-lance interpreters**

1. The purpose of this circular is to announce a revision, effective 1 July 2015, of the rates applicable to free-lance interpreters having a professional domicile in **Austria, Canada, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom**. The other rates applicable to free-lance interpreters remain unchanged. The rates have been revised in accordance with the new Agreement between AIIC and Organizations of the United Nations Common System concerning conditions of employment of short-term conference interpreters effective from 1 July 2012 through 30 June 2017.
2. A consolidated listing of the remuneration rates for free-lance interpreters is provided in subparagraphs (a) and (b) below.
 - a) **HEADQUARTERS RATES:** For interpreters having their professional domicile in one of the following countries when working in that country:

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	DAILY RATE ¹ Interpreter I	DAILY RATE ¹ Interpreter II
(i) Austria	EUR Gross	557.00	371.00
	EUR Net	490.00	327.00

¹ For the United Nations, short-term interpreters engaged to work for any continuous period of 31 days or more shall be employed from the first day on the basis of a monthly appointment in accordance with the administrative policies and Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, similar to all other staff engaged on monthly contracts, and irrespective of the actual number of calendar days in the month concerned or whether the first working day falls on the first calendar day of the month. Likewise, when a period of employment at daily rates is extended in such a way that the extension, together with the original duration of the contract, exceeds 31 days, the provisions governing monthly appointments shall apply from the thirty-first day.

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	DAILY RATE¹ Interpreter I	DAILY RATE¹ Interpreter II
(ii) Canada	CAD Gross CAD Net	779.00 685.00	519.00 457.00
(iii) France	EUR Gross EUR Net	577.00 511.00	385.00 341.00
(iv) Italy	EUR Gross EUR Net	562.00 496.00	375.00 331.00
(v) Spain	EUR Gross EUR Net	536.00 470.00	357.00 313.00
(vi) Switzerland	CHF Gross CHF Net	811.00 738.00	541.00 492.00
(vii) United Kingdom	GBP Gross GBP Net	508.00 458.00	339.00 305.00
(viii) United States	USD Gross USD Net	733.00 653.00	489.00 435.00

(b) **WORLD RATE:** For interpreters having professional domicile anywhere in the world when work is not covered by the above eight Headquarters rates.

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	DAILY RATE¹ Interpreter I	DAILY RATE¹ Interpreter II
World Rate	USD Gross USD Net	710.00 630.00	473.00 420.00

3. It should be noted that the rates shown under 2 (a) have been calculated in United States dollars and then converted into local currencies as per the methodological parameters of the Agreement. The local currency equivalents are calculated using the 12-month rolling average of the United Nations operational rates of exchange (July 2014–June 2015). All denominated rates remain fixed for the 6-month period.

4. The World rate shown under 2 (b) is paid in United States dollars. However, by prior agreement with the Organization concerned, payment may be made in the currency of the country of the short-term conference interpreter's domicile or, by agreement with the Organization, in a third currency, provided that this does not represent an additional cost to the Organization and is operationally possible. In such instances, the rate of exchange to be applied shall be the monthly United Nations operational rate of exchange in force on the date that payment is made.
5. Since the Geneva payroll system has been designed to provide for payments in Swiss Francs, short-term interpreters are required to specify in writing upon signature of their contract whether they wish to be paid in United States dollars, Swiss Francs or other currency in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 above. For practical reasons, such decision cannot be deferred to the time of payment. Hence, failure by an interpreter to express his/her preference at the time the contract is signed will imply that the decision concerning the currency of payment has been left to the discretion of the Organization.

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