



33nd UNOG Staff Coordinating Council
33^e Conseil de coordination du personnel de l'ONUG

Le Bureau executive ≡ The Executive Bureau

Minutes of the 4th meeting

held on Wednesday 22 April 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Members of the Executive Bureau	BALY, Mohamed Chiraz	Present
	DOUMBOUYA-FODE, Mohamed	Present
	GAZIYEV, Jamshid	Present
	NWABUOGU, Gloria	Present
	PECK ARIF, Catherine	Present
	RICHARDS, Ian	Present
	STANOVIC, Marko	Present
President of the Council	CHAOUI, Prisca	Present
Vice-president of the Council	JAMES, Elizabeth	Absent

Beginning of the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Point 1 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously with changes as reflected below.

Point 2 Adoption of the minutes of the 3rd meeting

The minutes were adopted without changes as reflected in the Council's records.

Point 3 Purchase of sofa and accessories for the breast feeding room

PC explained to the Council the need for the breast feeding room in the Palais des Nations to have a proper sofa and environment for mothers and their infant children. Having found the current furniture and decorations of the room in poor conditions, she proposes that the Council purchases an adequate sofa and wall picture based on quote obtained from Ikea. Following a brief deliberation, the EB decided to recommend to the Council the purchase of a sofa and wall picture for the breast feeding room up to an amount of CHF 900. A broadcast shall be sent out to inform staff once this furniture is installed in the breast feeding room of the Palais.

Point 4 Request for subsidy from the Cycling Club

The EB deliberated on the request for a subsidy of CHF 3'000 from the Cycling Club for the purchase of bike wear to perform their cycling activities. Following the discussion, the EB approved a grant of CHF 3000 for the Cycling Club, with the conditions that the Cycling Club prints the logo of the Council on their top bike wear, and that for any further requests the Club will have to present audited accounts.

Point 5 Upcoming JNC

The EB agreed to hold a JNC with Administration on Monday 27 April at 3:00pm.

Point 6 Update on recovering the outstanding amounts to the Council

CPA informed the EB that there is one current staff member who had previously received funds from the Council but has requested to meet the EB personally to explain the reasons why that was not a loan and therefore there is no need to reimburse it to the Council. The EB agreed to invite the staff member at a future meeting.

Point 7 **Update on Children's party**

CPA informed the EB that the Children's party will be taking place as scheduled next Wednesday 29 April 2015 under the theme of Olympic Games. Provisions have been taken in case it rains on the day.

Point 8 **70th anniversary of the UN**

PC and CPA suggested the idea throwing a garden party for staff in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the UN with "diversity" as the theme of the event, possibly by the end of June 2015. To be discussed further.

Point 9 **Assistance to the Council**

CPA informed the EB that the Assistant of the Council Mr. Froylan Silveira is now actively working with the Local Salary Survey Committee (LSSC), assisting with the time-sensitive tasks of staff representatives and coordinating with the Management side. In that sense, a request is put forth to the EB to temporarily hire an individual contractor for 20 days of work during the period 1 May - 12 June 2015, to provide additional office assistance to the Council during this peak period of work. To that end, funds remain sufficiently available from the previous temporary assistance budgetary allocation. The EB approved to hire an individual contractor to provide additional office assistance to the Council under the terms described above.

Point 10 **Any other business**

- MS inquired about the situation with the Pension Fund following the latest townhall on the issue organized by Management. Some ideas were discussed.
- MDF commented on current UNCTAD staff-related issues.

End of the meeting at 2:00 p.m.