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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FIRST SESSION

29 January 2004

Minutes

Election of a Chairperson

1. The Staff Union Committee Chairman opened the first session of the Annual General Meeting. In accordance with the proposed agenda, the Committee Chairman proceeded to point 1: **Election of a Chairperson (of the AGM)**. Mrs Catherine Comte-Tiberghien was proposed by one Staff Union member and seconded by several others and was elected chairperson of this meeting by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda

2. The chairperson thanked the meeting for electing her and proceeded to point 2 of the **agenda**, i.e. its adoption. It was adopted without any changes (document SU/AGM/2004/1/D.1).

Discussion of the draft programme and strategy of the Staff Union for 2004

3. The Committee Chairman introduced point 3 (document SU/AGM/2004/1/D.2) as well as addenda 1, **“Protect Security of employment”**, and 2, **“Promote Active Solidarity with all Staff and with other Unions”**. He presented the nine points of the programme and stressed the importance of each member of this Staff Union identifying with this programme, since it should reflect common concerns.

4. Several participants expressed their support for the programme of action presented by the Committee and some wanted to strengthen the proposals by increasing the use of forceful language. Some members asked the Chairperson of the Committee to stress staff fears about job security during his speech to the PFAC. Moreover, introducing the IRIS programme in the ILO, its effects on jobs (the figure of 130 job losses was put forward) and on protecting the confidentiality of personal data were mentioned explicitly. **The provisions of the last paragraph of addendum 1 were amended accordingly.**

5. Some members pointed out the unilateral aspect of the decisions taken by the Reports Board and asked the Committee to work towards ensuring staff representation on this committee.

6. Several colleagues, particularly the Staff Union Regional Titular Members, spoke in support of our colleague Baslan Qurashi's cause for the Committee to continue its action and support improved budgetary provisions for the legal aid item.

7. Addendum 2 '**Promote Active Solidarity with all Staff and with other Unions**' was approved by the meeting.

Adoption of the budget for the financial exercises 2004

8. Point 4 of the agenda was also approved by the meeting without any changes (document SU/AGM/2004/1/D.3).

Other business

9. Under point 5 of the agenda, a member reported certain discrepancies in the context of job interviews. The Chairperson asked the Committee to investigate the issue.

10. As there were no other matters, the Chairperson of the AGM ended the meeting after expressing the customary thanks.

Meeting ended at 4.35 p.m.