In support of the men and women of the Safety and Security Service at Headquarters

The Staff Council,

Noting with concern recent incidents during the General Assembly’s general debate where officers of the Safety and Security Service at Headquarters were injured and/or hospitalized;

Deeply concerned that due to seemingly premature action by the Organization, and in the absence of facts, due process was denied to the officers involved in the incident;

Further noting that the Organization did not initially show support for the injured and affected, dedicated men and women of Safety and Security Service at Headquarters;

Whereas results of the Organization’s original actions call into question the well-earned reputation and integrity of staff members of the Safety and Security Service worldwide;

The Staff Council decides to:

a) Express our solidarity with the officers of the Safety and Security Service of the Department of Safety and Security, who day in and day out, protect the staff and all those who work at or visit Headquarters;

b) Call on the Secretary-General to clarify whether or not an apology, which can be seen as unduly apportioning blame, was issued immediately following the incident(s);

c) Call on the Organization to release the findings of any investigations into the incident(s) and to develop lessons learned to ensure such serious incidents are not repeated;

d) Request the President of the General Assembly to look into these incidents, which in effect put delegates and staff attending the general debate at risk; and
(e) Request the President of the Staff Union to bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly.

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