The Staff Council,

Taking note of the existence of an outstanding debt of $9,500.00 arising from a contract concluded by the 44th Council for auditing services provided by a US auditing firm,

Taking into account that this outstanding debt is not a personal debt incurred by the 44th Council, but is a corporate debt incurred by the Staff Union per se in relation to the activities of the Staff Union,

Recognizing the importance of observing basic principles of responsible financial management, and the necessity to avoid the risk of tarnishing the Staff Union’s credibility and the United Nations reputation which might have serious negative consequences for the current Council and current Leadership,

Taking into account the provisions of ST/AI 2000/12,

The Staff Council hereby,

Decides to approve, as per Sections 4.8.16 and 4.8.19 of the UNSU Regulations, the creation of an additional budget expenditure line amounting to $ 10,000, entitled “Outstanding Debt related to Accounting & Auditing Services” in the Union’s annual budget for 2017;

Decides that this non-recurrent budget line be fully funded through the Staff Union’s reserve funds, and be used solely for the payment of the abovementioned outstanding debt owed by the Staff Union to the auditing firm that audited the accounts of the previous Staff Council.

Adopted YES
For 6
Against 0
Abstention 0