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Workers' Group Comments

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Update on the headquarters building renovation project

The Workers' Group has taken note with satisfaction that additional savings of some CHF 200'000 have been realized following the close out of accounts for phase 1 of the renovation project.

Regarding phase 2 it is positive to note that the hired contractor is already on-site and that the temporary meeting facilities are under construction. We welcome the choice made of upcycling the temporary structure and recycling it once the renovation will be completed.

The Workers' Group welcomes the information that despite the reduction in conference facilities in the main building, the seating capacity will largely be maintained thanks to the temporary meeting facilities, thus allowing meetings to take place as planned throughout the duration of the renovation.

The Group noted with satisfaction that the finalization of the full project is now envisaged to be completed by late 2025 - one year earlier than estimated in March 2021.

We welcome the fact that the increase of the costs of phase 2 due to the lack of continuity between phases 1 and 2, owing to the extended decision-making process on the funding arrangements for phase 2, remains within the total funding available.

The Workers' Group has also taken note of the information on the headquarters' security perimeter project and looks forward to receiving the budget in March 2022. We reiterate the importance for ILO constituents to continue to have access to the ILO building without major obstacles while ensuring the security of the building.

The Workers' Group agrees with the decision point in para 14.