

Languages Service Sectoral Assembly (LSSA)
Minutes of the fourth meeting of the Bureau¹

Held via videoconference on Tuesday, 18 October 2022, from 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Attendees: Hassan Harrafa (ATS), Pauline Escalante (EDPU), Romina Merino (SDPU), Marine Acker (FTS), Lyndsay Nash (ES), Kristina Redesha (RTS), Antia Collazo Ageitos (STS), Cristina Parrondo (STS), Laura Johnson (President).

1. **The President** briefed the Bureau about the latest developments regarding staff-management consultations, including the letter sent to the Secretary-General and the postponement of reprise discounting following a message sent to the USG about a vote of no confidence.
2. **The Bureau members** discussed strategies for supporting the UN translators' campaign for dignity, fair treatment and respect for multilingualism.
3. **A Bureau member** suggested that the results of the survey on implementation of the translators' workload standard should be forwarded to the medical service and the staff counsellor's office. **The President** agreed to do so.
4. **A Bureau member** raised concerns about possible changes to the way the medical service handled accidents during telecommuting. **The President** agreed to clarify this at Staff Union level.
5. **A Bureau member** raised the issue of various practices detrimental to relations between staff, including with respect to evaluations of translations, which only applied in particular translation sections. It was agreed to put this on the agenda of the next DCM-level Staff-Management relations Group.
6. **A Bureau member** reported that a staff member had been working from home during a power cut and was obliged to take annual leave for the time lost. Staff sought clarification on what to do in case of power cuts and whether, if the staff member had decided to come into the office to be able to work, he or she would be required to work additional hours to make up the travel time. **The President** agreed to write to the Chief of LS to seek clarification.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, the opinions reflected herein represent staff suggestions and views collected by their representatives and are aimed at promoting communication between management and staff. In order to avoid misunderstandings, any comments or requests for corrections to the minutes should be submitted to the President of the LSSA only, for inclusion in the minutes of the following meeting.