



Dear Colleagues,

As 2017 winds to a close, your Staff Union takes this opportunity to thank you all for your encouragement and support over the last eight months.

Your support has been critical for us in engaging with the Administration to address your concerns, and we appreciate the trust you have placed in us.

We can now look back on what has been a difficult year for many of us here at the Secretariat--caught in the midst of major reforms in the structure of the Secretariat, as well as in the way we work.

Yet, we have learnt that together we are stronger, and together we can weather the storm. Change is difficult, and the challenges before us as we head into the new year are many.

As we celebrate the holidays with friends and families, let us take some time to remember the many people who have lost theirs due to conflict or extreme weather events in 2017; let us reflect on the cause we serve and be reminded of the values enshrined in the UN Charter.

Our sincere best wishes to you and your families for a prosperous and blessed New Year-2018.

Happy Holidays!

The 45th Staff Council and Leadership of the United Nations Staff Union

