



ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS NEW YORK

Summary of the 430th Meeting of the Governing Board

Tuesday, 15 March 2022, 10:30 a.m.

21st meeting held virtually

- President Dietz began his Report requesting the nomination of qualified candidates along with their completed forms for the FAFICS expertise pools. He particularly stressed the urgency in nominating candidates for the Pension Board expertise pool by the deadline of end March 2022.
- President Dietz continued his Report advising on the latest policy on access to the United Nations Offices and to the Secretariat building which had been circulated to GB members. It was noted with caution in resuming in-person meetings since retirees were among the most vulnerable group.
- There was some concern about developments in the area of Pension Investments, both due to Covid19 as well as the impact of the unbelievable events in Ukraine which actually had an impact on the whole world. There had been a town hall meeting recently where some concern was expressed about a presentation made by the Representative of the Secretary-General (RSG) for Pension Investments, for plans to increase a portion of the investments portfolio entrusted to external advisors. This topic was also discussed in a recent AFICS/NY Pension Committee meeting.
- President Dietz also informed that Mr. Anthony Fouracre of the Charities Foundation had advised that an award was made in response to a recent request for assistance by a former staff member.
- He ended his Report with the announcement that the President of FAFICS had issued a statement on behalf of FAFICS and all the UN Retiree Associations on the crisis in Ukraine which would be posted on the AFICS/NY website.
- With regard to the latest policy on access to the UN which still excludes retirees, clarification was sought about being cautious in resuming in-person meetings. President Dietz said he was only referring to AFICS GB meetings, but would hope that FAFICS would also be cautious and safe in perhaps having hybrid meetings. It was suggested that while other UN bodies like the Fifth Committee, ICSC, ACABQ, and other AFICS meetings are being held in person, we may wish to reconsider given the limitations of only virtual meetings. It was agreed that consideration would be given at each meeting whether the next one should be hybrid or not once retirees could return to the UN facilities.
- The Meeting ended at 12 pm.