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**UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL**

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**ANNEX I**

Pursuant to paragraph B of section III of the Regulations relating to the issue of a United Nations Service Medal to personnel of the United Nations forces in Korea, the Secretary-General, acting upon the recommendation of the Unified Command of the United Nations and after consultation with the Governments of Member States which contributed military units to the United Nations action in Korea, hereby announces that 27 July 1954 has been agreed as the terminal date for eligibility for the award of the United Nations Service Medal. However, at the request of the three Governments concerned, the terminal date for eligibility has been extended to 1 January 1955 in the case of the Netherlands and to 27 July 1955 in the case of Sweden and Thailand.

***The General Assembly,***

***Desiring to symbolize the valour and sacrifices of the men and women who have served on behalf of the United Nations in repelling aggression in Korea,***

***Recalling its resolution 92 (I) on the official seal and emblem of the United Nations, its resolution 167 (II) on the United Nations flag, and the resolution of the Security Council of 7 July 1950 authorizing the Unified Command to use the United Nations flag,***

***Resolves that the Secretary-General be requested to make arrangements with the Unified Command, established pursuant to the Security Council resolution of 7 July 1950, for the design and award, under such regulations as the Secretary-General shall prescribe, of a distinguishing ribbon or other insignia for personnel which has participated in Korea in the defence of the Principles of the Charter of the United Nations.***

***Resolution 483 (V) of the General Assembly***

# REGULATIONS

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*In accordance with General Assembly resolution 483 (V) of 12 December 1950, the Secretary-General hereby prescribes regulations relating to the issue of a United Nations Service Medal to personnel of the United Nations forces in Korea.*

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### I. UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

The United Nations Service Medal is established pursuant to resolution 483 (V) of the General Assembly adopted on 12 December 1950.

### II. DESCRIPTION AND WEARING

#### A. Description

1. The medal shall be made of a bronze alloy. It shall be round in form and 1.4 inches in diameter. One side shall bear the emblem of the United Nations and the obverse side shall, within a rim, bear the inscription: "FOR SERVICE IN DEFENCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS".

2. The medal shall be suspended from a silk ribbon 2 inches long and 1.33 inches wide, consisting of nine stripes of United Nations blue and eight white stripes alternating, each stripe 0.08 inches in width. A bar 1.5 inches long and 0.25 inches wide, constituting a part of the suspension of the medal from the ribbon, shall bear the word: "KOREA".

3. The service ribbon shall be a strip of ribbon identical with that from which the service medal shall be suspended of a length to conform with applicable regulations of the national governments of the recipients.

#### B. Wearing

1. The service medal and the service ribbon shall be worn in accordance with applicable regulations of the national governments of the recipients.

2. Miniatures of the service medal and of the service ribbon on a scale of one-half may be worn in accordance with applicable regulations of the national governments of the recipients.

### III. ELIGIBILITY

A. The following personnel shall be eligible to be awarded the medal provided they comply with the requirements of sub-sections B and C below:

1. Members of land, sea and air forces dispatched to Korea or adjacent areas for service on behalf of the United Nations by States participating in the United Nations action in Korea;

2. Personnel dispatched to Korea or adjacent areas as members of para-military or quasi-military units designated by their national governments for service in support of United Nations action in Korea and certified by the United Nations Commander-in-Chief as having directly supported military operations there; and

3. Members of the land, sea and air forces of the Republic of Korea serving in units participating in the United Nations action under the direct command of the United Nations Commander-in-Chief.

B. Service shall be for periods as provided herein between 27 June 1950, inclusive, and a terminal date to be announced later by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, under either of the following conditions:

1. Within the territorial limits of Korea or the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in the air over Korea or over such waters; or

2. With a national contingent designated by its national government for service in support of the United Nations action in Korea and certified by the United Nations Commander-in-Chief as having directly supported military operations in Korea.

C. The service prescribed shall have been performed either:

1. While serving with any unit as provided in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of sub-section A above, as specified hereunder:

(a) While on assignment to such unit for any period between the dates specified in sub-section B above; or

(b) While attached to such unit for a period of thirty consecutive or non-consecutive days between the dates specified in sub-section B above; or

2. While in active combat against the enemy under conditions other than those prescribed in paragraph 1 above, if a combat decoration has been awarded or an individual certificate testifying to such combat service has been furnished by the commander of an independent force or of a division, ship, or air group, or comparable or higher unit.

D. The Secretary-General of the United Nations may from time to time, in his discretion, prescribe a further category or categories of persons to be eligible for the United Nations award.

#### IV. APPROVAL BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

A. All awards of the medal and ribbon shall be subject to the approval of the national governments concerned.

B. The administrative procedures to be followed in respect to the issue of the awards shall be agreed upon between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the national governments concerned, subject to the following conditions:

1. The United Nations Commander-in-Chief shall publish General Orders listing United Nations units eligible for the awards and shall make these Orders available to the national governments concerned through the Secretary-General; and

2. Authority shall be furnished by the national governments concerned to their senior commanders in the theatre to accept from the United Nations Commander-in-Chief the service ribbon referred to in section II above for eligible personnel in units under their command.

#### V. POSTHUMOUS AWARDS AND AWARDS TO REPATRIATED PERSONNEL

A. If a person who is eligible for the award dies before receiving it, the national government concerned shall make the award posthumously as appropriate, in accordance with its own administrative arrangements.

B. If a person who is eligible for the award is repatriated before receiving it, the national government concerned shall make the award as appropriate, in accordance with its own administrative arrangements.

## **VI. EXCLUSIONS**

No personnel of the United Nations or of its specialized agencies, or of any national government service other than as prescribed in section III above, and no International Red Cross personnel engaged for service under the United Nations Commander-in-Chief with any United Nations relief team in Korea shall be eligible for the award of the medal.

## **VII. ISSUE OF UNITED NATIONS SERVICE RIBBONS AND MEDALS**

A. The United Nations Commander-in-Chief, acting on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, shall, subject to the provisions of section IV, make an initial issue of service ribbons referred to in section II to personnel eligible under section III, who are at the time of issue serving with United Nations land, sea or air forces.

B. Initial supplies of service ribbon shall be made available by the Secretary-General for eligible repatriated personnel, referred to in sub-section B, of section V above, to the national governments concerned and shall be issued by them on behalf of the Secretary-General, in accordance with their own administrative arrangements.

C. Supplies of the United Nations Service Medal shall be made available to national governments concerned by the Secretary-General and shall be issued by them in accordance with their own administrative arrangements to all eligible personnel, as established by sections III and V above, on behalf of the Secretary-General.