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Workers' Group Comments

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Matters relating to ILO premises

Update on the headquarters building renovation project

The Workers' Group has taken note of the progress made in phase 2 of the renovation works. We welcome the finalization of the work on the facades of the Colonnade that will provide a more insulated and energy-efficient space, in keeping with the ILO's environmental goals.

We welcome the fact that the Office expects to file for a building permit of the security perimeter project in March 2022 and that the design is in full compliance with UNDSS regulations, meeting occupational safety and health and the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy requirements.

We support the proposal of having an accessible pathway to provide ease of access for mobility-impaired visitors from the reception pavilion to the main building.

We are glad that the estimated cost for the security project is in line with the resources currently available from the sale of ILO land. We also welcome the financial contribution from the host country who had proposed a potential contribution of CHF 4 million. We look forward to continued discussions between the Office and the Swiss authorities in order to determine the exact amount of this contribution.

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 13.

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PFA 4/1 Headquarters building renovation project

IMEC WRITTEN STATEMENT

1. IMEC would like to thank the Office for this update on the HQ building renovations and security works.
2. IMEC welcomes the update on phase 2 of the renovation project and, in particular, the fact that temporary structure where the Governing Body and other conferences will be held has been completed in time for the 344th session of the Governing Body.
3. We note that the total budget for phase 2 of the HQ renovations (CHF130,355,000) and the budget for the security works (CHF22,899,000) exceeds the CHF150 million proceeds from the sale of plot 4057, but note also that the Office is in discussions with the government of the host country regarding a contribution and that the contract for the sale of plot 4057 included a provision for additional funds to be paid to the ILO depending on the development density approved for the use of the land. Given the uncertainty of these sums, IMEC encourages the Office to do all it can to find savings and complete phase 2 of the renovations and the security work under budget.
4. IMEC supports the points for decision.