Stage 4

1.1 If the complaint is still not resolved the chairperson should make a formal report to the Board within 10 days of the meeting referred to in 3.2 (b).

1.2 If the Board considers that the complaint is not substantiated the teacher and the complainant should be so informed within 3 days of the Board meeting.

1.3 If the Board considers that the complaint is substantiated or that it warrants further investigation it proceeds as follows:

- (a) The teacher should be informed that the investigation is proceeding to the next stage;
- (b) The teacher should be supplied with a copy of any written evidence In support of the complaint;
- (c) The teacher should be requested to supply a written statement to the Board in response to the complaint;
- (d) The teacher should be afforded an opportunity to make a presentation of case to the Board. The teacher would be entitled to be accompanied and assisted by a friend at any such meeting;
- (e) The Board may arrange a meeting

with the complainant if it considers such to be required. The complainant would be entitled to be accompanied and assisted by a friend at any such meeting;

(f) The meeting of the board of,management referred to in (d) and (e)/will take place within 10 days of themeeting referred to in 3.1 (b).

Stage 5

- 5.1 When the Board has completed its investigation, the chairperson should convey the decision of the Board in writing to the teacher and the complainant within 5 days of the meeting of the Board.
- 5.2 The decision of the Board shall be final.
- 5.3 This Complaints Procedure shall be reviewed after three years;
- 5.4 CPSMA or INTO may withdraw from this agreement having given the other party 3 months' notice of intention to do so.

(In this agreement 'days' means school days.)

