Statement of Principles

concerning

CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH DISEASE

ICD CODE 356.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and death from Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986, that the factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease or death from Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease with the circumstances of that service, is:
 - (a) the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease.
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set

out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.

4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease" means an hereditary degenerative peripheral neuropathy characterised by progressive weakening and wasting of skeletal muscles combined with sensory changes, attracting ICD code 356.1;

"ICD code" means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472.

Dated this	day of	1995
The Common Seal of the)	
Repatriation Medical Authority)	
was affixed to this instrument)	
in the presence of:)	

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN