



STAFF COMMITTEE BULLETIN

STAFF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

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The following two resolutions were adopted by the Staff Association at its Annual General Meetings held in April 1968.

1. Human Rights:

THE STAFF ASSOCIATION,

Seeking to further the aims proclaimed by the General Assembly for the International Year for Human Rights,

Expressing sadness and shock at the tragic assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which occurred on 4 April 1968,

Noting that his tragic assassination has imposed an added obligation on all men to strive harder for the promotion of human rights in their spheres of influence and in their communities,

Further noting that many members of the staff of the United Nations are anxious to contribute voluntarily their free time to the service of their fellow human beings,

1. Directs the 18th Staff Council to establish an Ad Hoc Committee in which the staff members of the United Nations could effectively participate voluntarily in the work of non-political organizations which are dedicated to promoting the principles of the International Year for Human Rights, and
2. Further directs the 18th Staff Council to report to the Staff Association on the progress of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Adopted on 10 April 1968 by 90 votes in favour 5 against and 33 abstentions

2. Social Security:

THE STAFF ASSOCIATION,

Noting with concern that, despite the thoroughly documented presentation made to them by the representatives of the staff, the representatives of the Secretary-General consider that there are not sufficient grounds for them to recommend that the Secretary-General reconvene the Advisory Panel on Social Security or establish a body similar thereto,

Stressing the need for the full reimbursement of social security payments and the application of the principle of full retroactivity,

Instructs the incoming Staff Council and the Chairman of the Staff Committee to submit directly to the Secretary-General the following:

1. The Staff Association urges the undertaking without delay of a serious study of possible avenues through which further relief may be obtained;
2. The Staff Association suggests that the Secretary-General might wish to entrust the Advisory Panel, which was instrumental in obtaining the results so far achieved, or a similar body, with the task of seeking, with the participation of appropriate staff representatives, a full and equitable solution;

Further instructs the incoming Staff Council and the Chairman of the Staff Committee to convene, not later than 1 June 1968, a special general meeting of the Staff Association to present their report on the action taken, and

Further instructs the incoming Staff Council to consider the position of United Nations staff members of all nationalities regarding participation in the social security and pension schemes operating in their respective countries.

Adopted on 11 April 1968 by 81 votes in
favour none against and no abstentions