



35th UNOG Staff Coordinating Council 35^{ème} Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG

Minutes of the 1st meeting

held on 24 February 2017 at 1:15 p.m. in Room XXVII

Council members present: ALMARIO Francis, ALMEIDA Patricia, APOSTOLOV Mario, ASFAW Tensai, BALY Mohamed Chiraz, BEN AYED Slim, CHANTREL Dominique, CHAOUI Prisca, FEGLI Catherine, FUNCK Thomaz Samuel, GAZIYEV Jamshid, JAMES Elizabeth, KALOTAY Kalman, KELLY Paul, POPA Gabriela, RICHARDS Ian, STANOVIC Marko, TAPORAIE Amos, TOUIHRI Mohssen, VESTERMAN Claire.

Council members absent: MELLET Johnny, NOBLAT-PIANTA Virginie, NWABUOGU Gloria, PECK ARIF Catherine, ROUAI Slim.

The meeting opened at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Astrit Sulstarova as President of the Polling Board opened the meeting. He called the names of the elected Council members, asking if they were willing to integrate the 35th Council, to which all answered positively (confirmation was given on behalf of absent members by their respective list). Mr. Sulstarova proceeded to hold the election of the President.

1. Election of the President and Vice-President

Mr. Samuel Funck Thomaz nominated Mr. Dominique Chantrel for President.

Ms. Gabriela Popa nominated Mr. Kalman Kalotay for President.

Having voted with the assistance of the Polling Board, Mr. Dominique Chantrel obtained 14 votes and Mr. Kalman Kalotay obtained 5 votes. 1 vote was not valid.

Thus, **Mr. Dominique Chantrel was elected President.** The chairmanship of the meeting was passed on to the President at this point.

Then, Mr. Tensai Asfaw nominated Mr. Paul Kelly for Vice-President.

Mr. Kalman Kalotay nominated Ms. Gabriela Popa as Vice-President.

Having voted with the assistance of the Polling Board, Mr. Paul Kelly obtained 14 votes and Ms. Gabriela Popa obtained 5 votes. 1 vote was not valid.

Thus, **Mr. Paul Kelly was elected Vice-President.**

2. Election of the Executive Bureau

With the assistance of the Polling Board as required, the following staff representatives were elected as members of the Executive Bureau:

Seat N° 1: Mr. Ian Richards, appointed by the Hope list as per the Regulations.

Seat N° 2: Mr. Kalman Kalotay, appointed by the New Wood list as per the Regulations.

Seat N° 3: Ms. Prisca Chaoui, who was nominated by Mr. Tensai Asfaw and elected with 14 votes, against 5 votes for Ms. Gabriela Popa who had been nominated by Mr. Kalman Kalotay (plus 1 vote "abstain").

Seat N° 4: Mr. Mohamed Chiraz Baly, who was nominated by Mr. Slim Ben Ayed and elected with 15 votes, against 5 votes for Ms. Claire Vesterman who had been nominated by Mr. Gabriela Popa.

Seat N° 5: Mr. Jamshid Gaziyeu, who was nominated by Ms. Elizabeth James and elected with 14 votes, against 5 votes for Mr. Mario Apostolov who had been nominated by Ms. Claire Vesterman (plus 1 vote "abstain").

Seat N° 6: Mr. Gloria Nwabuogu, who was nominated by Ms. Catherine Fegli and elected with 14 votes, against 4 votes for Ms. Gabriela Popa who had been nominated by Mr. Kalman Kalotay (plus 1 vote “abstain” and 1 vote in blank).

Seat N° 7: Ms. Catherine Peck Arif, who was nominated by Mr. Francis Almario and elected with 14 votes, against 4 votes for Ms. Claire Vesterman who had been nominated by Ms. Gabriela Popa (plus 2 votes in blank).

Given that Ms. Nwabuogu and Ms. Peck Arif were absent in this meeting, their respective list confirmed to have received written acceptance from them to be elected to the EB and showed the emails that proved it. A discussion took place on whether they could be elected despite their absence and written confirmation of acceptance of their nomination. Following exchanges of arguments, Council members agreed that the Regulations did not forbid Ms. Nwabuogu and Ms. Peck Arif to be elected in their absence, nor did it expressly allow it. Ms. Fegli unreservedly asked Council members to stop the ongoing discussion which in her view only deterred the Council from discussing more important substantive issues, and to please allow the two Council members to be elected given their expressly given consent to be part of the EB. Mr. Apostolov requested decorum be kept at all times during Council meetings. Following the entire discussion, the Council agreed to the election of Ms. Nwabuogu and Ms. Peck Arif as EB members.

3. Election of the Executive Secretary

Mr. Mohamed Chiraz Baly nominated Mr. Ian Richards for Executive Secretary.

Ms. Gabriela Popa nominated Mr. Kalman Kalotay for Executive Secretary.

Having voted with the assistance of the Polling Board, Mr. Richards obtained 14 votes and Mr. Kalotay obtained 5 votes (and 1 vote in blank).

Thus, **Mr. Ian Richards was elected Executive Secretary.**

The meeting closed at 2:20 p.m.