

Languages Service Sectoral Assembly (LSSA)

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Bureau¹

Held via videoconference on Tuesday, 22 November 2022, from 2.30 p.m. to 3.40 p.m.

Attendees: Esma Belfalah (ATS), Hassan Harrafa (ATS), Jianjun Chen (CTS), 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), Luis Sarabia Utrilla (Guest).

1. **Luis Sarabia Utrilla** presented the relaunch of the collaborative revision project and stated that the Director of DCM had agreed to a budget for the project and that time spent would count towards the mandatory training days. **The Bureau** members agreed to circulate the request for volunteers in their respective sections.
2. **The President** briefed the Bureau on the latest developments relating to actions against the planned changes to translators' working conditions, including discussions with Member State delegates in New York and the paper to be presented to the Staff-Management Committee (SMC).
3. **Some Bureau members** notified the Bureau that there were plans to introduce a Geneva-wide quality evaluation system, as an alternative to the TQE used in New York, which might be based on the form used in the French Translation Section or on an entirely new form. It was agreed that **the President** would write to the Chief of LS to ask for clarification and whether any form would be subject to consultation before it was introduced.
4. **The President** reported that, regarding the issue of what to do when telecommuting during a power cut, the Chief of LS had been unable to answer the question about travel time without more details about the individual staff member's situation and encouraged that staff member to contact their chief. The Chief would raise the issue of providing more general guidance with the Director of DCM.
5. **The President** reported that there appeared to be no changes to how the medical service dealt with accidents during telecommuting. However, the Staff Union would raise the issue of ambiguity regarding the status of telecommuting in Appendix D of the Staff Rules (on compensation) at the next meeting with UNOG management.

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