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**Fifth Committee of the General Assembly
Thursday, 9 November 2017**

**Report for the Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission
for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago (A/72/367)**

**Remarks by Mr. Dmitri Dovgopoly, Officer-in-Charge,
Office of Central Support Services,
Department of Management**

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

**I am pleased to introduce the Secretary-
the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in
Santiago, Chile (A/72/367).
proposed renovation of**

while ensuring the well-being of staff, delegates and visitors. The project would make the building net-zero in energy terms and would deliver a marked reduction in operational, maintenance and energy costs and provide a more efficient functional workspace with appropriate indoor environmental quality; in other words: proper air, light and ventilation.

The proposed design for the renovated North Building would greatly reduce long-term operational and maintenance costs. This would be achieved by incorporating innovative, passive insulation features in , more efficient lighting and other sustainable design features.

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, acting as the project owner, is fully committed to the success of this project. As with other new construction and major maintenance projects undertaken by the Secretariat, the Office of Central Support Services in New York will provide the necessary oversight, technical guidance, coordination and advice for the project.

Two implementation strategies have been considered for this renovation project; a) through programmed multiple interventions over time, and b) through the execution of a single capital project.

The Secretary-General recommends

will be joined via videoconference by the Project Executive, Ms. Andrea Marques and her team at ECLAC in Santiago, who will be able to answer questions raised.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and distinguished Delegates.

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Report on the Strategic Capital Review (A/72/393)

**Remarks by Mr. Dmitri Dovgopoly, Officer-in-Charge,
Office of Central Support Services,
Department of Management**

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to introduce the Secretary-General's report on the Strategic Capital Review (A/72/393). The report is the fourth in the last five years on the development of a 20-year projection of capital requirements across the global secretariat, referred to as the Strategic Capital Review. This report is intended to be a rolling programme used by the Secretariat in identifying capital requirements, and to alert Member States about anticipated project proposals going forward in future budget cycles.

The key objectives of the review have remained consistent in the previous reports; these are: to provide safe and healthy working environments for United Nations delegates, visitors and staff over the long-term, to ensure compliance with the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; to maintain property value, to maximize space usage efficiency in existing spaces, to modernize building systems and move towards more energy efficient facilities; and to preserve heritage assets and minimize work disruption during capital improvement projects.

The purpose of the present report is to provide updated information on the ongoing development and refinement of the 20-year rolling capital programme, and on the status of detailed studies for several proposed projects. In particular, the report provides updated information on the four (4) cost-benefit comparisons that were assessed for the purpose of projecting capital requirements, namely: a) "run to fail"; b) replace at the end of anticipated useful life; c) extend the useful life through incremental recapitalisation; and d) business-focused maintenance, all of which are aligned to the industry best practices described by the Board of Auditors in their December 2014 report on 'Lessons from the United Nations Capital Master Plan.

The General Assembly is requested to take note of the report, and Tequeto 5-2(h)-3(e)41