



# UNITED NATIONS STAFF UNION

## 44th STAFF COUNCIL

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### OPEN LETTER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The Staff Council is very concerned with the budget and management initiatives currently being formulated by the Organization, as they will directly affect the livelihood of many staff members.

While we understand that some of the proposals are at the preliminary stages, all reform efforts must be in accordance with the best practices of accountability and transparency that the United Nations professes.

In this regard, we assert our right under Staff Regulation 8.1, to be consulted on matters that involve staff welfare and working conditions.

At this time, we invite you and your senior managers to a meeting of all staff at Headquarters to discuss these matters in an open forum. We plan to hold a meeting on or about 27 November, as your schedule permits.

Please be assured that the staff recognize the necessity of management reform and are ready to fully participate in any process aimed at strengthening the role and effectiveness of the United Nations.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of the highest regard for your leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Staff Representatives of the 44th Staff Council  
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