



44th Staff Union Council 2026-2027

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Executive Bureau Minutes of the 13th meeting

Held on 23 July 2026 at 03:00 p.m.
via MS Teams

Adopted on 29 July 2026

Members of the Executive Bureau:

ABDELLAOUI Naima	<i>Present</i>	JOHNSON Laura	<i>Present</i>
BALY Chiraz	<i>Absent</i>	LEWIS-LETTINGTON Nicole	<i>Present</i>
GULSADIAN Marie	<i>Present</i>	OLIYNYK Nataliya	<i>Absent</i>
JACQIOT Cédric	<i>Absent</i>		

President of the UNOG SU:

RICHARDS Ian *Absent*

Vice-President of the UNOG SU:

PUHALOVIC Janet *Present*

The meeting began at 03.00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes

The minutes were adopted without changes.

3. Report from JNC

The last JNC meeting took place last Thursday, 16 July, from 11:00 to 12:00 am.

Contract extensions: Management is awaiting further guidance from the controller regarding contract extensions. Concerns remain that temporary and fixed-term contracts may not be renewed without formally triggering the downsizing policy.

Occupational Health Committee: The existing Health and Safety Committee remains operational. The new committee is expected to begin work in September.

Council time release: The need for time release for Council members, particularly the Treasurer, was discussed. It was noted that the New York office has more allocated time than Geneva. Management agreed to forward for further approval.

Heatwave measures: Staff are encouraged to work in the cafeteria, where air conditioning is available. The Administration will purchase additional fans to improve working conditions. Discussions also covered greater managerial flexibility for alternate working arrangements during periods of extreme heat.

Cost of Living Survey: Preparatory work for the Survey will begin in September.

4. Update on Venezuela collection

As of yesterday, the Solidarity Fund had collected CHF 11,403. A proposal will be made during the next Council meeting to top up the fund by up to a maximum of CHF 10,000.

5. Council meeting

Janet sent a reminder to fill in the poll. One person less to have the quorum on the 6th of August.

6. Building issues

Members and staff raised concerns about the current working conditions. Offices are experiencing very high temperatures, while renovation work at SHP is creating significant noise outside.

The use of additional fans to cope with the heat has also resulted in increased noise levels inside the offices.

7. Any other business

A proposal was made to organise a staff Christmas party and a party with Santa Claus for the children. The Events Committee should be reconvened to begin planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 03.30 p.m.