

ILO STAFF HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Record of Decisions
of the 246th Meeting of the Management Committee

Tuesday, 12 March 2018

at 12.00 p.m., ILO, room VI (R3 South)

Present:

Representing the insured persons of the ILO:

Ms. Catherine Comte-Tiberghien (Titular member)
Ms. Mireille Ecuillon (Titular member)
Ms. Elisabeth Fombuena (Substitute member)
Ms. Azza Taalab (Substitute member)

Representing the Director-General:

Mr. Jean-Claude Villemonteix (Titular member)
Mr. Tilmann Geckeler (Titular member)
Mr. Fikri Gurzumar (Titular member)
Mr. Sietse Buijze (Substitute member)

Other attendees:

Mr. Florian Léger, SHIF Executive Secretary
Ms. Heather Harris, SHIF Claims Supervisor
Ms. Corinne Michoud, SHIF Secretary

Apologies for absence were received from:

Representing the Director-General of the ILO:
Mr. Giuseppe Zefola, Ms. Anne Drouin

Representing the insured persons of the ILO:
Mr. Simon Brimblecombe
Mr. Pierre Sayour

The meeting opens at 12.05 p.m.

Item 1: Approval of meeting agenda
(SHIF/MC/18/246/AG)

MC refers to document ref. SHIF/MC/18/246/AG and approves the agenda.

Item 2: Request for coverage in exceptional cases under Article 1.7 of the SHIF Regulations
(Special case 01/2018)

ES presents the special case. It concerns a request made by a 64 year old active staff member, who is due to retire on 1 April 2018 and who does not meet two of the conditions set out in Article 1.3(d) of the Fund's Regulations to remain insured with the SHIF upon his cessation of service (the ten-years' rule of service with the United Nations or a specialized agency or a related organization, and the five-years' rule of affiliation to the SHIF immediately prior to his cessation of service). His dependent spouse is suffering a serious medical condition and no private medical insurance company will accept to insure her given her pre-existing condition. For her on-going treatment she would then have to rely on medical treatments provided by the national health insurance scheme of her residing country (which is likely to be the UK), with a lower quality of service compared to that offered by the SHIF.

Following the explanations provided by the ES and the unanimous decision reached by the Standing Subcommittee at its meetings held on 27 February and 7 March to offer SHIF coverage to the staff member's spouse only, given the exceptional nature of the case (insured member suffering a serious medical condition with a necessity for on-going medical treatment upon the staff member's cessation of service, and no evidence that adequate medical treatment can be offered to the staff member's dependent spouse in the residing country), MC agrees to make an exception as provided for in Article 1.7 ("Coverage in exceptional cases") of the Fund's Regulations, and to enable the staff member's spouse only to remain insured with the SHIF under the same conditions as those applying to survivors of officials or former officials, as per the provisions governing Article 3.4 ("Assessment in respect of survivors and their automatically covered dependants"), paragraph 1(a)(ii), of the Fund's Regulations. MC further decides not to grant SHIF coverage to the staff member upon his cessation of service, arguing that a departure from the conditions set out in Article 1.3(d) of the Fund's Regulations to enable SHIF coverage upon cessation of service cannot apply in his case.

The meeting ends at 12.55 p.m.
