

30TH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND FINANCE

AGENDA ITEM 9

Update on plans for the IOM Headquarters building

PLANS FOR THE IOM HQ BUILDING – UPDATE 6

Study Loan

- The loan request has been formally agreed upon by the host State in December 2021.
- The contract for the study loan of 5,7 million Swiss Francs was signed on 7 March 2022.
- This loan will cover the activities of the Administration from 2022 to 2025 to obtain a building permit and prepare tender documents for the construction.
- 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

Selection of a project and an architect through an international competition:

- 15 architects invited from a longlist of 34 firms from all regions of the world.
- Selection of the 15 invited architects through a list of criteria such as
 - a) Equality, diversity and inclusion: 3 architects in each region (Asia; Africa and Middle-East; Europe; Latin America; North America); 9 woman-owned firms.
 - b) Contribution to regional development, knowledge transfer.
 - c) Experience in collaborating with UN Agency or NGO or IOM Country Office.
 - d) Environmental approach
 - e) Quality of research and achievements
- 14 projects submitted on the 3rd of June, anonymously.
- A jury, composed of IOM representatives, representatives of the host State and Professionals will choose a winning entry on 29 June.

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Consultation with stakeholders and end-users:

- Program parts and future workspace reviewed and discussed within a Staff Consultation Group and specialists in inclusion, healthy workspace, conference, security.
- Visit of best practice and reference office buildings with end users and stakeholders.
- Consultation on lessons learned and adaptation to Covid-19 with other International Organizations and similar projects.
- Test of furniture and equipment for the new HQ Building in the newly rented premises at 13 Route des Morillons.

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Coordination with Swiss authorities

- Working Group – comprising of representatives of FIPOI, UNESCO and IOM – discusses operational and technical issues to clarify the future of the adjacent State of Geneva-owned buildings on the Centre Administratif Morillons site.
- There continue to be regular exchange between IOM, Canton of Geneva and FIPOI related to IOM's building project development, the study loan and the land lease agreement.

THANK YOU