Statement of Principles

concerning

ALBINISM

ICD CODE: 270.2

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **albinism and death from albinism** 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 factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **albinism or death from albinism** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being exposed to ultra violet radiation before the clinical worsening of albinism; or
 - (b) the inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for albinism.
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to (b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(a)** to **1(b)** apply only where:
 - (a) the person's **albinism** 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 **albinism** 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:

"albinism" means the term used for a number of inborn aminoacidopathies affecting the pigmant cell (melanocyte) system of the eye and skin and causing hypomelanosis or amelanosis of the eye, skin and hair and attracting ICD code 270.2;

"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