Danger Pay: COVID-19

Based on the recommendations received from the Director-General of the World Health Organization and in line with the established criteria for danger pay, as contained in A/66/30, Annex II, subparagraph 1 (c), that danger pay can be authorized in “non-protected environments where medical staff are specifically at risk to their life when deployed to deal with public health emergencies as declared by the World Health Organization”, the Chairman, under the authority delegated to his office, approved Danger Pay, effective from 1 January to 31 March 2021 for a limited group of internationally and locally recruited staff directly involved in the following COVID-19 operations:

- provision of clinical care to patients with confirmed/suspected COVID-19;
- actual screening of patients with suspected COVID-19;
- drawing or processing of potentially hazardous specimens related to COVID-19; and
- handling hazardous or potentially hazardous samples taken at a lab or screening facility.

As a matter of clarification, the four criteria listed above each provide a basis for Danger Pay – COVID-19 on their own merit.