PART 1

Staff Representative of the United Nations to the Staff Pension Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

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STATEMENT/DECLARATION OF SERVICE:

Fellow Colleagues,

I am seeking your support to represent your interests on the Joint Staff Pension Fund.
My UN Service began in April 1998 in The Hague working in the Information Technology Section, which involved frequent missions to various locations predominantly in the Balkan region.

I believe that in order to represent all participants of the UNJSPF it is important to have an understanding of the diversity of organizational structures where UNJSPF participants are serving as well as the issues and interests of staff to ensure that any changes to the pension scheme don't disadvantage staff.
The interests of the staff are paramount irrespective of rank, grade, profession, duty station, whether you are approaching retirement age or a newly enrolled member I will do my very best to ensure that your contributions are protected.

I am currently serving as a staff representative and during my service I have been lucky enough to visit many locations including HQ duty stations, many DPKO missions and all of the Economic Commissions this has helped me understand the unique and varied interests of staff around the globe and how currency devaluation, inflation, economic contraction and other issues can have a devastating impact on the staff.
I have spoken at the International Civil Service Commission, made presentations on staff issues to Member State delegations as well as the European Parliament; I believe this experience of interacting with Member States political representatives will assist my work inside the UNJSPF should I be elected.
My previous employment was in the International Committee of the Red Cross as a team leader and prior to this I served 10 years as a firefighter / paramedic in the United Kingdom.

During my tenure in the fire and rescue service I was elected to the Fire Brigades Union representing South East Kent from 1992- 1996.

It was during this time that I gained my experience with the introduction of the 1992 £13.8 bn Firefighters Pension Scheme covering such issues as cost ceiling, methodology change proposals, links with salaries, proposed changes from retail price index to consumer price index, inflation etc.

I hold a Masters in International Labour and Trade Union Studies from Ruskin College Oxford and a PGCert in Executive Management from Cornell University.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE _____ DATE 20th November 2012