



FOR INFORMATION

SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Update of renovation work on the headquarters building

Interpreters' equipment and booths, escalators and fire protection equipment

1. The Building Subcommittee will recall that, on its recommendation, the Governing Body agreed at its March 2005 session (document GB.292/9/1) to carry out urgent repairs and refurbishment on the interpreters' equipment and booths, the escalators and fire protection equipment in the headquarters building, estimated at 2,334,000 Swiss francs.
2. As regards refurbishment of the interpreters' equipment and booths, detailed specifications were drawn up so as to undertake an international competitive bidding process at the end of 2005. For formal reasons, the process was suspended and subsequently cancelled in May 2006. After review of the specifications by a civil engineering firm, the international competitive bidding process was reopened at the end of August 2006. Tenders are currently being examined and it should be possible to start work in 2007.
3. Concerning the escalators, an international competitive bidding process was initiated and the contract awarded for 195,500 Swiss francs. Prior to installation, a structural survey of the building was carried out by a consultant engineer, with the result that the work was postponed to 2007 so as to take his recommendations into account. In the meantime, the escalator supplier agreed to maintain and repair the existing escalators at own cost, and to maintain the price awarded in 2006.
4. Concerning the fire protection equipment, an international competitive bidding process was launched and the contract awarded at a price of 97,000 Swiss francs, with the work to be carried out in three stages:
 - 15 safety cabinets and two fire extinguishers were replaced in 2005;
 - four training courses were held for ILO security staff in 2005;
 - the rest of the fire extinguishers needing to be replaced, i.e. 224 units, will be replaced at the end of 2006 at the price awarded in 2005.

Lift for persons with disabilities

5. The Building Subcommittee will recall that, on its recommendation, the Governing Body agreed at its March 2006 session (document GB.295/9/1) that:
 - (a) the amount of 64,500 Swiss francs remaining from the allocation approved for the replacement of the escalators be used to partially finance the cost of installing a lift for persons with disabilities, estimated at 120,000 Swiss francs; and
 - (b) the balance of 55,500 Swiss francs be charged to the Building and Accommodation Fund.

An international competitive bidding process was initiated and the contract awarded at a price of 81,860 Swiss francs.

6. As in the case of the escalators, according to the established procedure an engineer is required to carry out a structural survey of the building prior to installation. As a result, the work was postponed to the end of 2006 or possibly 2007.

Repairs to the water mains at headquarters

7. The Building Subcommittee will recall that, on its recommendation, the Governing Body agreed at its November 2005 session (document GB.294/8/1(Rev.)) “that the cost of urgent repairs to the water mains, estimated at 250,000 Swiss francs, be charged to the Building and Accommodation Fund”.
8. An international competitive bidding process was initiated and the contract awarded at a price of 247,205 Swiss francs.
9. Work began in September 2006 and should be completed by the end of the year.

Kitchens and restaurants

10. An international competitive bidding process was initiated in August 2006 for partial refurbishment of the kitchens and restaurants at the north end of the headquarters building. Estimated at around 1,200,000 Swiss francs, the cost of the work will be covered by the current operator of the restaurants under its contract with the ILO for the period up to the end of 2007. The ILO will supervise the award of the contract and monitor the work.
11. At this stage, it is planned to initiate a new competitive bidding process in 2007 for the continuation of the restaurant renovation described in the previous paragraph.

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