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Update on the headquarters building renovation project

Summary: This report provides the Governing Body with an update on phase 2 of the renovation works and on the status of the building works for the headquarters security perimeter project.

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Related documents: [GB.349/PFA/INF/2](#); [GB.347/PFA/INF/2](#); [GB.344/PFA/4/1](#); [GB.343/PFA/1](#); [GB.341/PFA/3\(Rev.1\)](#); [GB.341/PFA/3\(Add.1\)](#); [GB.340/PV](#); [GB.340/PFA/3](#); [GB.337/PV](#); [GB.337/PFA/2](#); [GB.337/PFA/2\(Add.1\)](#); [GB.335/PFA/3](#); [GB.335/PFA/3\(Add.\)](#); [GB.334/PV](#); [GB.334/PFA/2](#); [GB.332/PFA/3](#); [GB.326/PFA/3](#).

► Introduction

1. At its 341st Session (March 2021), the Governing Body approved the final scope of phase 2 of the headquarters building renovation project.¹
2. At its 343rd Session (November 2021), the Governing Body approved the proposed budget for phase 2 of the headquarters building renovation project set out in document GB.343/PFA/1, in line with the resources available from the sale of the land.²
3. At its 344th Session (March 2022), the Governing Body approved the proposed budget for the headquarters security perimeter project set out in document GB.344/PFA/4/1, in line with the resources available from the sale of ILO land.³
4. At its 346th Session (October–November 2022), the Office informed the Governing Body that the host country had confirmed a financial contribution of CHF4 million towards the security perimeter project.⁴
5. This document provides the Governing Body with an update on the progress in the phase 2 renovation works and on the building works for the headquarters security perimeter project.

► Phase 2 of the headquarters building renovation project

6. The second stage of works, stage 1B, continues its progress with the renovation of Rooms III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII, including the surrounding areas and offices. The number of rooms available during the renovation remains the same as before the renovation due to the additional rooms in the temporary building and the installation of two temporary conference rooms in the Library space.
7. The main contractor of the renovation project has stripped out the rooms under renovation and is currently fireproofing the structure and removing pollutant materials (asbestos, lead paint and PCB) embedded in paint and insulation.
8. Following a lessons learned process, the main contractor has restructured its team on site and has carried out an extensive design review process to optimize the reconstruction process and improve the user experience for staff, visitors and constituents during the works and to facilitate maintenance after the renovation.
9. The Office continues to work closely with the main contractor, which is actively working towards meeting the overall completion date of late 2025, with priority always being given to limiting cost. The Office is confident that through constant evaluation and value engineering the project will meet the agreed budget of CHF130.4 million.

¹ GB.341/PV, para. 881.

² GB.343/PV, para. 572.

³ GB.344/PV, para. 776.

⁴ GB.346/PFA/2/1, para. 9.

► Headquarters security perimeter project

10. Works are progressing well. Following the completion of the main concrete works, activities are currently centred around the installation of the impressive steel roof structure that will also form a canopy over the welcome pavilion and the guard house.
11. The site's perimeter fencing is progressing well; the associated spending for 2023 was some CHF3 million, in keeping with the agreement linked to the CHF4 million financial contribution by the host country.
12. The project is expected to be completed by late 2024 as planned, and within the budget of CHF22.9 million, plus or minus 10 per cent, approved by the Governing Body at its 344th Session (March 2022). The team continues to work actively on value engineering solutions with engineers and contractors.
13. The Office is hoping to be able to present shortly a new proposal for the cover over the accessible pathways to the local authorities, with the support of the Swiss Mission, in accordance with the Governing Body's guidance, with the aim of filing for a building permit later this year.

► Conclusion

14. The Office will provide the Governing Body with an update progress report on the headquarters building renovation project and the headquarters security perimeter project at its 352nd Session (November 2024).