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Update on the premises for the ILO Regional Office for Africa and Country Office for Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Togo in Abidjan

1. At its 346th Session (October–November 2022),¹ the Governing Body took note of the Office's decision to proceed with the redevelopment of the ILO-owned premises in Abidjan with the aim of housing some United Nations agencies and requested the office to provide an update on the progress made in the project.
2. The architects, who are assisting the Office in realizing the detailed design, are making satisfactory progress. The review of the costing of the project, the schedule of works and the detailed design that will serve as the basis for preparing the application for the construction permit and the tendering process for the construction of the premises should be completed by the end of March 2023.
3. The Office launched the tendering process for the contracting of a project management services company in December 2022. A meeting and a site visit with the bidders were conducted on 25 January 2023. The bids will be received in February 2023, with the aim of awarding the contract by the end of April 2023.
4. In terms of internal governance, the Office has established a project governance committee to provide oversight and ensure that all issues are dealt with promptly and in line with applicable ILO rules and procedures. The committee is composed of senior representatives from relevant departments at headquarters and the Regional Office and the Project Manager (Head of the Facilities Management Unit).
5. The Office presented the project to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire who is strongly committed to helping the ILO in executing the project. It was agreed that a liaison committee will be established with the involvement of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire (Minister of Employment

¹ GB.346/PFA/2/2.

and Social Protection), the Director-General of the National Company for the Management of State-Owned Real Estate and representatives of the Office to deal with a variety of topics, such as the construction permit process, exemption from value added tax, and customs clearance for imported goods.

6. The Office will provide an update on the status of the project to the Governing Body at its 349th Session (October–November 2023).