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ICSC COMPREHENSIVE COST-OF-LIVING SURVEYS AT THE HEADQUARTERS DUTY STATIONS – QUESTIONS TO THE ICSC

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For urgent action: FICSA Members based in all HQ duty stations such as Geneva, London, Madrid, Montreal, Paris, Rome Vienna and Washington D.C

For information: All FICSA Members

From: Tanya Quinn-Maguire, President

Dear colleagues,

In response to our communication 37/21 sent on 19 July last week, the FICSA Secretariat has received several questions on the launch of the latest round of Cost of Living Surveys in HQ duty stations. Please see the list of questions received to date below.

FICSA would like to invite you to submit any additional questions you might have by close of business (Geneva time) tomorrow, 27 July 2021. On Wednesday, we will send your questions to the ICSC for their direct response, which we will, in turn, share with you and all FICSA members as soon as possible.

To facilitate a broader understanding, please find two questions most often raised to date:

1. Where can I find more information on the updated Post Adjustment methodology?
 - See the updated [Post Adjustment booklet](#) (Methodology for Compilation of the Post Adjustment Index and Operational rules for Determination of the Post Adjustment Multiplier) updated as of Dec 2020.
 - The role of the various stakeholders is described on page 47, including the Survey Coordinator, LSC, and an independent expert that your duty station can appoint to ensure the transparency and accuracy of the exercise. The pages directly afterwards describe the whole process of the survey.
2. Should the first task of the LSC to determine the feasibility of carrying out the local survey?
 - Yes, the LSC in each duty station should first determine the feasibility of carrying out the survey based on the criteria for acceptance, as approved during the 91st ICSC session (Annex II - attached).

Please add your questions to the list below.

1. Is there a summary of what has changed in the Post Adjustment and Operational rules?
 2. Will ECP data still be used for duty stations?
 3. What happens, if the LSC in a duty station decides that conditions are not suitable to go ahead with the survey? Will it be postponed until a later time when conditions are right? Will the ICSC continue to use the existing post adjustment multiplier, updated based on the standard operational rules for this?
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