



**Federation of United Nations Staff Associations in Ethiopia**

**Fédération des Syndicats du Personnel des Nations Unies En Ethiopie**



Dear colleagues,

The Federation of United Nations Staff unions and associations in Ethiopia as well as the UNECA staff Union would like to thank you for responding to the call to join the Global Town Hall convened by the Secretary General on February 1st, 2024.

As you heard it, we conveyed your message with facts, as you expressed it through your representatives, to express the conditions of living in Ethiopia and the necessity to upgrade it at least to C duty station.

Unfortunately, there has been false information circulating on social media this weekend stating that the Staff Union has requested the UN Secretary General to move the ECA HQ from Addis Ababa. Ethiopia has been quite exemplary as a founding member of the United Nations and host of the UN System since ECA was established on 29 April 1958.

As you recall, at no time has such a request been made. The statement delivered in a public Town Hall meeting discussed the rating of Addis Ababa as duty station B, based on documented evidence.

We are pleased to inform you that we have immediately refuted this false information.

Furthermore, we wish to express our highest regards to the people and government of Ethiopia which host one of the largest UN country teams in the world with 28 specialized agencies, funds and programmes.

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