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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.

ASPAG Statement on GB343/PFA1

Headquarters Renovation Project

1. ASPAG thanks the Office for the update on progress of the Headquarters Renovation in the paper and notes this decision is to be taken by correspondence.
2. ASPAG is pleased that the close out of Phase 1 of the building is complete with anticipated savings of CHF200,000 under budget. This is a significant achievement and milestone to improve the building and ASPAG appreciates the efforts of staff involved in the project.
3. ASPAG notes the budget for Phase 2 has increased slightly but within previously approved funding available from the sale of the land.
4. ASPAG is pleased that work has started on Phase 2 for renovation of the Conference Rooms and including security fencing around the building.
5. We appreciate the efforts of the Office to ensure that the ILO's important work can continue during Phase 2 of the renovations and that appropriate temporary arrangements are underway to house the conference rooms during the renovation.
6. We note that design work is progressing on the security perimeter project and that this has been approved by the UNDSS in consultation with physical security experts and the Swiss authorities. This is very important work and will ensure the ILO meets UN security expectations into the future, for the safety of all ILO constituents and guests.
7. ASPAG agrees with the Decision Point and thanks the Office for managing these major projects efficiently and within approved budgets.

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PFA 1 Headquarters building renovation project

IMEC WRITTEN STATEMENT

1. IMEC would like to thank the Office for this update on the HQ building renovations.
2. IMEC sincerely congratulates the Office for completing Phase 1 on schedule and under budget, despite the interruptions caused by COVID 19. This was no mean feat.
3. We welcome the fact that the Office has appointed a contractor to complete Phase 2 of the works within the available funding realised through the sale of the land, plot 4057, for 150m CHF and that this work will be completed by late 2025. We can support the proposed budget.
4. We also welcome the fact that the Office has found an innovative and green solution for a temporary structure to house conference rooms, offices and storage areas while the current conference rooms undergo renovation, noting that the temporary structure, formerly a temporary supermarket, has been upcycled for ILO use and will be recycled again once the renovation has been completed.
5. IMEC thanks the Office for the update on the security perimeter project and looks forward to seeing the proposed budget for this in March 2022. We note with satisfaction that the funding for these measures will also come out of the sale of the land.
6. IMEC supports the points for decision.