Summary of outcomes
MoU network members:

Reaffirmed their commitment to support the fulfilment of the multilingualism mandate of the United Nations through the preparation of language professionals of the calibre required

On the competitive examinations for language professionals

• Welcomed the proactive outreach, including through social media and remote activities, to ensure candidates were informed of upcoming examinations.
• Welcomed the modernization of the competitive examinations and the shift to remote combined examinations for translators, précis-writers, editors, production editors and verbatim reporters as a means of improving the validity of the examinations and making them more accessible to candidates around the globe.
• Asked for a trial version of the online testing platform and the criteria for success in the individual exercises of the examinations to be made available to network members

On skills-training

• Stressed the importance of developing speed-coping skills in interpretation students
• Stressed the importance of fostering critical thinking and strong research skills in all language professionals
• Recommended the incorporation of précis-writing modules in the training of language professionals
• Suggested exploring the addition of a special module on UN interpreting in interpreting programmes with the support of UN staff
• Requested that recordings of UN proceedings be made readily available as training materials

On remote activities

• Recommended using remote training activities to complement, but not replace, face-to-face ones
• Recommended exploring opportunities for increasing remote training, including by researching and sharing information on the most effective tools and platforms
• Recommended expanding remote translation internships to all language services

On future cooperation

• Proposed the establishment of an online community for the MoU network for sharing ideas, best practices and discussing issues of common interest
• Proposed the exploration of cost-sharing modalities for sending UN staff to provide training in universities

On MoU Conferences

• Welcomed the unique opportunity afforded by holding the 5th MoU Conference at a UN duty station to observe UN language professionals in action and engage with more members of the UN language services
• Suggested for the 6th Conference .......
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