

Colleagues

Today is a very unusual day for ESCWA. Today is a sad day for all of us as we are bidding farewell to one of our dearest colleagues who has been a real support to the Staff Council & ESCWA staff at large for more than thirteen years, Mr. Juraj Riecan.

Yes, it is a happy day to see Juraj starting a new chapter with his beautiful family, especially his adorable grandson. We are happy for you, Juraj.

Juraj, I personally will always remember your progression way of doing business, your positive smile even during tough days and mostly your human touch in everything you do.

I worked with Juraj on several fact-finding investigation cases, and I must say “I learned a lot from him”. I learned how a real conscious professional can put his personal views aside and deal with people with high integrity and respect. With you, Juraj, I learned how to pay attention to details while keeping human factors in mind. Thank you, Juraj for being such a nice mentor, a sincere colleague and a very true friend.

For the Staff Council, you’ve always been a great advisor and a solid source of information. Even when you chaired the JAC, you always managed to keep the balance and played an extraordinary, impartial role. And again, thanks Juraj for that.

On behalf of every staff member at ESCWA, thank you, Juraj for being a role model in professionalism, teamwork, leadership and mostly collegiality.

You are and will always be one of the ESCWA / UN staff members who respect the real values of the UN, and to whom we will always refer in our life at the UN.

Thank you, Juraj. We all wish you a great journey to start on the 1st of September.

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