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To: All members

From: Evelyn Kortum, General Secretary

Dear colleagues,

FICSA colleagues continue to work for you and today, we would like to enlighten your day with a [1954 UN Special edition](#). You will be so pleased to see all the changes that have taken place in society and due to ardent staff representation. So many rights we take for granted nowadays, were fought for by passionate people like all of us.

This is obviously in contrast to the state of technology we have today and the way we work today. In the FICSA Secretariat, we are busy with the ongoing initiative to digitalize our paper archives. And this is where we discovered the 1954 treasure.

We created an index of the contents of the archives, to identify items to be destroyed or retained. Concurrently, we are also in touch with the vendor that is digitizing UNOG's over 1 million paper archives, to get a similar negotiated rate for FICSA's archives. The work has slowed down due to office closure (Covid-19), but once completed, would give FICSA access to even more interesting documents like the 1954 UN Special!

Continue enjoying your summer and we wish you interesting beach reading.