

**COMMUNICATIONS****Follow-up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft on the  
review of the jurisdictional setup of  
the UN common system****01/21****Geneva****4 January 2021**

To: All members

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Further to FICSA Communications [82-20](#), [68-20](#) and [64-20](#) we are pleased to inform you that just before the end of year holiday FICSA sent comments on the second, and final, version of the Report of the Review of the Jurisdictional Setup of the UN Common System. Please rest assured that any comments shared with us by our membership were included in the overall FICSA position paper.

In this round of comments, FICSA reiterated its position there was no evidence presented that would merit the introduction of reforms to the two justice systems and therefore repeated the recommendation that the status quo be safeguarded. In addition, FICSA noted concern about perceived “forum shopping” by organizations and suggested that a possible next step could be for the issue to be examined under the auspices of the Chief Executives Board (CEB) which should include all stakeholders, including the staff federations. You can read a summary of FICSA activities and related developments to date on the [legal topics section of our website](#)

It is our understanding that the Report will now be submitted to the General Assembly for their consideration. We have been informed that the final report will be issued in March. As soon as it is available, we will of course keep you informed. We have also been informed that a public website is being developed in the near future to ensure that there is full transparency with regard to this process. Again, FICSA will inform you of any developments in this regard. At the same time, we urge you to stay in close contact with the Focal Point from your Organization. You may also want to nominate a Focal Point in your Staff Committee to follow the issue through.

All background documents related to the jurisdictional review are available in the Members Area of the FICSA Website (to navigate there, go to Members Area -> Document Library -> FICSA Database -> Review of Jurisdiction: <https://ficsa.org/members-area/documentlibrary/documents.html?group=271> ).

As always, should you have any questions or comments related to this or any other topic, please do not hesitate to contact us: [ficsa@un.org](mailto:ficsa@un.org)