



ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

To: Members of the staff

From: Assistant Secretary-General for Financial Services

Subject: COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE
TO PERSONAL EFFECTS

1. The purpose of this instruction is to inform the staff of changes in the maximum limits established by the Secretary-General for the compensation to staff members in the event of loss of or damage to their personal effects, determined to be directly attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the United Nations.

2. With effect from 1 January 1981, paragraph 6 of Administrative Instruction ST/AI/149/Rev.1 is hereby revised to read as follows:

"6. (a) No compensation will be paid for loss or damage to animals; motor cycles; boats; motors of all types and their appurtenances; jewelry; money (except as provided in subparagraph 6 (b)), money instruments; securities; tickets or documents; or all such other articles as in the opinion of the Secretary-General cannot be considered to have been reasonably required by the staff member for normal living under existing circumstances.

(b) Compensation in respect of the items listed below shall be subject to the maximum limits indicated:

- (i) Automobile (and all accessories) \$3,500
- (ii) Camera (still or movie) and all accessories . . . \$ 250
- (iii) Radio, record player, tape recorder or watch . . . \$ 250
- (iv) Binoculars or typewriter \$ 125
- (v) Cash \$ 200

No compensation will be paid for loss of or damage to more than one each of the articles mentioned above.

(c) Compensation in excess of \$750 shall not be paid in respect of any one article, including its appurtenances, with the exception of an automobile.

(d) No sum in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid by way of compensation to any one claimant in respect of any one incident, provided that the maximum allowable compensation shall be \$7,500 in any of the following cases:

- (i) If the spouse or dependent children of the staff member reside with him or her at the duty station; or
- (ii) If the staff member has exercised a removal entitlement to the duty station; or
- (iii) If the staff member has resided at the same duty station for more than five years.

(e) When the loss of or damage to personal effects occurs in an emergency situation resulting from war, civil commotion or natural disaster in field areas where the staff member was obliged to be for the discharge of his or her official duties, the maxima mentioned in subparagraph (d) above will be \$9,500 and \$15,500 respectively.

(f) The maximum limits for compensation established in subparagraphs (d) and (e) above shall apply in addition to compensation in respect of an automobile or its accessories."

3. This amendment supersedes administrative instructions ST/AI/149/Rev.1/Amend.1 and ST/AI/149/Rev.1/Amend.1/Corr.1.
