

Languages Service Sectoral Assembly (LSSA)

Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Bureau¹

Held via videoconference on Wednesday, 22 February 2023, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Attendees: Marine Acker (FTS), Esma Belfalah (ATS), Joanna Bartlett (ETS), Jianjun Chen (CTS), Antia Collazo Ageitos (STS), Pauline Escalante (EDPU), Laura Johnson (President), Lyndsay Nash (ES) Kristina Redesha (RTS)

1. **The Bureau** discussed the outcome of the recent DCM Staff-Relations Management Group (SRMG) meeting, including the item on practices applied only in certain sections. The outgoing Director had expressed sympathy and suggested that LSSA request a meeting with the Chief of LS. On sustainable solutions to the translation backlog, the Director had stated that no staff should be requested to work at weekends. Instead, the Division would seek to find out why it was experiencing difficulties in recruiting temporary staff and resolve them.
2. **The President** briefed the Bureau on the latest developments regarding the implementation of the translators' workload standard, including the announcement of the results of the vote of no confidence, the Tribunal judgment, the comments made during the town hall with the SG and the update provided to all UNOG staff at the Union's General Assembly. **The Bureau** discussed the next steps.
3. **The Bureau members** discussed the pilot project for a future Geneva-wide translation quality evaluation system. They agreed to request a meeting between the Bureau and the LS Chief to put forward their concerns about the system and particularly the impact on relations between colleagues.
4. **The Bureau** was informed that the problem of the Spanish Translation Section not being assigned sufficient office space in the plans for the SHP move had not been resolved. **The President** agreed to write to the Chief of LS requesting an update.

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