



26 November 2020

**Subject: Request for the postponement of the facilitation of the Cost-of-Living Survey 2021**

Dear Mr. Djacta,

At its 2020 virtual mid-term session (16 – 19 November 2020), the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations (CCISUA) General Assembly adopted the below expressed position by majority vote and instructed its Bureau to convey their position.

**CCISUA requests that the Cost-of-Living Survey 2021 be postponed.**

Having deliberated on the potential implications of a Cost-of-Living survey and its anticipated results on the CCISUA constituency and the duty stations they serve in, CCISUA finds the facilitation of the survey currently unwarranted, premature and to the detriment of staff, particularly as 2020 has been an atypical year.

CCISUA is of the view that the exceptional and temporary changes in the current spending patterns, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, would distort the outcome of the Cost-of-Living survey. Were it to be conducted in 2021, the distorted weights would lead to detrimental results for staff over the period of 2021-2026, for which the Cost-of-Living survey will form the basis.

We are therefore requesting the ICSC to suspend the Cost-of-Living Survey, until normal spending patterns have re-emerged, but in any event not before 2022.

We thank you for your attention.

Best regards

The CCISUA Bureau