



**39<sup>th</sup> UNOG Staff Coordinating Council**  
**39<sup>ème</sup> Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG**

**Le Bureau exécutif | The Executive Bureau**

**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**

*held on 11 May 2021 at 9 a.m.*

Members of the Executive Bureau	BALI Mohamed	Present
	DUPARC Philippe	Present
	JOHNSON Laura	Present
	KALOTAY Kalman	Present
	MEYER Olivier	Present
	RICHARDS Ian	Present
	SMITH Bradford	Present
President of the Council	CHAOUI Prisca	Present
Vice-president of the Council	PECK ARIF Catherine	Present

*The meeting began at 9.05 a.m.*

**Point 1 Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes as reflected below.

**Point 2 Adoption of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted without changes as recorded in the Council secretariat.

**Point 3 Joint Negotiation Committee (JNC)**

The EB noted the following points to raise at the next JNC meeting:

- Rights of international civil servants in Geneva: Discuss with management the situation of many staff members concerning the granting of Legitimation Cards, protecting their rights as staff members, including exploring means to engage the Swiss authorities in that regard.
- Distribution of external magazines in the Palais: Discuss with management the circulation of an external magazine owned by a staff association of another organization, which covered matters almost entirely unrelated to UN staff issues and collided with the magazine of UN staff. The administration had been asked to clarify this over a year before but never replied.
- Various issues concerning staffing and work conditions of Security and Safety Service staff.
- Follow-up on the regularization of staff on UNOPS contracts in UNOG ICTS.
- Inquire on long-service awards and whether they would be taking place, how and when.

**Point 4 Languages Service (LS)**

The EB took note of the recent composition of the LS Sectoral Assembly (LSSA), of which EB member Laura Johnson was elected President. The LSSA was already starting inquiries with LS management concerning the work of the task force established to look into the increase of the translators' workload. On that subject, staff representation would soon be meeting with staff unions in the other concerned duty stations to discuss on the way forward.

EB members highlighted the importance of sectoral assemblies, noting that, as per regulations, they should maintain close coordination with Council, and the ES should be present in meetings with management. A discussion followed on the strategy to follow concerning the issues of translators' workload, and the approach in engaging the other staff unions.

**Point 5 Security and Safety Service (SSS)**

The EB recalled the meeting of its members with the Director-General (DG) to be held the next day, where SSS issues would be raised, and the need to focus on the most important ones where the DG could take action.

**Point 6 Investments**

The EB decided to postpone discussion on possible Council investments until more information was gathered on the subject.

**Point 7 Any other business**

- EB members raised that the agenda of the upcoming meeting with the DG was changed without consultation with the staff representatives, where certain subjects were removed; these would have to be re-raised.
- The EB took note of information received that the administration was planning to increase occupation in the Palais up to 50% as of June. An official communication was to be expected on the matter.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 a.m.*