



Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

I thank Hanna S. Tetteh, Under-Secretary General and Director of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) for presenting the Secretary-General's Report on the progress on the Redeployment of Office Blocks A, B

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment. The Government of Kenya looks forward to supporting you.

My delegation welcomes your Report

More significantly, UNON plays an important role in Africa in view of the

fact that it is the only duty station in the global south that hosts the global headquarters of UN organizations, the United Nations Environment

Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements

Chair,

The United Nations Offices' presence in Nairobi has expanded over the

years.

In order to accommodate all United Nations funds, programs and agencies, new additional office facilities were constructed in 2010.

Building Block A, constructed in the 1970s, initially as semi-permanent

buildings, have reached the end of their design life. They no longer comply with important standards and codes.

They include:

beyond repair. The wiring presents a risk of fire

In essence, the buildings are beyond repair.

We take note of the project proposals and in particular efforts made to

ensure the future space needs of the organization are taken into account in light of increasing requests received by UNON to provide additional office

space to current tenants who will be

Chair,

In light of the benefits and measures, I have outlined aimed at enhancing the presence of UNON, it is clear that further investment in Kenya makes financial sense in terms of costs. Considering that the investment addresses the organization's future specific requirements, it is a prudent financial decision.

Last but not least, there is certainly no doubt that the expenditure of UNON compared to expenditures of other UN duty stations away from headquarters do not even compare in the least

Some of these duty stations receive support to the level of \$ 1 billion

