

Statement by Deborah Landey

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Colleagues,

Thank you all very much for coming. It is a great attendance and we know that we have many people on webcast.

I know you all agree that it is incredibly important for us to have an opportunity, at least once a year, to hear from those in the leadership of the United Nations, at this time, who are in charge of issues of great importance to us all, most especially pensions and health care insurance. Those of you from the leadership who remained in the room, thank you for staying for the whole meeting. We know that you have a very busy portfolio, but we think that the leadership has an incredible responsibility towards the people in this room and beyond for these critical services for us all.

Having read the Secretary-General's reports on the latest management reforms, they would not succeed without good leadership and management, both at headquarters and in country settings. Your leadership and management capabilities are critical.

AFICS/NY members who are here and on the webcast, your active participation in this Annual Assembly and throughout the year is also extremely vital. You see from the reports from different colleagues that sit on the Board that the knowledge of our community on different issues is just astonishing. We need to put it to work in service of the many thousands of retirees the world over who can benefit.

AFICS/NY has a very long tradition (we have former Presidents here in the room) of serving and advocating on behalf of retirees and acting for, and in the interest of, retirees and our community. This is an incredibly important job, that AFICS/NY, the Governing Board and many members that participate, does for all of us. We urge you all to stay active, become active, contribute, lend us your knowledge and expertise, which, as I have just said, is quite amazing.

Thank you all and we look forward to seeing many of you now at the reception at the restaurant.

Thank you very much.