



## TWELFTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Other financial questions****Major repairs to the water mains at the ILO headquarters**

1. During the course of this year, a number of water leaks were discovered in the area leading to the underground car park. Investigation into the cause of these leaks revealed that the piping, which provides fresh water to the building, is badly corroded and is leaking in a number of locations. The water leaks have been temporarily repaired but a more permanent solution is urgently required to prevent ground instability and water seepage. The investigation also determined that, due to the age of the installation (1972), carrying out extensive repairs would not be effective in terms of costs and would only provide a short-term solution. It was therefore decided that the replacement of the damaged section of the water mains would be the preferred option.
2. Following an international call for tenders, a contractor has been identified to carry out the necessary work at an estimated cost of 250,000 Swiss francs.
3. The main source of funding for the refurbishment and maintenance of ILO premises is the Building and Accommodation Fund which is financed from the regular budget and is also credited with income from the rental of available office and parking spaces. The current balance available on the Building and Accommodation Fund is some 7.3 million Swiss francs, including the reserve of 4.4 million Swiss francs for major repairs to technical installations such as air conditioning, heating, ventilation and sanitary installations. It is therefore proposed that the urgent repairs to the water mains be financed from the Building and Accommodation Fund.
4. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that it agree that the cost of urgent repairs to the water mains, estimated at 250,000 Swiss francs, be charged to the Building and Accommodation Fund.*

Geneva, 3 November 2005.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.