



31st UNOG Staff Coordinating Council 31e Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG

Minutes of the 2nd meeting
held on 18 March 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Room XVII

Present: Ian Richards, Mohamed Chiraz Baly, Elizabeth James, Jamshid Gaziyeu, Catherine Peck-Arif, Mohssen Touihri, Mounia Atiki, Syed Shamsie, Gloria Nwabuogu, Slim Rouai, Ginette Rakotobe, Dan Lin, Ahmed Ghailan, Vladislav Chouvalov, Nazir Koheeeallee, Marko Stanovic, Mohamed Doumbouya Fode, Evelina Rioukhina, Samuel Funck-Thomaz (guest).

The meeting started at 2:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

2. Adoption of the minutes from the 1st meeting of the 31st Council

The President presented the Council a revised version of the draft minutes, taking into account comments made by Ms. Lin Dan prior to the meeting. The Council adopted the minutes unanimously.

3. Election of the Finance Commission

Four positions are to be filled, one of which is appointed by the E.B. The appointment to be made by the Bureau will take place during its next meeting. The nominations and election of the remaining three seats are as follows:

1. Mr. Ahmed Ghailan (from List B) nominates Ms. Lin Dan for a seat in the Financial Commission.
2. Ms. Lin Dan, in the spirit of having representation of each list in the Financial Commission, nominates Mr. Marko Stanovic (from List C) for a seat in the Financial Commission.
3. Mr. Chiraz Baly (from List A) nominates Mr. Rajamani Ramasamy for a seat in the Financial Commission.

Being there are no other nominations and no objections, the abovementioned candidates are unanimously elected as members of the Financial Commission.

4. Report of the Executive Bureau

The E.B. only met once between the 1st and 2nd Council meetings. The work was concentrated mostly on finalizing the work programme, the budget, and back office issues (coordinating the move of Ms. Dominique Rames back to her office in UNECE and the newly elected Deputy Executive Secretary, Ms. Catherine Peck Arif, into her new office).

The highlight of the work of the Bureau was the meeting with Mr. Kim Won-soo, new Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Change Implementation. During this meeting UN Knowledge was the main area of dialogue (merger of UNITAR, libraries, and others). Following the discussion, Mr. Won-soo raised one point in connection to translators which was reported back to DCM.

5. Council work programme

The draft work programme was presented, Council members made a number of comments and proposals which were integrated into the document, and that the final document was approved unanimously. (See http://www.staffcoordinatingcouncil.org/attachments/article/167/Work%20programme_English.pdf).

6. Adoption of the budget

The proposed budget was presented to the Council. There was a discussion on whether the “Fitness trail” budget line should be removed vis-à-vis the adopted work programme. It was agreed that it should not be removed because those funds may serve the initiative to build a decent gym room and fitness trail as stated in the work programme. It was unanimously decided to keep the budget line but change its title to “Fitness facilities”.

During the discussion it was suggested that 90.000 Swiss francs for the Staff Gala seemed a high amount. However, there was support to the fact that the Staff Gala deserves such funds because it is a one-time event during the year and it is in direct benefit of all staff. It was also noted that for the past 6 years that budget line has remained the same.

The budget was unanimously adopted.

7. Inter-Agency Games

A proposal was presented to the Council to contribute to the realization of the 2013 Inter-Agency games as it has been the case in recent years, but only to subsidize 50% of the participation to the games of those staff members who are dues paying members of the Council. This proposal was unanimously adopted by the Council.

8. CCISUA delegation

It was noted that the next CCISUA General Assembly, which is to be hosted by the UNOG Staff Coordinating Council, will focus on three pillars: compensation packages, legal issues and ethics. Interested Council members were encouraged to form delegations to draft and present working papers on these topics. Ms. Elizabeth James volunteered to prepare a working paper on ethics, and Mr. Jamshid Gaziyeu volunteered to cover legal issues.

Funds for travel were unanimously approved to include Mr. Froylan Silveira in the Council's delegation to CCISUA, given that as Office Assistant of the Council he will work on logistic arrangements for the meeting and as a Spanish speaker he can support the Council at the venue in Spain.

It was unanimously decided to set the CCISUA delegation to 6 members, plus Mr. Froylan Silveira.

9. Any other business

No other business was discussed.

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.



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Provisional: Revenues & Expenditures forecast_ Consolidated
2013/2014

(Swiss Francs)

I. Revenues			
SAFI: contribution to SCC	400'000.00		
Staff's contribution to SCC	13'000.00		
UN Special - annual contribution to SCC	10'000.00		
Bulletin Board	5'000.00		
Bank interests	'600.00		
Total, above	428,600.00		
II. Expenditures			
Legal assistance		15'000.00	
Children's Party		38'000.00	
Membership to CCISUA		10'000.00	
CCISUA GA (hosting+temporary assistance)		11'000.00	
Solidarity assistance		30'000.00	
Staff Gala		90'000.00	
Fitness facilities		6'000.00	
Travel and office expenses		42'195.00	
Training		15'000.00	
UN Club - subsidy		20'000.00	
Telephone/Communication		6'000.00	
Misc.		10'000.00	
Bank charges		3'000.00	
Total, above		296,195.00	
III. Balance			
Grand totals			
<i>Closing balance</i>	428,600.00	296,195.00	132,405.00