Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia , Montenegro , Serbia and Albania , the

the proposal to continue the pilot project, as it is our view that all categories of staff should have access to justice and to effective remedies. At the same time, we need to assess its effectiveness and to look into the root causes of such disputes.

In closing, we recommend that the Secretary-General's next report include proposals on reviewing formal policies concerning dispute resolution, and an overview on the functioning of the pilot project to offer access to informal dispute-resolution services to non-staff personnel.

We express our appreciation for the invaluable contribution of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance, the Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Management Evaluation Unit to the system of administration of justice within the UN.

I thank you Mr./Madam Chair.