### Representation allowance

**Who**
UN Secretariat staff members selected at the D-2, Assistant Secretary-General and Under Secretary-General levels, who hold permanent, continuing, fixed-term, and temporary appointments with representational functions are eligible for this allowance.

Other staff members appointed at the above levels, whose work does not have representational functions (i.e. it is a project post), are not entitled to this allowance.

**What**
The representation allowance is provided to compensate for special costs that may be incurred by senior-level staff members in performing their official duties as representatives of the Secretary-General.

**Why**
In the interests of the Organization, the Secretary-General is authorized to compensate eligible United Nations officials for special costs which may be reasonably incurred while conducting duties assigned to them by the Secretary-General.

**When**
The representation allowance is payable from the date of your promotion or appointment to a position at the D-2 level or above. It is provided on a monthly basis together with your salary.

**Where**
You do not need to take any action to initiate the representation allowance, which is generated through Umoja by the HR Partner (Personnel Officer, HR Officer).

If Umoja has been deployed at your duty station (otherwise refer to your local HR Office), the allowance will become payable when the personnel action for your promotion or appointment at the D-2 level or above level is approved through Umoja.

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**KEY REFERENCES**
- Staff Regulations, Annex I, paragraph 2
- ST/AI/2002/8 – Official hospitality

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