



## TWELFTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Other financial questions****Funding of a technical survey  
of the headquarters building**

1. At its current session, this Committee, on the recommendation of its Building Subcommittee, requested the Office to commission an independent architectural and engineering survey of the headquarters building, as soon as possible.<sup>1</sup> It will also be recalled that budget recommendations for 2006-07 have been made by the Committee which include a provision for the funding for such a survey.
2. In view of the urgent nature of the requested survey, and in order to avoid delaying its commencement until 2006, it is proposed that work start immediately and that funding for expenditure incurred in 2005 be financed from the Building and Accommodation Fund on the understanding that amounts charged to this Fund would be reimbursed in 2006 from any provisions made for such a survey in the 2006-07 programme and budget.
3. Pending a call for competitive bids, it is estimated that the cost of a comprehensive technical survey of the headquarters building would be some 270,000 Swiss francs.
4. It will be recalled that the Committee, at its current session, proposed that 2.3 million Swiss francs be charged to the Building and Accommodation Fund for urgent repairs and refurbishments to be carried out in the headquarters building. Following this charge, the balance available on the Fund would be some 8 million Swiss francs.
5. *The Committee may therefore wish to recommend to the Governing Body that, in order to avoid delay in commencing an urgent comprehensive technical survey of the headquarters building, it agree that any costs incurred during 2005 in carrying out the survey, not exceeding 270,000 Swiss francs, be charged to the Building and Accommodation Fund on the understanding that the amount charged would be reimbursed to the Fund in 2006 from any provisions made in the 2006-07 programme and budget for such a survey.*

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*Point for decision:* Paragraph 5.

<sup>1</sup> GB.292/PFA/6.