Guidelines on contributions by the United Nations Staff Union to relief efforts

The Staff Council,

Aware that staff relief efforts in general and Relief Committees in particular aim at alleviating the consequences of a disastrous situation;

Further aware that charitable contributions are compatible with the objectives of the United Nations Staff Union;

Conscious of the need for clear guidelines on how much should be the financial contribution of the United Nations Staff Union to staff relief efforts;

The Staff Council hereby decides that:

(a) Future budgets of the United Nations Staff Union should have a line for “Charitable contributions”;

(b) The contribution of United Nations Staff Union funds to staff relief efforts shall be as follows:

- A standard grant of up to $5,000.00, for Relief Committees established by initiative of the United Nations Staff Union, or;

- A matching contribution of up to maximum $ 5,000.00, upon final certification of its results, in case the staff relief effort was not established by initiative of the United Nations Staff Union;

(c) For special circumstances when the Staff Council or the staff-at-large suggest higher contributions for those efforts, special allocations shall be decided upon by formal resolutions of the Staff Council or Emergency General Meetings, depending on the case;

(d) The Audit Committee shall oversee matters related to charitable contributions by the United Nations Staff Union.

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