



## **Capital Master Plan**

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to the Fifth Committee

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Good morning, Mr Chairman and Distinguished Delegates.

On behalf of Under-Secretary-General Takasu, I am pleased to introduce the Secretary-General's eleventh annual progress report on the capital master plan (A/68/352), and its addendum (A/68/352/Add.1) which reports upon the associated costs.

In summary, the CMP project is proceeding well, on the overall schedule from last year. The progress on the capital master plan to date represents a successful accomplishment of a major project for the Organization.

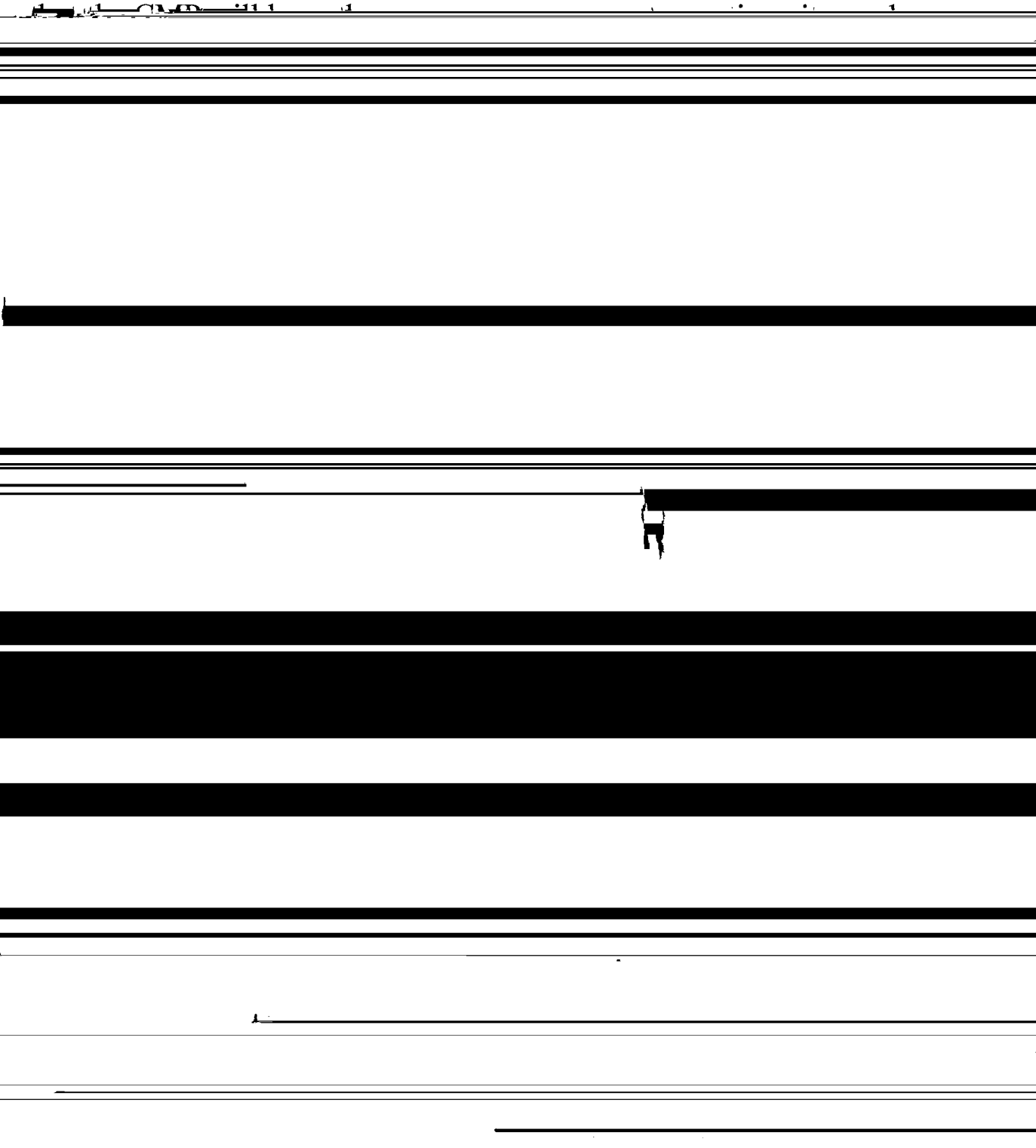
We are grateful for the support and understanding of the General Assembly to keep this project on track to date. The strong political and financial support by Member States has made such progress possible.

The Secretariat and the Conference Buildings are now completed and fully in use, and the renovation of the General Assembly Building is currently underway.

The General Debate of the 68<sup>th</sup> session took place successfully

We are confident that the General Assembly Hall will be renovated by summer 2014 and that the CMP will be completed on time.

However, critical decisions by the General Assembly regarding the financing of the project need to be resolved to ensure



We therefore need your assistance to find and agree on a path that will allow the completion of the project.

(3) the reconfiguration and successful use of the temporary  
North Law Building as a temporary General Assembly

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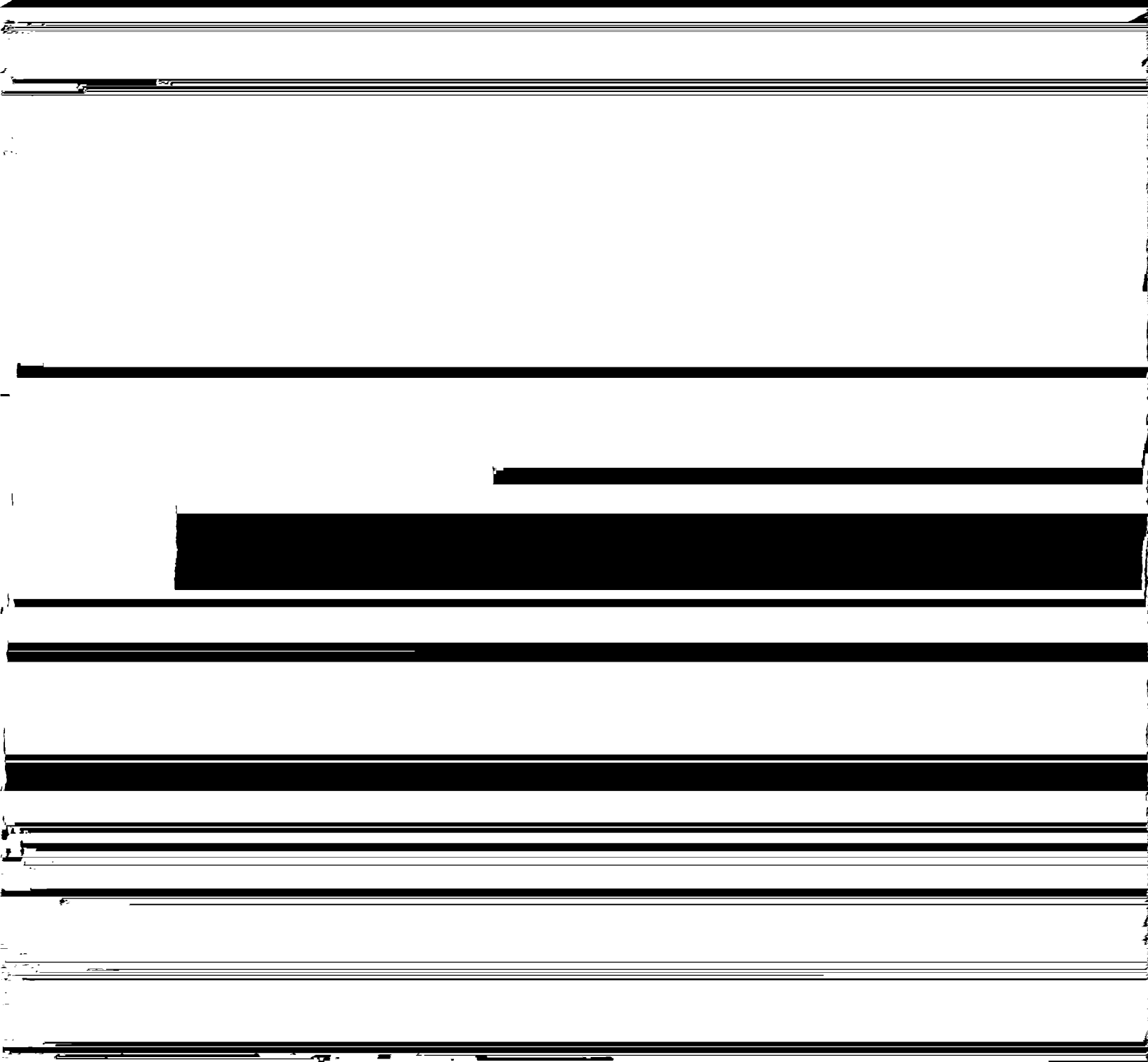
(4) the commencement of the renovation of the General  
Assembly Hall

The project is moving forward very well, at an accelerated pace, and the end of this significant effort is in sight. Most importantly, the General Assembly Hall will be renovated in time for the General Debate in September 2014, and the overall project

The Office of Capital Master Plan worked closely with other departments, consultants, construction managers, designers and other industry partners to capture these lessons learned and best-practice examples and innovations for the benefit of future projects.

Section 7 provides an update on the Capital Master Plan

Development Programs including the following information:



Should these recommendations be endorsed by the General Assembly, the capital master plan project would be completed without further assessed contributions by Member States. If these recommendations are not supported, the CMD will run out of cash

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and the cost of the secondary data centre is \$15 million. Together, these costs total \$156.4 million.

The associated costs and the cost of the secondary data were not included in the original scope of work. The General Assembly recognized the need for these costs and between 2008 and 2013 approved expenditures, but decided to charge these to capital master plan funds.

In the last two years the General Assembly has authorised the

We are within several months of the conclusion to this multi-year project. I am convinced that the Fifth Committee will find a way to ensure that the capital master plan is successfully completed

step to resolve the project cost shortfall, the associated costs and the cost of the secondary data centre.

Thank you, Mr Chairman and Delegates.