



Dear Colleagues,

At the moment the weeks are running into each other, stretching ahead and all starting to look the same, and perhaps what seemed extraordinary 4, 3 or 2 weeks ago is already turning into a form of routine.

For this reason alone, and thanks to your great ability to adapt, on behalf of the Staff Union Committee, we congratulate you. We thank you for the perseverance and dedication, which we can see so concretely in these difficult times.

The staff of the ILO – not that we were ever in doubt – have adapted remarkably well to this alternative way of working in a very short period of time, making the most of this unprecedented situation. You should be proud of that. This is evident in the Organization's many external communications in response to the global socio-economic challenges posed by this large-scale pandemic, with its enormous impact on the world of work.

At the same time, we recognize that working differently is not without its stresses and challenges, and the Staff Union continues to work with management to support you as best it can in these circumstances. Working groups have been created, feedback is provided on a daily basis, and joint bodies continue to function.

To maintain morale, at the local or departmental level, social initiatives are being put in place. Some have started to meet their colleagues for virtual tea and coffee breaks, drinks, lunch, etc. Doing any activity that generates a social bond, even if it is virtual, is good. Let's continue to be attentive and take care of one another.

For many colleagues, the next two weeks will be shorter due to the Easter holidays. But whether it's a holiday or just a weekend, we should make the most of it to get out of the work mode, even while at home, so that we can devote ourselves to our loved ones and other equally important activities.

“See” you next week!

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