



Capital Master Plan

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Fifth Committee

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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates:

I am pleased to introduce to you today the Secretary-General's seventeenth annual progress report on the Capital Master Plan A/74/303, submitted in accordance with the requests contained in resolutions 57/292 and 70/239.

As noted at our last appearance before the Committee in November 2018, all administrative tasks required to close out Capital Master Plan contracts were completed by March 2018 - with the exception of some invoices subject to the two ongoing arbitration cases. It is solely due to the need to wait for the completion of these cases that we are unable to close the project.

In this context, I can advise that the two arbitration cases brought by the construction management company are still on-going, and the Office of Legal Affairs, with the help of outside legal counsel, is vigorously defending the interests of the Organization in these matters.

I would also inform the Committee that the financial position of the project remains consistent with the projection presented in the previous, sixteenth annual progress report.

In this regard, the total approved funding for the Capital Master Plan project and the final cost of completion is \$2,150.4 million. This amount comprises appropriations for the original project scope of \$1,876.7 million, donations of \$14.3 million, and \$159.4 million and \$100 million funding for the enhanced security upgrades.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates. My colleagues and I will be pleased to answer your questions.