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Resolution/Résolution

Resolution No.: 45/47

Meeting No. : 43

Date : 19 April 2018

Draft Resolution Staff Day 2018; 65th Anniversary Celebration

The Staff Council,

Recalling its resolution 45/08 of 18 May 2017 approving the biennium budget of the 45th Staff Council,

Further Recalling the Approval of an amount of up to USD 50,000 per year for the global cost associated with Staff Day Celebration,

Noting the need to release in a timely manner the budget needed for a successful organization of the programme of activities of Staff Day 2018,

Noting further the attached draft programme of activities and related estimated budget allocation;

The Staff Council,

Decides to approve the herein resolution releasing the USD 40,000 to be at the disposal of the Staff Day Committee established by the Staff Council, who is requested to report back to the Council on its monthly activities and financial execution of the Staff Day 2018 related events;

Decides that monies would not be transferred from the Union reserves, but managed within the Union account;

Decides to designate UNSU Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer for disbursement arrangement related to Staff Day 2018.

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| Adopted | YES |
| For | 10 |
| Against | 3 |
| Abstention | 0 |

**Staff Day 2018
65rd Anniversary Celebration**

June 2018

Staff Day is celebrating its 65rd Anniversary this year. In the past, Staff Day used to be held the last Friday before the beginning of the General Assembly – usually around mid-September. However, in recent years, the General Assembly has decided to start its session a week earlier. This change of date has affected the organization and timing of the day, as well as the participation of staff in the events, since the opening of the General Assembly is the busiest time of the year.

The Programme of Staff Day 2018 will run from 9:30 in the morning to 11:30 in the evening. Exact times and locations will be confirmed through e-mail broadcasts. The following is a summary of all the events:

Ceremony

Every year on Staff Day, a memorial service is held to honor civilian and military personnel of the United Nations who have fallen in the service of the Organization. The ceremony will be held on the Visitors' Plaza. A Representative of the Secretary-General, the President of the Staff Union, Ms. Bibi Sherifa Khan and other guest speakers will deliver short statements. An officer from the United Nations Security and Safety Service will raise the flag at half-mast in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the service of peace.

Parade of Nations

This year we will have a real parade. More than 50 countries, military staff and civilian police will be represented in this year's parade. The master of ceremony, a Security Officer of DM/OCSS, will introduce each of the participants and countries they represent on the visitors' plaza. Participants will then walk from the plaza to the east side of First Avenue and will end at the Secretariat building fountain. All staff are encouraged to wear your national dress, regardless of whether you join the parade or not.

Statements

Every year at Staff Day, the Secretary-General and the President of the Staff Union address the staff on issues related to human resources, reform of the Organization, and staff-management relations. We strongly encourage every staff member to attend.

Staff Talent Show

The talent show is the most awaited and best attended event of staff day. This is a two-hour showcase of the talents of our colleagues in the Secretariat. It is always enjoyable to see staff in a different setting and entertaining us. The show will run from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in conference room 4.

Movie

Through the courtesy of Universal Studios, a film, will be shown at the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium. The times and number of showings will be announced separately.

Sport Tournaments

Throughout the day, many sport tournaments will take place at different venues. Soccer and track and field will take place at the North Lawn. Basketball will take place at the gymnasium of the United Nations International School. The chess tournament will take place at the chess club area (3rd floor of the GA building - behind the ex-Press bar).

Jazz Programme

Some legendary trombonist and performers will perform at the Dag Hammarskjold Library auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The UNRC Jazz Society Workshop Band will perform as well.

Grand Ball

The Grand Ball this year is bringing lots of entertainment. It will be held at different areas of the General Assembly Visitors' lobby and the Gift Shop area.

Staff Day 2018 Grand Ball will feature many bands that combines latin rhythms of merengue and son; and the Soukos Stars will be coming to the UN to delight us with their music; also a Middle Eastern band and belly dancers, along with a DJ will be on hand to perform at the south GA Lobby.

A DJ will make you dance with the rhythms of latin, reggae, hip hop, house, and any many others types of dance music. The disco will be held at the First Basement Concourse (Gift Shop area). The Grand Ball will end at 11:30 p.m.

Beverages and food will be on sale in the area. Staff members' admission is free upon presentation of a valid UN ground pass. Guest tickets are \$20.00. Ticket locations will be posted separately.

Raffle

During the Grand Ball, at 11:00 p.m., the raffle drawing will take place. For \$5.00 you can become the owner of a brand new car. Taxes will be paid by the winner and the winner will also have the option to upgrade the vehicle, if they wish. Raffle tickets will be on sale outside the cafeterias of the Secretariat, DC1 and UNICEF buildings. Also you can win many other prizes such as airfare tickets, cash, art work, etc..

Happy Hour

For the first time, a happy hour has been added to the programme. This segment is designed to give an opportunity to the staff to socialize with their colleagues outside their workplace while they wait for the Grand Ball and also for those who will not be able to stay for the ball. It will take place at the Visitors Plaza [or Zeus area] from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Staff Day Committee, under the leadership of Ms. Cristina Silva is working tirelessly to provide the staff with an entertaining programme that is a fitting tribute to the Organization's greatest resource. We hope that you will fully participate in the day's activities. The administration will be issuing a circular ad encouraging all supervisors to release their staff to the fullest extent possible. This is your day – enjoy it!

EVENT BUDGET (To be done by the Staff Day Committee)