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**Statement by  
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Madame Chair, distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce to you today the Secretary-Annual Progress Report on the Capital Master Plan (CMP), A/73/317 submitted in accordance with the requests contained in resolutions 57/292 and 70/239.

Since the General Assembly last took up this issue during the 72<sup>nd</sup> session, following the final completion of all construction works including punch-lists and commissioning achieved in August 2017, all administrative tasks required to close out the contracts were completed by March 2018 with the exception of a number of invoices which are subject to the two ongoing arbitration cases.

I am pleased to advise that the cost of all construction and close-out activities is being met from within the existing approved resources for the capital master plan project. The financial position of the project remains consistent with

\$159.4 million and the \$100 million funding for the enhanced security upgrades.

Substantial benefits have been realized from the capital master plan. Energy consumption for the whole of 2017 was reduced by 55% compared with the pre-CMP baseline levels of 2006. Though also dependent on fluctuating weather patterns, energy consumption data for the first six months shows we are on track to maintain this low level of energy use for 2018.