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> Decision concerning the first instalment of Palestinian late claims for damages up to USD 100,000 (category "C" claims) taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission at its 133rd meeting, on 18 December 2003

The Governing Council,

Having received, in accordance with article 37 of the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure ("the Rules"), the report and recommendations made by the panel of Commissioners concerning the first instalment of Palestinian late claims for damages up to USD 100,000 (category "C" claims), covering 1,691 claims, ¹

1. Approves the recommendations made by the panel of Commissioners,

2. Notes that of the 1,691 claims covered in the instalment, the panel of Commissioners determined that 883 claims satisfied the threshold eligibility requirement for review, namely whether the claimant had a full and effective opportunity to file their claim, as set out by the Governing Council, and that 808 claims did not satisfy that requirement,

¹ The text of the report appears in document S/AC.26/2003/26. In conformity with the provisions on confidentiality in the Rules (article 30, paragraph 1, and article 40, paragraph 5), information concerning the amount to be paid to each individual claimant will not be made public, but will be provided to the Palestinian Authority separately.

3. <u>Decides</u>, pursuant to article 40 of the Rules, to approve the amounts of the recommended awards concerning the 883 eligible claims covered in the report. The aggregate amount awarded, based on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 153-156 of the report, is as follows:

Submitting entity	Number of claims recommended for payment	Number of claims not recommended for payment	Amount of compensation claimed (USD)	<u>Amount of</u> <u>compensation</u> <u>recommended</u> <u>(USD)</u>
Palestinian Authority	852	31	40,916,163.81	15,768,453.51

4. <u>Reaffirms</u> that when funds become available payments shall be made in accordance with decision 197 (S/AC.26/Dec.197 (2003)),

5. <u>Recalls</u> that when payments are made in accordance with decision 197, and pursuant to the terms of decision 18 (S/AC.26/Dec.18 (1994)), the Palestinian Authority shall distribute amounts received to the designated claimants in respect of approved awards within six months of receiving payment, and shall, not later than three months after the expiration of this time limit, provide information on such distribution,

6. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Secretary to provide a copy of the report to the Secretary-General, to the Government of the Republic of Iraq and to the Palestinian Authority.