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In an extraordinary meeting, held on 31 August 2007, the Executive Board of UNISERV unanimously approved the following resolution:

RES/2007/1: Ethics and United Nations System Coherence

The United Nations International Civil Servants Federation¹,

Noting that according to Article 101 of the United Nations Charter, the United Nations staff shall be appointed by the Secretary-General under regulations established by the General Assembly;

Noting also that the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the rights and duties of staff members, as set out in the Charter and the Staff Rules and Regulations and in the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, are respected;

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/1 paragraph 161 (d) requesting the Secretary-General to ensure ethical conduct, more extensive financial disclosure for United Nations officials and enhanced protection for those who reveal wrongdoing within the Organization and to scrupulously apply the existing standards of conduct and develop a system-wide code of ethics for all United Nations personnel;

Recalling General Assembly resolution 61/583 requesting an update and harmonization of human resource policies and the establishment of a United Nations system-wide independent evaluation mechanism, taking into account the evolving role of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, to monitor how system-wide goals are being delivered;

Recalling also that the United Nations Staff Union and the UNDP/UNFPA/ UNOPS Council have previously requested the Administrator of UNDP to accept the jurisdiction of the United Nations Ethics office established by the Secretary-General in ST/SGB/2005/21;

¹ *The Federation was created 7 May 2007. It has as main objectives the promotion of a coordinated approach on matters of common interest to the United Nations staff, as well as to reinforce representation of its members in negotiations with bodies of the United Nations common system. The current membership is United Nations Staff Union, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Staff Association*

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Expressing dismay and disappointment that the UNDP Administrator continues to reject the jurisdiction of the United Nations Ethics Office and that to date the Secretary General has not fulfilled his obligation to implement General Assembly resolutions 60/1 paragraph 161(d) and the principle of delivering as one in resolution 61/583 and the Staff Rules and Regulations that were instituted as a result of it, by instructing the Administrator of UNDP to submit to the jurisdiction of the United Nations Ethics Office;

Reiterates and reaffirms the call of the United Nations Staff Union and the UNDP/UNFPA/ UNOPS Council requesting that the Secretary-General implement the whistleblower policy for protection of all United Nations staff in accordance with ST/SGB/2005/22 section 3.1b.

The Federation decides:

To request the Secretary-General

- a) To reinstate immediately the former Operation Manager in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea who was declared a whistleblower by the United Nations Ethics Office in order that United Nations staff are not discouraged from reporting potential fraud and misconduct;
- b) To instruct the Administrator of UNDP to submit to the jurisdiction of the United Nations Ethics Office;
- c) To recommend to the General Assembly that it approve the establishment of the Internal Justice Council pursuant to para. 142 of the Redesign Panel's report;

Requests the President of UNISERV to bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly, Chairman of the Fifth Committee, Members of the ACABQ and members of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board.

31 August 2007