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*27 October 2005**Report of decisions*

The Chairperson of the Staff Union Committee opened the second session of the Annual General Meeting. He explained that agenda item 1, **Election of the Chairperson of the AGM**, was not required as the Chairperson of the AGM was elected for the whole meeting which was held over two sessions, that being the second. He therefore called Mrs Marleen Rueda Catry to take her place on the podium.

Adoption of the agenda

1. The Chairperson immediately moved to agenda item 2, Adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted without amendment (doc. SU/AGM/2005/2/D.1).

Amendments to the Staff Union Rules

2. The General Secretary of the Committee introduced agenda item 3: Amendments to the Staff Union Rules (Referendum 2005) (doc. SU/AGM/2005/2/D.2). The Meeting was required to take note of the results of the referendum on increased interaction with representatives of the Staff Union in the field and the merger with the Staff Union of the Turin Centre.

Report of the Staff Union Committee

3. The Chairperson gave the floor to the Chairperson of the Staff Union Committee to present the Report (doc. SU/AGM/2005/2/D.3). He reviewed the various points in the report concerning the working environment and issues relating to the functioning of the Staff Union.

4. Representatives took the floor to present specific activities in the various regions (Africa, Americas, Asia and Pacific, Europe and Middle East). This information can be found on the Staff Union Website.

5. The interventions and questions of members present focussed on the introduction of IRIS and the impact on staff members' health. Stress, aggression, management of workloads were mentioned.

6. The Chairperson of the Committee explained that the Committee, armed with the Meeting's suggestions, would draw the attention of the representatives of the Administration and of the Chief of the Medical Service to the situation. Medical Service staff should also be made aware so as to be vigilant and alert the Committee if need be.

Recruitment and selection: Negotiations in progress

7. The Chairperson then gave the floor to the General Secretary to present agenda item 5, Recruitment and selection: Negotiations in progress. The General Secretary explained that the item had been included on the agenda following a request at a previous General Meeting that all draft collective agreements should be presented. However, the texts were still in course of preparation and at that stage neither the Administration nor the Staff Union were in a position to present a final draft. The draft agreement, if reached, would thus be the subject of an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Financial Report and Addendum: Report of the Auditing Commission

8. The Treasurer of the Committee introduced agenda item 6 and its Addendum (doc. SU/AGM/2005/2/D.5 and D.5 (Add)). Both items were approved by the Meeting. The Treasurer informed the members that the Committee and the Commission of Former Treasurers (article 34 of the Rules) were considering the question of ethical funds and proposals would be made in that regard at the next General Meeting.

Election of the Auditing Commission

9. The General Meeting noted that Mr. Horacio Guido would replace Mr Roland Cissé for the next financial period and that the other members of the Auditing Commission would continue in office (doc. SU/AGM/2005/2/D.6).

Report of the Board of the Staff Assistance Fund

10. Under agenda item 8, Report of the Board of the Staff Assistance Fund, the General Secretary of the Committee and member of the Fund Management Board explained that, as in the previous year, he was not in a position to present the report required by the Rules. He asked the Meeting to agree to defer the adoption of that report to its next session in 2006. The General Meeting agreed to that request.

Arrangements for the elections to the Staff Union Committee

11. The Chairperson of the Meeting, introducing agenda item 9 (doc. SU/AGM/2005/2/D.8) presented the arrangements for the elections to the Staff Union Committee in 2006, which were approved. The Meeting also appointed the three Returning Officers and the members of the Electoral Commission.

The General Secretary explained that the publication of the **list of candidates for election to the Staff Union Committee 2005-2007** (doc. SU/AGM/2005/2/D.8 (Add)) reflected a traditional request of general meetings.

Other business

12. In the absence of any other business and after the customary expressions of thanks, the Chairperson declared the second session of the General Meeting 2005 closed.

The meeting rose at 16h30.