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

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INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this document is to present to the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) a progress report on the project to upgrade the safety and security standards for the existing WIPO buildings covering the period since the presentation of the previous progress report during the 18th session of the PBC in September 2011 (WO/PBC/18/6).

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

2. The building permit application relating to the creation of the Control Center in the GBI building was granted on August 15, 2011 by the Geneva cantonal authorities.

3. The additional building permit application for the WIPO security perimeter was granted on December 13, 2011 by the Geneva cantonal authorities.

PROJECT PROGRESS

4. At the time this document was drafted, the main elements of the project were in the following phases :

Project elements	Current state	Forecast
WIPO security perimeter measures	Phase III ongoing (work being undertaken)	Completion of work end 2013
Internal security measures	Phase III ongoing (work being undertaken)	Completion of work end 2013

5. The phasing of the security perimeter measures being undertaken in line with the construction of the new conference hall and the access center which will be located in front of the AB building will be adapted on the basis of the progress made on these work sites.

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED BETWEEN JUNE 2011 AND END OF APRIL 2012

6. Work on the Control Center began in February 2012 and will be completed in June 2012. The Center will become operational during the autumn of 2012.

7. The security perimeter measures were also launched in February 2012. At the time this document was drafted, the first sector located on the garden side was in the process of completion.

USE OF THE APPROVED BUDGET

8. It is recalled that financing for the project to upgrade the safety and security standards for the existing buildings is covered up to a limit of five million Swiss francs by the Host Country, the Organization's share of the financing will be 7,600,000 Swiss francs (see documents WO/PBC/13/6(a), A/46/6(a) et A/46/12).

9. At the time this document was drafted, a total amount of 5,725,536 Swiss francs had been committed, divided up as follows:

	Amounts in Swiss francs
Budget approved by the Member States in December 2008 (document A/46/10 Rev.)	7,600,000
Host country participation	5,000,000
Total available budget	12,600,000

State of commitments as at March 31, 2012	Amounts in Swiss francs
Amounts committed by WIPO	3,682,866
Amounts committed by the Host Country	2,042,670
Total amounts committed	5,725,536

Balance of commitments as at March 31, 2012	Amounts in Swiss francs
Available WIPO balance	3,917,134
Available host country balance	2,957,330
Total available balance	6,874,464

10. The Program and Budget Committee is invited to recommend to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the content of this document.

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