Resolution on the salaries of the General Service staff recruited before 1 January 1972

The Staff Union of the ILO, convened in an Extraordinary General Meeting on 10 February 1983,

RECALLING the two resolutions adopted on 19 May 1982 and 13 October 1982 relating to the same question,

ALSO RECALLING that the Staff Union has never accepted the validity and results of the inquiry made in 1978 by the International Civil Service Commission on cost of living and salaries of General Service staff in Geneva,

DEPLORING that these resolutions remain without effect and that the salaries of this category of officials have not been adjusted,

CONSIDERING that in the last six years these officials have suffered a 21 per cent loss in their purchasing power,

INFORMED of the discussions between the Staff Union Committee and the Administration on this subject,

REJECTING the paralysis of the ILO, its only employer, in the face of the common system,

INSTRUCTS the Staff Union Committee to:

1. immediately take the necessary steps to obtain from the Director-General before the end of February 1983 his assurance that he will propose, at the May–June 1983 session of the Governing Body, measures to compensate the loss of purchasing power of these officials and, if such an assurance were not given, to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting before the end of February 1983;

2. immediately take the necessary steps for the harmonisation of the two salary scales for General Service staff;

3. explain to the Governing Body, at its present session, the legitimacy and urgency of these demands;

4. convene another Extraordinary General Meeting before the May–June 1983 session of the Governing Body to inform it of the results achieved and decide on the actions to be taken, including a strike, in the event of a failure.