

ILO, the luxury hotel of discrimination

Ah, the first of April, what an exquisite day for a highly important revelation! DCOMM has graced us with the disclosure of the top secret report on the transformation of the ILO into a palace fit for the gods, a piece of information that has certainly revolutionised the diplomatic world. Frankly, how can we not sarcastically applaud this brilliant initiative to distract us with stories of luxurious renovation, while the Member States whine about the exorbitant costs in Geneva, that rare pearl ranked as the third most expensive city in the world according to some rankings? Oh, and of course, why not add another layer by speculating on the legitimacy of the Geneva headquarters thanks to the revelation of empty offices? DCOMM, you really do have a gift for turning a simple joke into a high-flying satire!

If you're going to criticise openly, let's do it cheerfully and frankly!

Since the start of the renovation work on our "future luxury hotel", car park P2 has been reserved for companies working on the renovation site. For a long time, this car park was full of company cars and vans, and access to it was strictly regulated, with external barriers and access doors to the building leaving little room for interpretation by the average civil servant.

However, for several months now, the situation has visibly changed with regard to access to the P2 car park: the external barrier is permanently raised, leaving free access to anyone from outside the ILO and all officials using the building's north doors.

In practice, external service providers, who are often personally unknown because of shift rotation, enter the car park unsupervised, while staff members, who are known, registered and indexed, have to identify themselves using their badges for the barrier to be raised.

The message we get is that the ILO does not trust its staff, but has no problem with external service providers.

The problem has already been raised with INTSERV management several times, but the response has been evasive:

- 1) There is such a high turnover of crews that it is hardly acceptable to issue name badges to everyone working on the site without delaying the progress of the work.
- 2) People are checked at the gate anyway.

Were we talking about shooting ourselves in the foot? If everyone is checked at the gatehouse, why keep a car park barrier down?

INTSERV: thank you for raising the 2 barriers of social injustice and, at the same time, giving back access to P2 to all civil servants, because there is no longer any justification for applying segregation between workers at headquarters.

No to social discrimination! 😊