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Dear Mesdames and Sirs,

The Secretary-General has asked me to respond to your letter of 12 December 2020, in response to the written communication from the Chair of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to members of the Fifth Committee.

The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (Pension Board), of which you are all members or alternate members, is the only body authorized to report to the United Nations General Assembly on matters considered by the Pension Board. As members of the Pension Board elected by United Nations participants in the Fund, I understand that you all had an opportunity to express your views on Board matters in the report of the Pension Board. I understand your actions have raised questions about whether you may have breached duties of confidentiality or other duties of Pension Board members. These are matters for the Pension Board to resolve.

In addition, under Article 19 of the Fund's Regulations, the Secretary-General decides on the investment of the assets of the Fund. The Secretary-General takes such fiduciary obligations seriously. In your communication to members of the Fifth Committee, you urged the Committee to reject certain positions and recommendations of the Secretary-General as set forth in his report to the Fifth Committee on investment matters. In this regard, I would like to remind you of your obligations under Staff Rule 1.2(j).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Viotti'.

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