

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules¹

Report by the Secretariat

1. Amendments to the Staff Rules made by the Director-General are submitted for confirmation by the Executive Board in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2.²
2. In accordance with Staff Regulation 12.1,² proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations are submitted to the Executive Board, which is requested to recommend their adoption by the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.
3. The amendments described in section I of this document stem from decisions expected to be taken by the United Nations General Assembly at its seventieth session, on the basis of recommendations made by the International Civil Service Commission in its annual report for 2015.³ Should the United Nations General Assembly not approve the Commission's recommendations, an addendum to the present report will be issued.
4. The amendments described in section II of this document are made in the light of experience and in the interest of good human resources management.
5. The amendments described in section III of this document also are made and proposed in the light of experience and in the interest of good human resources management. They would take effect from the entry into force of the Organization's internal justice reform policies.
6. The financial implications of the amendments for the biennium 2016–2017 involve additional costs under the Programme budget 2016–2017. They are set out in the report on financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly, along with the financial implications beyond the biennium 2016–2017.⁴

¹ Copies of the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules (in English and French only) are available in the Executive Board room.

² Basic documents, available at <http://apps.who.int/gb/bd/>.

³ General Assembly, Official Records, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 30 (document A/70/30, copies available in the Executive Board room).

⁴ Document EB138/54 Add.1.

7. The proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations and the amended Staff Rules are set out in the Annexes.

I. AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF DECISIONS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTIETH SESSION ON THE BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Remuneration of staff in the professional and higher categories

8. The Commission recommended to the United Nations General Assembly that the current base/floor salary scale for the professional and higher categories should be increased by 1.08% through the standard consolidation method of increasing base salary and commensurately reducing post adjustment multiplier points (that is, on a “no loss, no gain” basis) with effect from 1 January 2016.

9. Amendments to Appendix 1 of the Staff Rules have been prepared accordingly and are set out in Annex 3.

Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

10. Subject to the decision of the United Nations General Assembly in respect of the recommendation in paragraph 8 above, the Director-General proposes, in accordance with Staff Regulation 3.1, that the Executive Board recommend to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly modifications in the salaries of assistant directors-general and regional directors. Thus, as from 1 January 2016, the gross salary for assistant directors-general and regional directors would be US\$ 176 463 per annum, and the net salary US\$ 137 024 (dependency rate) or US\$ 124 080 (single rate).

11. Based on the adjustments to salaries described above, the salary modification to be authorized by the Health Assembly for the Deputy Director-General would entail, as from 1 January 2016, a gross salary of US\$ 194 136 per annum, with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 149 395 (dependency rate) or US\$ 134 449 (single rate).

12. The salary adjustments described above would imply similar modifications to the salary of the Director-General. The salary to be authorized by the Health Assembly, as from 1 January 2016, would therefore be US\$ 238 644 per annum gross, US\$ 180 551 net (dependency rate) or US\$ 160 566 net (single rate).

II. AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Financial responsibility

13. Staff Rule 130 has been added to explicitly define staff members' obligation to protect the financial interests of the Organization.

Classification review

14. Staff Rule 230 has been amended to delete the sentence: “A staff member may request a re-examination of the classification of the post which he occupies”. As reclassification of a position has budgetary implications and affects the Human Resources Plan, it should be initiated by first level supervisors who, in turn, are responsible for assigning duties in line with staff members’ grade levels and position descriptions.

Recruitment policies

15. Staff Rule 410.3 has been amended to no longer allow for the appointment of a staff member’s father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, “when another person equally well qualified cannot be recruited...”. This is in line with best practice in the United Nations common system of salaries, allowances and other conditions of service.

III. AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT WHICH, IF CONFIRMED¹ AND ADOPTED,² WOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ORGANIZATION’S INTERNAL JUSTICE REFORM POLICIES³

Proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations

Dispute resolution

16. The proposed amendment to the title of Article XI from “Appeals” to “Dispute Resolution” reflects a new emphasis on the prevention and early resolution of employment disputes, rather than formal appeals.

17. The proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 11.2 reflects the recourse staff members have to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, rather than to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, for disputes that are not resolved internally.

Amendments to the Staff Rules

Dispute resolution

18. The proposed amendment to the title of Section 12 from “Appeals” to “Dispute Resolution” reflects a new emphasis on the prevention and early resolution of employment disputes, rather than formal appeals.

¹ In the case of amendments to the Staff Rules.

² In the case of proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations.

³ See document EB138/51, paragraphs 18 and 19.

Informal resolution

19. Staff Rules 1215.1 to 1215.7 have been introduced to emphasize the prevention and early resolution of employment disputes through informal dispute resolution, including with the assistance of the Ombudsman.

Non-confirmation of appointment and Termination of appointment for reasons of health

20. Staff Rules 1210 and 1220 have been deleted as all challenges to final administrative decisions will be considered through an administrative review process.

Administrative review

21. Staff Rules 1225.1 to 1225.7 have been introduced to establish a mandatory process for the administrative review of all final administrative decisions before staff members may appeal against such decisions. Administrative review will provide an opportunity to resolve disputes before they escalate in the formal appeal process.

Global Board of Appeal

22. Staff Rule 1230 on Boards of Appeal has been deleted in its entirety and replaced with Staff Rules 1230.1 to 1230.9 establishing a Global Board of Appeal. The Global Board of Appeal will replace the headquarters and regional boards of appeal and will provide all staff members across the Organization with equal access to a WHO-wide and sufficiently resourced appeals mechanism. The Global Board of Appeal will review staff appeals and provide recommendations to the Director-General.

Administrative Tribunal

23. Staff Rule 1240 has been amended to bring it in line with the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 11.2, as described in paragraph 17. The amendment also includes the deletion of references to Staff Rules 1210, 1220 and 1230, as described in paragraphs 20 and 22.

Effect of appeals on administrative decision

24. Staff Rule 1245 has been amended for editorial reasons.

Availability of Rules of Procedure

25. Staff Rule 1250 has been amended to reflect the newly established Global Board of Appeal.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

26. In the light of these amendments, the Executive Board may wish to consider the following draft resolutions.¹

Draft resolution 1

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules,²

CONFIRMS, in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2, the amendments to the Staff Rules that have been made by the Director-General with effect from 1 January 2016 concerning the remuneration of staff in the professional and higher categories.

Draft resolution 2

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules,²

RECOMMENDS to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,

1. ESTABLISHES the salaries of assistant directors-general and regional directors at US\$ 176 463 gross per annum, with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 137 024 (dependency rate) or US\$ 124 080 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Director-General at US\$ 194 136 gross per annum, with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 149 395 (dependency rate) or US\$ 134 449 (single rate);
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 238 644 gross per annum, with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 180 551 (dependency rate) or US\$ 160 566 (single rate);
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect on 1 January 2016.

¹ See document EB138/54 Add.1 for the financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of these resolutions.

² Document EB138/54.

Draft resolution 3

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules,¹

CONFIRMS, in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2, the amendments to the Staff Rules that have been made by the Director-General with effect from 1 February 2016 concerning financial responsibility; classification review; and recruitment policies.

Draft resolution 4

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules,¹

CONFIRMS, in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2, the amendments to the Staff Rules that have been made by the Director-General concerning informal resolution; appeals of decisions relating to non-confirmation of appointment and termination of appointment for reasons of health; administrative review; Global Board of Appeal; administrative tribunal; effect of appeals on administrative decision; and availability of the Rules of Procedure, with effect from the entry into force of the Organization's internal justice reform policies.

Draft resolution 5

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules,¹

RECOMMENDS, in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.1, to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to dispute resolution,

ADOPTS the proposed amendment to the title of Article XI of the Staff Regulations;

ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 11.2;

DECIDES that these amendments shall take effect from the entry into force of the Organization's internal justice reform policies.

¹ Document EB138/54.

ANNEX 1

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Former text	New text
None.	130. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY Staff members shall exercise reasonable care in any matter affecting the financial interests of the Organization, its physical and human resources, property and assets.
230. CLASSIFICATION REVIEW In accordance with procedures established by the Director-General, a staff member may request a re-examination of the classification of any post under his supervision and with reference to the approved human resources plan. A staff member may request a re-examination of the classification of the post which he occupies.	230. CLASSIFICATION REVIEW In accordance with procedures established by the Director-General, a staff member may request a re-examination of the classification of any post under his supervision and with reference to the approved human resources plan. A staff member may request a re-examination of the classification of the post which he occupies.
410. RECRUITMENT POLICIES 410.3 Except where another person equally well qualified cannot be recruited, appointment shall not be granted to a person who bears any of the following relationships to a staff member: father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.	410. RECRUITMENT POLICIES 410.3 Except where another person equally well qualified cannot be recruited, Appointment shall not be granted to a person who bears any of the following relationships to a staff member: father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

ANNEX 2

AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT WHICH, IF CONFIRMED¹ AND ADOPTED,² WOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S INTERNAL JUSTICE REFORMS

Former text	New text
<p>STAFF REGULATIONS – ARTICLE XI</p> <p>Appeals</p> <p>11.1 The Director-General shall establish administrative machinery with staff participation to advise him in case of any appeal by staff members against an administrative decision alleging the non-observance of their terms of appointment, including all pertinent regulations and rules, or against disciplinary action.</p> <p>11.2 Any dispute which cannot be resolved internally, arising between the Organization and a member of the staff regarding the fulfillment of the contract of the said member, shall be referred for final decision to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.</p>	<p>STAFF REGULATIONS – ARTICLE XI</p> <p>Appeals Dispute Resolution</p> <p>11.1 The Director-General shall establish administrative machinery with staff participation to advise him in case of any appeal by staff members against an administrative decision alleging the non-observance of their terms of appointment, including all pertinent regulations and rules, or against disciplinary action.</p> <p>11.2 Any dispute which cannot be resolved internally, arising between the Organization and a member of the staff regarding the fulfillment of the contract of the said member, shall be referred for final decision to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization.</p>
STAFF RULES	STAFF RULES
SECTION 12 Appeals	SECTION 12 Appeals Dispute resolution
<p>1210. NON-CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT</p> <p>1210.1 A staff member may appeal against a decision taken under Rule 1060 not to confirm his appointment because of unsatisfactory performance or conduct, or because of unsuitability for international service, if he considers that such decision has been made for reasons not connected with his performance, conduct or suitability for international service. Such an appeal must be made in writing to the Director-General within fifteen calendar days of receipt of notice of non-confirmation. The Director-General's decision shall be final and none of the other appeal procedures described in this section shall apply, except as provided in Rule 1240.</p>	<p>1210. NON-CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT</p> <p>1210.1 A staff member may appeal against a decision taken under Rule 1060 not to confirm his appointment because of unsatisfactory performance or conduct, or because of unsuitability for international service, if he considers that such decision has been made for reasons not connected with his performance, conduct or suitability for international service. Such an appeal must be made in writing to the Director-General within fifteen calendar days of receipt of notice of non-confirmation. The Director-General's decision shall be final and none of the other appeal procedures described in this section shall apply, except as provided in Rule 1240.</p>

¹ In the case of Staff Rule amendments.

² In the case of proposed Staff Regulation amendments.

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1210.2 The notice period specified in Rule 1060 shall be extended by whatever period is necessary for the Director-General to reach a decision and communicate it to the staff member	1210.2 The notice period specified in Rule 1060 shall be extended by whatever period is necessary for the Director-General to reach a decision and communicate it to the staff member.
NEW SECTION	<p>1215. INFORMAL RESOLUTION</p> <p>1215.1 A staff member may use informal channels to resolve a work-related concern, including a final administrative decision, which he considers to be in non-observance of the terms of his appointment, including pertinent Staff Regulations or Staff Rules.</p> <p>1215.2 The Director-General shall encourage and facilitate the use of informal channels to resolve work-related concerns.</p> <p>1215.3 Staff members are encouraged to initiate or participate in informal means of resolution and to make good faith efforts to take action to address and resolve concerns as early as possible.</p> <p>1206.4 Informal resolution of a work-related concern may be initiated at any time, including before or after the initiation of a formal resolution process.</p> <p>1215.5 A staff member may seek the assistance of an Ombudsman, who is an independent and neutral interlocutor who provides confidential impartial assistance. A staff member may also use other available informal channels to resolve a work-related concern.</p> <p>1215.6 Participation in informal resolution efforts shall not affect any right to pursue the work-related concern formally in accordance with the provisions of the Staff Rules.</p> <p>1215.7 The conduct of informal resolution, including mediation, by an Ombudsman or through other informal channels, may result in the extension of time limits, including those applicable to the appeals process under Section 12 of the Staff Rules.</p>

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<p>1220. TERMINATION FOR REASONS OF HEALTH</p> <p>1220.1 A staff member may appeal against a decision taken under Rule 1030 to terminate his appointment for reasons of health. He must indicate in writing to the Director-General, within 15 calendar days of his receipt of the termination notice, his intention to do so. The Organization's Staff Physician will normally inform the staff member in writing of the medical conclusions upon which the decision was based except that, if he feels that such information may be harmful to the staff member, the medical findings may be provided in writing to a physician designated by the staff member.</p> <p>1220.2 Upon receipt of such an appeal, the Director-General shall refer the appeal to a medical board of review consisting of three medical practitioners, one chosen to represent the Director-General, one chosen by the staff member and a third selected by the first two. If no agreement can be reached on the choice of a third practitioner, the Director-General shall designate one. This board shall have available to it the Organization's medical records concerning the staff member and shall conduct such examinations of the individual as it may deem necessary. The Director-General's decision shall be based on the medical recommendation of the board; his decision shall be final and none of the other appeal procedures described in this section shall apply, except as provided in Rule 1240.</p> <p>1220.3 The Organization shall determine the place where the board shall convene and shall bear all costs in connection with such a board, except that the Organization shall bear only that portion of the actual costs incurred by the staff member for his representative which corresponds to the cost of obtaining the services of a qualified practitioner from the nearest available source to where the board convenes.</p>	<p>1220. TERMINATION FOR REASONS OF HEALTH</p> <p>1220.1 A staff member may appeal against a decision taken under Rule 1030 to terminate his appointment for reasons of health. He must indicate in writing to the Director General, within 15 calendar days of his receipt of the termination notice, his intention to do so. The Organization's Staff Physician will normally inform the staff member in writing of the medical conclusions upon which the decision was based except that, if he feels that such information may be harmful to the staff member, the medical findings may be provided in writing to a physician designated by the staff member.</p> <p>1220.2 Upon receipt of such an appeal, the Director General shall refer the appeal to a medical board of review consisting of three medical practitioners, one chosen to represent the Director General, one chosen by the staff member and a third selected by the first two. If no agreement can be reached on the choice of a third practitioner, the Director General shall designate one. This board shall have available to it the Organization's medical records concerning the staff member and shall conduct such examinations of the individual as it may deem necessary. The Director General's decision shall be based on the medical recommendation of the board; his decision shall be final and none of the other appeal procedures described in this section shall apply, except as provided in Rule 1240.</p> <p>1220.3 The Organization shall determine the place where the board shall convene and shall bear all costs in connection with such a board, except that the Organization shall bear only that portion of the actual costs incurred by the staff member for his representative which corresponds to the cost of obtaining the services of a qualified practitioner from the nearest available source to where the board convenes.</p>

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NEW SECTION	<p>1225. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW</p> <p>1225.1 A staff member wishing to contest formally a final administrative decision alleging non-observance of his terms of appointment, including pertinent Staff Regulations or Staff Rules, shall, as a first step, submit a request in writing for an administrative review of that final administrative decision. A staff member shall not request an administrative review until all the existing administrative channels have been exhausted and the administrative decision has become final. An administrative decision is to be considered as final when it has been taken by a duly authorized official and the staff member has received written notification of the decision.</p> <p>1225.2 If a staff member has submitted a written request relating to the terms of his appointment, the request shall be deemed to have been rejected if no definitive reply is received within:</p> <p>1225.2.1. sixty (60) calendar days for staff assigned to headquarters and to regional offices;</p> <p>1225.2.2 ninety (90) calendar days for staff assigned to other duty stations.</p> <p>1225.3 A request for administrative review must be filed no later than sixty (60) calendar days from the date on which the staff member received written notification of the contested final administrative decision or within sixty (60) calendar days of a deemed rejection under Staff Rule 1225.2.</p> <p>1225.4 The final decision on a request for administrative review (the Administrative Review Decision) shall be communicated in writing to the staff member within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the complete request for administrative review. The deadline may be extended, including to allow for informal resolution.</p> <p>1225.5 If a staff member has filed a request for administrative review, the request shall be deemed to have been rejected if no final decision is received within the sixty (60) calendar day deadline or the extended deadline referred to in Staff Rule 1225.4.</p> <p>1225.6 A request for administrative review shall not have the effect of delaying the final administrative decision which is the subject of the review.</p>

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	1225.7 Requests for administrative review shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Staff Rule and under conditions established by the Director-General.
[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS REPLACED BY TEXT PROVIDED IN THE “NEW TEXT” COLUMN]	
<p>1230. BOARDS OF APPEAL</p> <p>1230.1 Subject to the provisions of Rule 1230.8, a staff member may appeal against any administrative action or decision affecting his appointment status on the grounds that the action or decision complained of resulted from one or more of the following factors:</p> <p>1230.1.1 personal prejudice on the part of a supervisor or of any other responsible official;</p> <p>1230.1.2 incomplete consideration of the facts;</p> <p>1230.1.3 failure to observe or apply correctly the provisions of the Staff Regulations or Staff Rules, or the terms of his contract;</p> <p>1230.1.4 improper application of the WHO post classification standards.</p>	<p>1230. GLOBAL BOARD OF APPEAL¹</p> <p>1230.1 Subject to Staff Rule 1230.5, a staff member may appeal before the Global Board of Appeal (the Board) against an Administrative Review Decision or against a deemed rejection under Staff Rule 1225.5.</p>
	Membership
<p>1230.2 To hear appeals on these grounds there is at headquarters a Board of Appeal and, at each regional office, a regional Board of Appeal. A regional Board of Appeal shall have competence to hear appeals under Rule 1230.1.4 in respect of those posts for which the regional office has authority to apply the classification standards; otherwise, the headquarters Board shall hear the appeal. At the request of the headquarters Board of Appeal, a regional Board may conduct a hearing on any matter reserved to the competence of the headquarters Board, the findings of such hearing to be reported to the headquarters Board for review.</p>	<p>1230.2 In accordance with procedures established by the Director-General, the Board shall be composed of:</p> <p>1230.2.1 one chair and one deputy chair appointed by the Director-General in consultation with representatives of staff; and</p> <p>1230.2.2 an equal number of members and alternate members appointed respectively by the Director-General and elected by staff.</p>

¹ All pending appeals filed with either the headquarters Board of Appeal or a regional Board of Appeal shall be dealt with under the Staff Rules in effect at the time the appeal was filed, unless the staff member having filed the appeal requests, and the Organization agrees, that the Staff Rules amended with effect from the entry into force of internal justice reform policies shall apply. If a pending appeal before a regional Board of Appeal is concluded at the regional level, any appeal of the decision of the Regional Director concerned shall be filed with the Global Board of Appeal under these amended Staff Rules.

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<p>1230.3 The reporting procedure of these Boards shall be as follows:</p> <p>1230.3.1 the headquarters Board of Appeal shall report its findings and recommendations to the Director-General, with whom the final decision shall rest. The Director-General shall inform the appellant of his decision within sixty calendar days of the date of the receipt by him of the findings and recommendations of the Board, and at the same time send him a copy of the report;</p> <p>1230.3.2 the regional Board of Appeal shall report its findings and recommendations to the Regional Director. The Regional Director shall inform the appellant of his decision within sixty calendar days of the date of the receipt by him of the findings and recommendations of the Board, and at the same time send him a copy of the report;</p> <p>1230.3.3 a Board shall report its findings and recommendations to the Director-General or Regional Director, as appropriate, within ninety calendar days of the date on which the appellant's full statement of his case is received by the Board. This period may be extended by the Board if the appellant and the administration concerned agree.</p>	<p>Panels</p> <p>1230.3 Subject to Staff Rule 1230.4, an appeal shall normally be heard by a Panel of three members of the Board. Each Panel shall be composed of:</p> <p>1230.3.1 a chair, who shall be the chair or deputy chair of the Board;</p> <p>1230.3.2 one member appointed to the Board by the Director-General and assigned to the Panel by its chair; and</p> <p>1230.3.3 one member elected to the Board by staff and assigned to the Panel by its chair.</p> <p>1230.3.4 In exceptional circumstances as determined by the chair and deputy chair, an appeal may be heard by a Panel of five members of the Board, including two additional members appointed by the chair under Staff Rules 1230.3.2 and 1230.3.3.</p> <p>1230.3.5 If the appellant was assigned to a region at the time of the appealed decision, there shall be at least one member assigned to that region on the Panel. If the appellant was assigned to headquarters, including offices administered by headquarters, at the time of the appealed decision, there shall be at least one member assigned to headquarters on the Panel.</p> <p>1230.3.6 The appellant may object to no more than one member of a three member Panel, and two members of a five member Panel, assigned to hear the appeal, under conditions established by the Director-General.</p>

Former text	New text
<p>1230.4 The headquarters Board of Appeal shall consist of five members having equal votes as follows:</p> <p>1230.4.1 a chairman and three alternate chairmen appointed by the Director-General after consultation with the representatives of the staff;</p> <p>1230.4.2 two members drawn from a list of four members and eight alternates appointed by the Director-General;</p> <p>1230.4.3 two members representing the staff, drawn from a panel organized in three groups:</p> <p>Group I – staff in grades subject to local recruitment</p> <p>Group II – staff in grades P.1 through P.3</p> <p>Group III – staff in grades P.4 through D.2.</p> <p>The members of the panel shall be elected biennially by the staff, four persons being elected for each of Groups I and II and six persons for Group III. They shall be eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office. In hearings by the Board, at least one member shall be from the group to which the staff member appealing to the Board belongs and none shall be in a group below that to which he belongs. Subject to this Rule, the members of each group shall be called upon in rotation by the Secretary of the Board, as required, to constitute the Board. The staff member appealing to the Board shall have the right to object to not more than two members, whether appointed by the Director-General or drawn from the staff panel. If objection is raised against members from the staff panel, they shall be replaced by the next members due to serve from that panel. If objection is raised against members appointed by the Director-General, they shall be replaced by alternate or substitute members appointed by the Director-General.</p>	<p>Board chair and deputy chair</p> <p>1230.4 The authorities of the chair and deputy chair shall be determined by the Director-General, and shall include making recommendations to the Director-General on the receivability of an appeal.</p>

Former text	New text
<p>1230.5 The regional Board of Appeal shall be composed of three members having equal votes, selected as follows: one person and two alternates designated by the Regional Director, one person and two alternates elected by the staff, and a third member and two alternates, who will serve as chairman and alternate chairmen respectively, designated by the Regional Director after consultation with the representatives of the staff.</p> <p>1230.6 Secretarial services to all boards shall be provided by the Organization.</p>	<p>Conditions of appeal</p> <p>1230.5 The following provisions shall govern the conditions of appeal against an Administrative Review Decision or against a deemed rejection under Staff Rule 1225.5.</p> <p>1230.5.1 A staff member wishing to appeal must file with the Board, within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the Administrative Review Decision, or within ninety (90) calendar days of the expiration of the deadline or extended deadline referred to in Staff Rule 1225.5, a complete statement of appeal specifying the decision against which the appeal is made and stating the facts of the case and the pleas. The Board shall open its proceedings upon receipt of the appellant's complete statement of appeal.</p> <p>1230.5.2 A request to suspend proceedings before the Board may be made at any time, in particular with a view to pursuing an informal resolution. The suspension may be granted by the chair of the Panel concerned. Such suspension shall normally not exceed ninety (90) calendar days.</p> <p>Reporting and decision-making</p> <p>1230.6A Panel of the Board reviewing an appeal shall report its findings and recommendations to the Director-General within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of the Panel's receipt of the final written pleadings of both parties. This period may be extended by the chair of the Panel concerned in accordance with conditions established by the Director-General.</p> <p>1230.6.1 The Director-General shall make the final decision on appeals. If the appellant was assigned to a region at the time of the final administrative decision, the Director-General shall consult with the Regional Director before making a final decision.</p> <p>1230.6.2 The Director-General shall inform the parties to the appeal and the chair of the Board of his decision within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of the receipt by him of the findings and recommendations of the Panel concerned.</p>

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<p>1230.7 The headquarters Board of Appeal shall establish its own rules of procedure which, so far as practicable, shall be followed by the regional Boards of Appeal, provided that the appellant shall, if he so wishes, be heard by the appropriate board in person and/or through a representative of his choice. Any travel occasioned by such appearance shall be at the appellant's expense unless the Board hearing the appeal determines that the appearance of the staff member himself is essential to the proper consideration of the appeal. The Board may, in the light of its findings and if it finds it reasonable, recommend full or partial payment of those expenses claimed by the appellant which are directly connected with the appeal.</p> <p>1230.8 The following provisions shall govern the conditions of appeal:</p> <p>1230.8.1 No staff member shall bring an appeal before a Board until all the existing administrative channels have been tried and the action complained of has become final. An action is to be considered as final when it has been taken by a duly authorized official and the staff member has received written notification of the action.</p> <p>1230.8.2 If the staff member has submitted a written request relating to his appointment status, the request shall be deemed to have been rejected and such rejection shall be subject to appeal as if final action had been taken on it as in Rule 1230.8.1 above if no definitive reply to that request has been made within:</p> <p>(1) two months for staff at headquarters;</p> <p>(2) three months for staff assigned to other duty stations.</p> <p>1230.8.3 A staff member wishing to appeal against a final action must dispatch to the Board concerned, within sixty calendar days after receipt of such notification, a written statement of his intention to appeal specifying the action against which appeal is made and the subsection or sections of Rule 1230.1 under which the appeal is filed. The Board shall open its proceedings at the earliest possible moment after receipt of the appellant's full statement of his case.</p>	<p>General</p> <p>1230.7 Secretariat services to the Board shall be provided by the Organization.</p> <p>1230.8 The work of the Board shall be carried out in accordance with rules of procedure to be established by the Director-General.</p>

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<p>1230.8.4 A staff member assigned to headquarters shall address his appeal to the headquarters Board of Appeal. A staff member who was assigned to a region at the time of the action complained of shall address his appeal to the regional Board of Appeal of the region concerned except as provided in Rule 1230.2 for classification standards.</p> <p>1230.8.5 A staff member shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Appeal at headquarters against the decision of a Regional Director based upon the recommendation of a regional Board of Appeal. Notification of such appeal must be dispatched to the Board in writing within sixty calendar days after receipt by the appellant of the Regional Director's decision on the original appeal. The complete record of the regional proceedings shall be forwarded to the headquarters Board of Appeal, which shall decide what further evidence, if any, need be obtained before making a recommendation to the Director-General for a final decision.</p> <p>1230.9 In any case involving interpretation of the Staff Regulations or Staff Rules, the Regional Director shall consult the Director-General before taking a final decision on a recommendation from the regional Board of Appeal.</p> <p>1240. ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL</p> <p>1240.1 Pending definitive arrangements for the use of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations, disputes between the Organization and a staff member which cannot be resolved internally may be referred to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Tribunal.</p> <p>1240.2 An appeal may be made to the Tribunal when the decision contested is a final decision and the person concerned has exhausted such other means of resisting it as are open to him under these Rules, and in particular Rules 1210 to 1230.</p>	<p>1230.9 In discharging their duties, members of the Board shall act independently and respect confidentiality. Parties to an appeal and all persons involved in Board proceedings shall also respect confidentiality.</p> <p>1240. ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL</p> <p>1240.1 Pending definitive arrangements for the use of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations, dDisputes between the Organization and a staff member which cannot be resolved internally may be referred to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Tribunal.</p> <p>1240.2 An appeal complaint may be made to the Tribunal when the decision contested is a final decision further to Staff Rule 1230.6.1 and the person concerned has exhausted such other means of resisting challenging it as are open to him under these Rules, and in particular Rules 1210 to 1230.</p>

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<p>1245. EFFECT OF APPEALS ON ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION</p> <p>Except as provided in Rule 1210.2, the filing of an appeal under any of the procedures described in this section shall not constitute grounds for delaying the administrative action against which the appeal is made.</p> <p>1250. AVAILABILITY OF RULES OF PROCEDURE</p> <p>Copies of the rules of procedure of the headquarters Board of Appeal and the Statute of the Tribunal shall be maintained in all personnel offices of the Organization and made available to any staff member on request. Each regional personnel office shall also maintain copies of the rules of procedure of the regional Board of Appeal for that office.</p>	<p>1245. EFFECT OF APPEALS ON ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION DECISION</p> <p>Except as provided in Rule 1210.2, the The filing of an appeal under any of the procedures described in this section shall not constitute grounds for delaying the final administrative action decision against which the appeal is made.</p> <p>1250. AVAILABILITY OF RULES OF PROCEDURE</p> <p>Copies of the rules of procedure of the headquarters Global Board of Appeal and the Statute of the Tribunal shall be available from the Global Board of Appeal Secretariat and on the WHO intranet. in all personnel offices of the Organization and made available to any staff member on request. Each regional personnel office shall also maintain copies of the rules of procedure of the regional Board of Appeal for that office.</p>

ANNEX 3

Appendix 1 to the Staff Rules

SALARY SCALE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES: ANNUAL GROSS SALARIES
AND NET EQUIVALENTS AFTER APPLICATION OF STAFF ASSESSMENT, (IN US DOLLARS)

(effective 1 January 2016)

	Step														
Level	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV
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D-2 Gross	144 751	147 815	150 920	154 117	157 314	160 510									
Net D	114 668	116 905	119 144	121 382	123 620	125 857									
Net S	105 345	107 233	109 114	110 990	112 861	114 721									
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D-1 Gross	132 290	134 984	137 668	140 362	143 055	145 742	148 437	151 174	153 980						
Net D	105 572	107 538	109 498	111 464	113 430	115 392	117 359	119 322	121 286						
Net S	97 583	99 289	100 994	102 692	104 389	106 081	107 766	109 451	111 130		*	*	*		
P-5 Gross	109 449	111 738	114 029	116 315	118 608	120 895	123 188	125 475	127 766	130 055	132 344	134 632	136 923		
Net D	88 898	90 569	92 241	93 910	95 584	97 253	98 927	100 597	102 269	103 940	105 611	107 281	108 954		
Net S	82 586	84 072	85 552	87 032	88 510	89 981	91 454	92 923	94 390	95 853	97 316	98 771	100 229		
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P-4 Gross	90 038	92 080	94 122	96 162	98 205	100 264	102 475	104 685	106 895	109 101	111 314	113 521	115 730	117 941	120 151
Net D	74 130	75 743	77 356	78 968	80 582	82 193	83 807	85 420	87 033	88 644	90 259	91 870	93 483	95 097	96 710
Net S	69 032	70 499	71 969	73 431	74 895	76 358	77 820	79 278	80 736	82 193	83 646	85 100	86 554	88 004	89 454
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P-3 Gross	74 013	75 903	77 794	79 680	81 572	83 461	85 348	87 241	89 129	91 019	92 911	94 799	96 690	98 578	100 505
Net D	61 470	62 963	64 457	65 947	67 442	68 934	70 425	71 920	73 412	74 905	76 400	77 891	79 385	80 877	82 369
Net S	57 379	58 751	60 126	61 497	62 873	64 244	65 615	66 991	68 361	69 735	71 103	72 473	73 838	75 209	76 577
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P-2 Gross	60 715	62 405	64 095	65 786	67 477	69 165	70 857	72 544	74 235	75 928	77 615	79 306			
Net D	50 965	52 300	53 635	54 971	56 307	57 640	58 977	60 310	61 646	62 983	64 316	65 652			
Net S	47 803	49 015	50 223	51 434	52 642	53 853	55 083	56 310	57 542	58 770	59 995	61 228			
P-1 Gross	47 464	48 976	50 516	52 146	53 767	55 392	57 016	58 644	60 265	61 887					
Net D	40 344	41 630	42 908	44 195	45 476	46 760	48 043	49 329	50 609	51 891					
Net S	38 056	39 239	40 423	41 605	42 786	43 969	45 151	46 319	47 481	48 644					

D = Rate applicable to staff members with a dependent spouse or child; S = Rate applicable to staff members with no dependent spouse or child.

* = The normal qualifying period for a within-grade increase between consecutive steps is one year, except at those steps marked with an asterisk, for which a two-year period at the preceding step is required (Staff Rule 550.2).