

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached the decision by the Arbitration Commission regarding the appeal submitted by the Alliance Group. After the decision of the Arbitration Commission, the Council can now proceed to the implementation of its Program of Work, including the establishment of a special Relief Account under the supervision of the new Financial Committee to collect contributions for the victims in China and Myanmar (which will be the subject of a separate message).

We thank you in advance for your support.

With best regards,

Xavier Campos

Executive Secretary, UNOG Staff Coordinating Council

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Arbitration Commission

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c.c: Mr. Xavier CAMPOS, Executive Secretary of the Coordinating Council

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Mr. Daniel PRÉMONT, President of the Coordinating Council

Date: 20 May, 2008

Subject : Appeal submitted by Mrs. Florence Chevalier, Mrs. Caroline Jeunet, Mrs. Marta Pérez Cusó, Mrs. Dominique Rames and Mr. Ridha Zargouni on behalf of Alliance- Genève requesting that the meeting of the Coordinating Council of May 6, 2008 be invalidated.

Appeal received: May 8, 2008

Receipt of last piece

of information requested

by Arbitration Commission: May 19, 2008

Date of decision: May 20, 2008

Decision

1. The meeting of the Coordinating Council held on May 6, 2008 was legal, as it was the statutory second meeting scheduled four weeks after the first meeting. The items on the agenda had been already established.

2. The message sent by Mr. Xavier Campos, Executive Secretary of the Coordinating Council, on May 2, 2008 was therefore intended to confirm said second meeting in view of the coming holidays, not to convene it, officially or otherwise.

3. All decisions taken by this second meeting are therefore valid and legal.

4. Although there is no provision in the Regulations on the Representation of the Staff of the United Nations at Geneva defining or demanding the official convocation of statutory meetings, the Arbitration Commission recommends that in the future a formal reminder be electronically broadcast to all staff members by the President and the Executive Bureau of the Coordinating Council.

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Enrique Fernández-Vernet, President

Eva Jansen, Member

Raúl Sánchez, Member