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**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE SAFETY AND
SECURITY STANDARDS FOR THE EXISTING WIPO BUILDINGS**

prepared by the Secretariat

INTRODUCTION

1. At its thirteenth session, the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO the implementation of the project to upgrade the safety and security standards (document WO/PBC/13/6(a)) and approved the appropriation of 1,000,000 Swiss francs in 2009 and of 6,600,000 Swiss francs in the 2010-2011 period, making a total of 7,600,000 Swiss francs, for this purpose from the reserves.
2. At the forty-sixth series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, in December 2008, the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO approved the proposal of the PBC to upgrade the safety and security standards and its financing, in accordance with document WO/PBC/13/6 (a).
3. The aim of the present document is to present the PBC with a progress report on the project to upgrade the safety and security standards for the existing WIPO buildings covering the period of time since its approval by the Member States.
4. It is recalled that the project to upgrade the safety and security standards of the buildings owned by WIPO is in line with the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Security Management System and that it concerns the upgrading to the United Nations Headquarters Minimum Operational Security Standard (UN H-MOSS).

5. The project to upgrade the safety and security standards comprises three main phases. Phase I, the preliminary project, consists in gathering and analyzing the necessary information on the systems, infrastructure and cabling of the existing buildings in order to draw up safety and security plans and a security concept in accordance with the project framework and H-MOSS standards. Phase II involves the preparation of the specifications, including the execution dossiers for the firms, issuing invitations to tender and acquiring the equipment and systems. Phase III relates to the execution of the work up to the full handover of the installations to WIPO and staff training. Phase I will begin at the start of August 2009.

I. COORDINATION

6. Taking into account the close links between the construction project under way, the possible new conference hall and the project to upgrade the safety and security standards for the existing buildings, the Secretariat decided in April 2009 to entrust the management of all these projects to a single administrative structure: the Construction Committee and the New Construction Project Internal Monitoring Team on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the Pilot for the new construction project under way. Furthermore, in order to take advantage of the synergies between the projects, a number of agents (architects, engineers) who had been appointed previously for the new construction project under way were requested to assist in the project to upgrade the safety and security standards for the existing buildings, namely, a consortium of electrical engineering firms specializing in security and system integration.

7. These decisions were taken with a view to optimizing the preparation, coordination and decision-making aspects of all these projects, which represent major investments for the Organization and which require strict observance of parallel schedules and numerous immediate operational measures.

II. COORDINATION WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

8. In January 2009, the Secretariat reinitiated the collaboration with the Host Country concerning the perimeter protection of the existing buildings. Through the Building Foundation for International Organizations (FIPOI), the Host Country has given its full support in updating the project to provide perimeter protection for the buildings, which has allowed a common protection concept to be devised for all the Organization's buildings.

9. Taking into account the close links between the projects, FIPOI and its agents have collaborated not only with the Secretariat but also with the architects working on the projects under way, in order to find better solutions for the protection of WIPO buildings. By mutual agreement, FIPOI and the Secretariat have expressed their desire to create a single security perimeter around all the Organization's buildings.

10. The preliminary studies concerning the security perimeter, including anti-vehicle and anti-pedestrian intrusion measures, have been fully completed. The detailed studies began in July 2009 with a view to requesting a construction permit in the course of summer 2009.

11. In coordination with the Host Country, the creation of the security perimeter around the WIPO buildings is scheduled for 2010-2011.

III. PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY STANDARDS OF THE BUILDINGS OWNED BY WIPO

(a) Progress report

12. The project to upgrade the safety and security standards is progressing as planned and scheduled, with a view to completion at the end of 2011. As of the date of this document, the preliminary project phase has moved on as regards the perimeter protection. With regard to the interior protection measures, the execution of the detailed security concept (Phase I) for the existing buildings is due to start at the beginning of August 2009.

13. Taking into account the possibility of a new conference hall with a capacity of around 900 seats, the security reception capacity has had to be revised in relation to the basic project. Specifications have been drawn up by the Secretariat for the architects, who have conducted preliminary studies for a visitor center as well as shared exterior facilities for all WIPO buildings (existing buildings, new construction, and the proposed new conference hall project). The visitor center will be the first point of contact for delegates and visitors to the Organization and will be the main entrance to WIPO. The initial project to upgrade the safety and security standards included a visitor center (between 80 and 100 m²) estimated at 700,000 Swiss francs. The new visitor center will need to have a larger reception capacity area taking into account the accreditation and screening of future users of the new conference hall project if approved.

(b) Objectives achieved in 2009

14. The H-MOSS project, as approved by Member States, sets the following objectives for 2009:

- Procurement of visual search equipment
- Procurement of explosives detection systems
- Installation of a dedicated Gigabit Ethernet Local Area Network for safety and security applications and systems (LAN SSCS).
- Studies and the development of the security concept for existing buildings, including carrying out a fire safety audit for the existing buildings.

15. In June 2009, the Secretariat purchased the visual search equipment for 43,451 Swiss francs, initially budgeted at 80,000 Swiss francs. This equipment is in the process of being delivered and will be brought into operation following a period of staff training for WIPO's Safety and Security Coordination Service.

16. In close cooperation with the specialized security services of the United Nations and of the Host Country, the Secretariat has carried out a technical assessment of several systems for the detection of explosive traces designed for the inspection of vehicles and persons and for making particular events such as international conferences secure. A procurement process will be launched in the second half of 2009, in accordance with WIPO's Procurement and Purchase General Principles, Framework and Procedures.

(c) Objectives continuing in 2009

17. The appointment in July 2009 of a consortium of electrical engineering firms specializing in the integration of safety and security systems will allow the development of the detailed safety and security concept during the second half of 2009. The analysis of the

existing infrastructure and systems, the allocation of the necessary premises for the security project implementation and the definition of the technical needs are the many tasks to be carried out during this period. Despite the time required for the project coordination phase, the objectives for implementing the security concept should be respected.

18. Rolling out the computer network necessary for the safety and security applications will depend on the new allocation of premises of the Organization. As requested by the Secretariat, a new plan for the allocation of premises should be implemented during the second half of 2009. This will establish the precise location of the premises necessary for implementing the security concept, namely the creation of the Safety and Security Control Operations Center.

(d) Updated budget and project financing

19. It is recalled that, on the recommendation of the PBC, Member States approved, during their respective sessions in December 2008, the budget and financing for the project to update the safety and security standards of the buildings owned by the Organization.

20. As of the date of this document, the purchases made (equipment for visual searches of vehicles) were below the amounts budgeted, namely 43,451 Swiss francs compared to the anticipated amount of 80,000 Swiss francs. The fixed fee for the necessary services to be provided by the consortium of electrical engineering firms is also below the budgeted amount, namely 243,040 Swiss francs compared to the budgeted amount of 360,000 Swiss francs.

21. The commitments up to the end of 2009 are the purchase of the system for the detection of explosives for a budgeted amount of 80,000 Swiss francs, a study concerning fire protection and prevention for the existing buildings for an amount of 30,000 Swiss francs and preliminary studies for the creation of the Safety and Security Control Operations Center (architect and civil engineer fees) for an amount of 200,000 Swiss francs.

22. With regard to phases II and III, which are due to be carried out from 2010, invitations to tender will be issued and the adjudication procedures conducted in accordance with WIPO's Procurement and Purchase General Principles, Framework and Procedures.

23. The actual cost of the project will ultimately depend on the price paid by the Organization to the firms selected at the end of the procurement and purchase procedure. As of the date of this document, the budget for the project to update the safety and security standards does not require revision.

24. The Program and Budget Committee is invited to take note of the present report.

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