

344th Session of the ILO Governing Body, March 2022

PFA 4/2 Matters Relating to ILO Premises

IMEC WRITTEN STATEMENT

1. IMEC would like to thank the Office for the update on the 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.
2. In the context of UN Reform and the 'Deliver as One' UN approach at the country level, IMEC strongly supports the proposal of the Regional Coordinator to incorporate a UN House into the renovation project of the ILO-owned premises in Abidjan, with 13 UN agencies planning to join this UN House by 2024. We therefore welcome the Office's willingness to support this initiative. We note, however, that this is subject to confirmation from the Government of Côte d'Ivoire of its commitment, in principle, to the financing of this future UN House.
3. IMEC recognises that not all UN agencies have building and accommodation funds, but we nonetheless wonder what work has been done, or could be done, to consider some form of UN agency co-funding of this proposal, should the Government of Côte d'Ivoire not be in a position to fund it. This may require some form of new financing mechanism as part of the UN reform process. It would be very unfortunate that a proposal for a UN House could not go ahead simply because there was no mechanism for this to happen from a joint funding point of view.
4. IMEC supports the point for decision. We would welcome an update on this at the next Governing Body.