



## **FOR INFORMATION**

### FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## **Update on the status of renovations at headquarters**

1. The purpose of this document is to inform the Building Subcommittee of the status of the ongoing renovation activities at the headquarters building in Geneva. It provides an update to the status report circulated to members in mid-January 2009.

### **Urgent works**

2. At its 297th Session (November 2007), the Governing Body approved the use of up to 7.7 million Swiss francs (CHF) for urgent repairs to the headquarters building. Contracts of CHF4.9 million have been issued with a further CHF1.6 million currently under negotiation. The total of CHF6.5 million is anticipated to be sufficient to complete the urgent works on the car parks, the main roof, the east and west terraces and the two service lifts.

### **Parking, roof and terraces**

3. The workplan presented to the Subcommittee in November 2008 in relation to these three items is being respected and the works should be completed by the end of October 2009.

### **Service lifts**

4. Work on the first service lift (south side) is scheduled to commence at the end of February 2009 and should be completed by the end of May 2009. Work on the second service lift (north side) will start at the end of July 2009 and should be completed by the end of October 2009.

## **Other works in progress**

### **Lift for persons with disabilities**

5. The bidding process is completed and the works will start after the Governing Body session in March 2009 subject to the availability of the contracting firms. Works will last approximately six months with a break during the International Labour Conference in June 2009.

### **Restaurants and kitchen**

6. The replacement of the damaged and obsolete equipment in the kitchen is under way and this should be completed by the end of March 2009.
7. The bidding procedure concerning the refurbishment of sections of the restaurant is being finalized. The work is planned for the summer of 2009.

### **Conference rooms**

8. Discussions are ongoing with the company that refurbished a number of ILO meeting rooms. The company has been requested to rectify the faulty interpretation equipment provided. The company has sought a review by the equipment provider to determine liability. This continues to prevent the full use of the four recently renovated meeting rooms. As the beneficiary under a certificate of guarantee against any defects in the interpretation equipment installed during the refurbishment project, the Office should not be liable for costs associated with remedial work.

Geneva, 16 February 2009.

*Submitted for information.*