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was recruited, and, following protracted negotiations with the contractor, I am pleased to report that final works on site have since progressed expeditiously. Completion of these works is now planned for the end of April 2018. The Mechanism's own assessment is that 75% of the punch-list items have now been completed, which is to be confirmed during inspection by the Architect in April 2018 as required under the contract.

During the year of occupancy, the project team has recorded design related deficiencies. The most significant one pertains to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) presently installed on the premises. The output does not meet the air quality, temperature range and humidity standards required by the Mechanism in the archives

guidance of the Office of Central Support Services, the Office of Legal Affairs and other Secretariat Departments, the efforts of Mechanism staff with the assistance of the ICTY prior to its closure. We will provide comprehensive information on the outstanding project items (defects remedy and exercise of contractual remedies) in the final progress report.

The General Assembly is requested to take note of progress made on the project during the reporting period.

Together with members of my team, as well as the Office of Central Support Services here in New York, we will be available to answer questions of the committee during informal consultations immediately following this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates.

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