



32nd UNOG Staff Coordinating Council 32e Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG

Draft minutes of the 9th meeting

held on 19 January 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Room VIII

Council members present: ASFAW Tensai, ATIKI Mounia, BULYCH Yaroslav, CHAOUI Prisca, BALY Mohamed Chiraz, DOUMBOUYA-FODE Mohamed, FLORES Raymund, FUNCK THOMAZ Samuel, GAZIYEV Jamshid, GHAILAN Ahmed, JAMES Elizabeth, KOUZMINE Serguei, NOBLAT-PIANTA Virginie, NWABUOGU Gloria, RICHARDS Ian, SKOURIKHINE Alexandre, STANOVIC Marko.

Council members excused or absent: CHOUVALOV Vladislav, FORTIS Didier, KELLY Paul, KONE David, LIN Dan, PECK ARIF Catherine, ROUAI Slim, VILCHES Sandrine.

The meeting opened at 1:05 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously as reflected below.

2. Adoption of minutes of the 8th meeting

The minutes of the 8th meeting were adopted with minor changes as reflected in the Council's records.

3. Report of the Executive Bureau

IR briefed the Council on the activities of the Executive Bureau since the 8th Council meeting, on the following points: outcome of General Assembly meetings; retirement; salaries and compensation review; UN holidays; same-sex partnership recognition; GPAFI; Memorial at UNHQ in memory of colleagues who died whilst on duty and victims of the Haiti earthquake; supporting staff in the Languages Service; Meeting with the DG to discuss issues on Security, GS staff career development, crèche project, renovations/office space, UMOJA and budget/post cuts; OHCHR budgetary issues affecting staff; and harassment complaints.

4. Report of the Finance Commission

On behalf of the Treasurer, IR mentioned that the 2014-2015 accounts have been closed and submitted to the auditors. MS recalled the efforts to recover outstanding debts owed to the Council and the progress made. JG noted the accounting software installed has allowed the Council to professionalize its account keeping.

5. Ordinary General Assembly, and referendum

The Council agreed to hold the Ordinary General Assembly on 27 January 2015, 1:30-3:30 pm, with the standard agenda as per the Statutes.

IR explained a proposal to hold a referendum amongst staff to modify the Statutes in order to increase the mandate of elected staff representatives to two years. The proposal would be carried out alongside the elections for the 33rd Council, to take effect only thereon. A discussion followed on the possibility of holding elections by electronic means, where security and confidentiality difficulties were highlighted. The Council agreed to hold a referendum as explained.

6. Request from the UN Music Club and Football Club

The Council approved two requests for funds from the UN Music club and the Football Club, for CHF 4'717.05 and CHF 4'000 respectively. A brief discussion took place where it was highlighted that Clubs should provide the Council with invoices of their expenditures that are possible thanks to the financial support of the Council, for auditing purposes.

7. Professionalising the UN Special

A discussion took place on how to solve the current problems in the UN Special magazine regarding its relation with stakeholders such as the Publisher and advertisers, and other issues. The Council agreed to the need of professionalizing the magazine through possible changes in the Statutes, and thus gives such mandate to its representatives at the UN Special Inter-Agency Committee, as per the discussion held.

8. Any other business

- PC mentioned there is no resting/relaxation room for staff in the Palais, and suggested to look into the matter. JG said the Council will look into what is currently available.

The meeting closed at 2:30 p.m.