

Check Against Delivery

Fifth Committee

Item 138. Proposed programme budget 2022:

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Opening remarks by Mr. John Levins  
Chair,





Pension Board Secretariat function. Having served as Chair under both the combined and separated models, I can personally attest to this. The Board is grateful to the General Assembly for this guidance.

The Board proposes to consolidate and further strengthen the Pension Board s

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participants and beneficiaries. The Board understands that this continues to work in progress. Reform always is. It is evolutionary, adaptive and confident that all Members of the Board will continue to be engaged to implement the decisions taken in July 2021.

3. Benefit system and proposed changes to the Regulations

The Board discussed several items related to the Fund's benefit system. The Board *inter alia*, agreed on measures to streamline the administration of disability cases of the most important aspects of the plan underlying the Fund. In that regard, it recommends that the General Assembly adopt a new article 33(g) of the Fund's Regulations.

Further to this change, the Board also requests the General Assembly to approve changes to the following articles of its Regulations:

articles 4 and 5 in light of the adoption of the ethics policy requested by the General Assembly

article 7 to reflect the appointment of the Secretary of the Board by the Secretary General upon the Board's recommendation;

article 48 to clarify the scope of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and

paragraph 19 of the Pension Adjustment System to clarify the conditions for the application of a second cost-of-living adjustment in the same calendar year.

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