



**ASOCIACIÓN DE EXFUNCIONARIOS JUBILADOS DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS EN
HONDURAS**

**ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FORMER OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN
HONDURAS (AFICS Honduras)**

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, June 23, 2026

Mr. Jerry Barton

Secretary General

Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS)

Geneva, Switzerland

cc: Ms. Delia Barcelona; Mr. Marashetty Seenappa; Ms. Maria Machicado

Re: Formal Establishment of AFICS Honduras

Dear Mr. Barton,

It is with great pleasure and a profound sense of institutional commitment that we write to formally inform you of the establishment of the Association of Retired Former Officials of the United Nations in Honduras — **AFICS Honduras** — as a civil, non-profit association under the laws of the Republic of Honduras, and in alignment with the principles and objectives of the Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS).

This initiative was set in motion in March 2026, when retired UN system staff members residing in Honduras were first convened by the initiative's coordinator. A WhatsApp group was formed on March 20, and the first virtual meeting took place on April 16, 2026, with the participation of 12 of the 21 registered members at the time. A committee was established to review and adapt statutes from the AFICS associations of Panama, Uruguay, and Costa Rica as the basis for our own governing framework.

On **June 2, 2026**, twenty-two (22) of the thirty (30) identified UN retirees residing in Honduras convened in person at the United Nations House in Tegucigalpa. During this founding General Assembly, the Statutes of AFICS Honduras were formally approved and an Electoral Commission was constituted to oversee the first election of the Association's Executive Board.

Elections for the first Board of Directors (Junta Directiva) are scheduled for **July 2, 2026**, at the PAHO/WHO premises in Tegucigalpa. The mandate of the first Board of Directors will run through December 31, 2027, in accordance with the transitional provisions of the

Association's Statutes (Article 42), so as to align future electoral cycles with the standard two-year period.

In the interim, I am serving as **Founding Coordinator** of AFICS Honduras, having led the organizational process from inception through the approval of the Statutes and the constitution of the Electoral Commission. I am also standing as a **candidate for the Presidency** of the Association in the July 2 elections. Should the membership elect me to that position, I would be honoured to serve as AFICS Honduras's first President and to represent our members before FAFICS and other international bodies.

AFICS Honduras is committed to promoting and maintaining affiliation with FAFICS, fulfilling the principles of independence, openness, and institutional compatibility set forth in our Statutes (Article 4). We look forward to joining the global community of former international civil servants and to contributing actively to the collective efforts of FAFICS on behalf of our members.

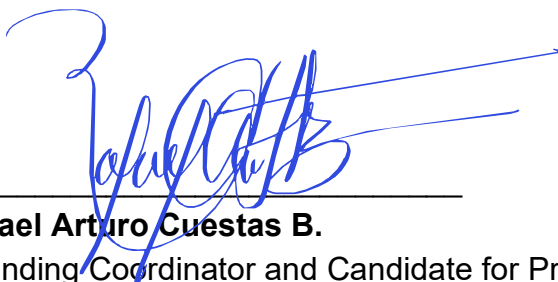
For your records and as documentation of our founding, we enclose the following:

1. **Statutes of AFICS Honduras** — Spanish original (Estatutos, Borrador Final)
2. **Statutes of AFICS Honduras** — English translation (Final Draft)
3. **List of members** present at the June 2, 2026 founding General Assembly
4. **Photograph** of the founding General Assembly

We would be most grateful for any guidance you may wish to offer regarding the formal FAFICS affiliation process, and we warmly welcome any recommendations to ensure that AFICS Honduras meets the standards and expectations of the Federation from its very inception.

We look forward to your acknowledgment and to building a productive relationship with FAFICS and sister associations worldwide.

Respectfully yours,



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Enclosures (4): 1. Estatutos AFICS Honduras (Spanish original) | 2. AFICS Honduras Statutes (English translation) | 3. List of founding members | 4. Photograph of the founding Assembly