

**FOR INFORMATION**

FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Update of renovation work on the headquarters building

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1. The Governing Body agreed at its March 2005 session¹ to carry out repairs and refurbishment on the interpreters' equipment and booths, the escalators and fire protection equipment in the headquarters building, at an estimated cost of 2,334,000 Swiss francs.
2. At its November 2006 session,² the Building Subcommittee requested a clearer explanation of the delays mentioned. Reference was made to the poor condition of the chairs in Room II and the need to repair or replace them.
3. Given the deadline for the production of this document, the information included here will be supplemented orally at the session of the Building Subcommittee.

Interpreters' equipment and booths, escalators and fire protection equipment

4. With regard to the refurbishment of the interpreters' booths and equipment, an international call for tenders was issued and a contract concluded with a general contractor. This work is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2007, immediately after the International Labour Conference.
5. Concerning the escalators, an international call for tenders was issued and a contract awarded for 195,500 Swiss francs. Work is scheduled for the summer of 2007, immediately after the International Labour Conference.
6. As regards the fire protection equipment, an international call for tenders was issued and a contract awarded for 97,000 Swiss francs. The first two stages, involving the installation of 15 cabinets and 215 fire extinguishers, as well as training courses for security staff, have been completed. The final stage involves the remaining fire extinguishers in need of replacement (224 units). These were ordered at the end of 2006 and should be in place by the end of March 2007.

¹ Document GB.292/9/1.

² Document GB.297/PFA/3.

Lift for persons with disabilities

7. The Governing Body agreed at its March 2006 session³ to install a lift for persons with disabilities, at an estimated cost of 120,000 Swiss francs. An international call for tenders was issued and the contract awarded for 81,860 Swiss francs.
8. In the light of the civil engineer's report on the structural modifications needed to the building, the financial implications are currently being assessed. There will be no change to the cost of the lift itself, although the cost of work affecting the structure of the building is likely to be higher than initially anticipated.

Repairs to the water mains at headquarters

9. The Governing Body agreed at its November 2005 session⁴ to urgent repairs to the water mains, at an estimated cost of 250,000 Swiss francs.
10. An international call for tenders was issued and the contract awarded for 247,205 Swiss francs.
11. This work was completed at the beginning of December 2006. The utilities provider took advantage of the excavations to install, free of charge, an additional reserve water main which will allow the ILO building to be connected to the "Genève Lac-Nations (GLN)" project. Within five years, the Geneva authorities propose to supply Geneva's international district with lake water at a constant temperature (around 10 degrees), using heat exchangers to heat and cool buildings and thereby cut fossil fuel consumption.

Kitchens and restaurants

12. An international call for tenders was issued in August 2006 with a view to the partial refurbishment of the kitchens and restaurants at the north end of the headquarters building.
13. Estimated at around 1,200,000 Swiss francs, the cost of the work will be covered by the current operator of the restaurants under its contract with the ILO for the period up to the end of 2007. An adjudication process conducted by the ILO's Procurement Service is under way. The work is scheduled for the summer of 2007, depending on the availability of the prospective contractor.
14. As stated in November 2006, this refurbishment work is independent of the forthcoming bidding process for the renewal of the restaurant operating contract, which is to be initiated during 2007.

Seats in Room II

15. A call for tenders has been issued and more detailed information will be communicated orally to the Building Subcommittee.

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³ Document GB.295/9/1.

⁴ Document GB.294/8/1(Rev.).

