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Matters relating to ILO premises

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 340th Session (October–November 2020),¹ the Governing Body was informed that the United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator had submitted a formal request for the establishment of a UN House to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in February 2020.
2. In February 2021, the Resident Coordinator sent a letter to the ILO Regional Office for Africa proposing to incorporate the future UN House into the renovation project of ILO-owned premises in Abidjan, and indicating the collective interest of 13 UN agencies to join this UN House by 2024. The same proposal was presented by the Resident Coordinator to the Government and a reply was received from the Government in March 2021 confirming its agreement, with no indication of any financial contribution or other details.
3. The option approved by the Governing Body in October 2020 was to renovate the current ILO building and create additional floor space to rent out to a number of other UN agencies at a cost of US\$7.2 million. The result of the Resident Coordinator's proposal would be the construction of a much larger UN House at the site of the current ILO building. The technical and financial implications for this new proposal will need to be reassessed.
4. The ILO formally replied to the Resident Coordinator, indicating its willingness to support the common premises initiative in the context of UN Reform, subject to confirmation from the

¹ GB.340/PFA/3

Government of Côte d'Ivoire of its commitment, in principle, to the financing of this future UN House. The reply was also copied to the government authorities concerned.

5. To date, no response has been received to the Office's latest communication. Upon receipt, the Office will present the new elements to the Governing Body for its consideration and approval.

▶ Draft decision

6. **The Governing Body took note of the update provided in document GB.344/PFA/4/2.**