Formatter has extensions to customize the spacing around punctuation. These are used mostly for documents in European languages.

The following code has been added as a child of the fo:declarations element:

<axf:space-after-punctuation code="." space="2in" language="en"/>

This block has the property language="en".

This will cause the spacing extension to be applied and there will be 2 inches of space after the periods.

The first block does not have language property so the extension isn't applied.