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2020 marks the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of AFICS/NY

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Dear AFICS/NY members,

We know that the past 6 months have been difficult ones as we all get used to living in COVID-19 times. AFICS/NY continues to meet and serve the needs of our retiree community during these testing times using the technology available to us.

June 2020 marked 50 years since AFICS officially became an association, in the same year as the world body marks its 75th birthday. This year FAFICS - the Federation of similar sister Associations of retirees within the UN system - will also mark its 45th year. We had hoped to celebrate this anniversary in a very different way, but COVID-19 has forced us to rethink traditional ways of observing momentous occasions. We are therefore proposing to have 2 celebrations to mark our auspicious birthday. The first will take place on 9th December and will be a virtual event. The second and larger event we hope will take place in the Spring of 2021 and will be, conditions allowing, both an in person and a virtual event.

A planning Committee has been set up led by AFICS/NY Governing Board member, Gail Bindley-Taylor, to spearhead these events. They have begun to put things in place but would love to involve members of AFICS/NY in the process. To date we do not yet have a slogan in place for our anniversary celebrations and so we are inviting AFICS/NY members to send us your suggestions at afics@un.org under the subject line **50th anniversary slogan**. We would like to have our slogan chosen by the end of October, so we invite you to get your suggestions in as soon as possible before October 30th.

We are also hoping to produce a special 50th anniversary Bulletin and would also like to invite members to send us pictures you may have taken over the years of AFICS/NY events that you have attended, to be featured in the Bulletin. Please include digital quality photographs, and ensure that you send us the following information so that we may credit you: your name, where you last worked before retirement, your retirement date, who is in the photograph and when, as well as at which AFICS/NY event it was taken. Our deadline for submission is October 30th Please send to afics@un.org under the subject line **50th anniversary images**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Stay safe and well.

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President