



FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Premises for the Regional Office
for the Americas, Lima**

1. At its 285th Session (November 2002), the Subcommittee considered a revised proposal on the construction of the new Regional Office building in Lima. The paper¹ informed the Subcommittee that changes in circumstances had meant that rebuilding the Regional Office premises at its present location was a more viable proposition than acquiring a new site. On the recommendation of this Subcommittee, the Governing Body expressed its wish to continue the revised project in accordance with the stated estimate of \$1,850,000 and not exceeding the ceiling of \$2,000,000 fixed by the Governing Body in March 2002. It requested that the result of the bidding evaluation process for the construction of the building be submitted to the present session of the Governing Body.
2. Tender documentation, including detailed technical designs, was prepared in December 2002. In January 2003, the final documentation package was submitted to five contractors, who were first checked by the Office for their general standing and financial position, and known for their completion of similar projects in Peru. The date for the submissions of bids by contractors was set at 21 February 2003, to allow the contractors adequate time to prepare accurately their fixed price bids.
3. The Office will complete a technical and commercial evaluation of the tenders in early March 2003, and will submit its recommendations before the start of the present session of the Subcommittee.

Geneva, 10 February 2003.

¹ GB.285/PFA/BS/1.