Resolution on a Recognition Celebration for Staff Working On-Site during COVID-19

The 46th Staff Council,

Noting that, following pressing calls from the Staff Union, the Secretary-General instructed all New York-based staff who were able to do so to work remotely starting 16 March 2020, in order to reduce their exposure to the COVID-19 coronavirus;

Noting also that the United Nations Headquarters campus remained opened throughout the duration of the COVID-19 crisis, requiring the presence on site of security, building and facilities maintenance, medical and cleaning staff;

Conscious of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 undertaken by these colleagues in the performance of their duties;

Aware that the situation in New York City and its surrounding areas has improved drastically and that small outdoor gatherings are likely to be authorized in the city in the near future;

The Staff Council hereby,

Expresses its deepest recognition to those colleagues who have continued to work on-site during COVID-19;

Decides to host an outdoor barbeque in their honor at a date to be determined, once the New York City guidance allows it;

Decides further to allocate a budget of up to USD 3,000.00 for this event;

Authorises the President and Treasurer to reimburse the corresponding expenses against requisite documentation.

Adopted YES
For 11
Against 0
Abstention 1