

# 28th SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND FINANCE

## AGENDA ITEM 9

# Update on plans for the IOM Headquarters building

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# PLANS FOR THE IOM HQ BUILDING – UPDATE 5

## Study Loan

- Study loan application submitted to the Permanent Mission of Switzerland on 9th December 2020 in the amount CHF 5.7 million.
- The loan request has been formally agreed upon by the Swiss Federal Council in March 2021.
- The request will be submitted to the Parliament at the end of 2021 for inclusion in the Host Government's budget for 2022.
- The loan will be available for the Organization in beginning of 2022 following the signing of a loan contract.
- This is part of the total building cost of CHF 72 million, with the remaining amount of CHF 66.3 million for the construction loan.

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## Project activities

The Administration is preparing all documents and processes for an architectural competition planned for 2022 based on an SIA 142 framework. This includes:

- Detailed description of the program and project parts following broad consultations with the project stakeholders and end users.
- Establishment of a Staff Consultation Group to facilitate engagement with staff.
- Development of Disability Inclusion Strategy as well as Sustainability Strategies.
- Compilation of list of architectural firms to be invited to participate in the architectural competition.
- Development framework for the selection of Jury members which will include IOM representatives, independent architects, and host State representatives.



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## **Project activities: ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION**

Long list of architects (34) from all regions

Shortlist of about 15 architects in line with established criteria which will include:

- Quality of work and demonstrated achievements
- Experience and engagements with the UN, NGOs and other international establishments
- Diversity and Inclusion in building standards
- Continuous improvement and development and knowledge transfer
- Environmental considerations – Green Buildings
- Security standards
- Flexibility/adaptability of architectural approach
- Knowledge of Swiss construction laws and practices

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## Ongoing reviews

- To ensure full compliance with regulatory requirements and local constructions laws, the Administration regularly consults with Swiss authorities.
- Ongoing discussion with the relevant authorities of the host State on the possible ways to coordinate the impact the two remaining buildings of the adjoining Centre Administratif des Morillons (CAM) in the architectural competition.
- Ongoing discussion with FIPOI on options for shared services with the neighboring CAM buildings regarding outdoor spaces and landscaping, shared installations like the heating room serving all three buildings.
- Land Lease Agreement under negotiation with the view to finalize as soon as possible as this is required for the construction loan application.

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## Coordination with Swiss authorities

- Operational Group – comprising of representatives of the Canton of Geneva, FIPOI and IOM – discusses operational and technical issues to clarify the future of adjacent State of Geneva-owned buildings on the CAM site.
- The Coordination Committee, which is composed of representatives of the host Government (Federal Department of Foreign Affairs), the Canton of Geneva, FIPOI and IOM. Discussions on the loan contract and the land lease agreement renewal will be discussed at next meeting.



# THANK YOU

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