



## 30th UNOG Staff Coordinating Council 30ème Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG

Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> bis meeting  
Held on 17 January 2013 at 2 p.m. in Room 8

**Present:** Mounia Atiki, Mohamed Chiraz Baly, Vladislav Couvalov, Jamshid Gaziyeu, Ahmed Ghailan, Elizabeth James, Kerstin Meister, Gloria Nwabuogu, Catherine Peck-Arif, Rajamani Ramasamy, Evelina Rioukhina, Jean-Pascal Stancu, Marko Stanovic, Mohssen Touhiri.

**The meeting started at 2:15 p.m.**

At the beginning of the meeting M. Ghailan stated that the change in the statute of the UN Special was not properly announced to the Council members and that they did not take a fully informed decision.

It was pointed out that, following the Regulations of the Staff Coordinating Council, the invitation for the 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting was accompanied by the draft statutes of UN Special which were discussed and voted upon during the first part of such meeting, resulting in 12 votes in favour and 1 vote against (see point 4 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council minutes – first part).

### **1. Approval of the IAG 2013 – CCISUA proposal**

As discussed in the previous Council meeting, the Sports Commission requested a grant from the Council to sponsor the Inter-Agency Games 2013 which are organized by the Geneva duty station this year in the location of Valencia (Castellón), Spain. During said meeting, it was proposed that the Council contributes to any one specific event of the IAG up to a maximum of CHF 30'000.

As the Geneva Staff Coordination Council is also the organizer for the 2013 CCISUA General Assembly, it was suggested that the two events share a party to conclude one as well as finish the other.

As both events would be taking place in Spain, near Valencia, the organizers of the IAG 2013 would negotiate conference services and hotel reservations for the participants of the CCISUA in the name of the Council.

The Council is now asked to vote on the 30'000 CHF contribution for the organization of the IAG 2013 (to take place during April) as well as a 5'000 CHF contribution to be used by the Council for the organization of the CCISUA GA, including the travel of up to two Council representatives to Valencia, Spain. **The Council votes yes unanimously.**

### **2. Report of the Finance Commission**

Three points were raised by M. Ramasamy, representing the Financial Commission.

- UBS share owned by the Council

During the last Council meeting, The Executive Bureau asked the Financial Commission to submit its report on the offload of UBS shares, and asked for the advice of the

Finance Commission. The Financial Commission met and discussed on the subject. The Financial Commission suggested to withhold the decision of offloading UBS shares considering that, as of today, the investment of the Council amounts to 444'000 CHF, and if the Council were to decide to liquidate the shares, the loss would amount to 220'000 CHF (50 % of the investment). The UBS is currently undertaking a restructuring of its organization and the current trend of the shares may take an escalation mode.

- Financial contribution from UN Special

At the end of December 2012, Finance Commission received note of two payments arriving from the UN Special. These two payments amount to 10'000 CHF each and correspond to the 2011 and 2012 contributions.

M. Ramasamy points out that the Finance Commission was not made aware of the calculation used to reach the amount of 10'000 CHF contribution (four years ago, the yearly contribution was of 17'500 CHF but then came down to 10'000 CHF). The Financial Commission did not receive any financial report for the year 2011 and 2012 in regards to the operation of UN Special. The Financial Commission has not been provided with a valid reason for the delay in the contribution of 2011.

- Audit of the Council's Finance books

M. Ramasamy informs the Council that the books for 2012 are closed and are being submitted to the auditors for their verification and submission of their audit report.

**End of the meeting at 4:00 p.m.**