



**Agenda item 138
Proposed programme budget for 2022**

**Progress on the renovation of the North Building at the
Economic Commission for Latin America and the
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

1. I would like to introduce the Secretary-General's report on progress on the Building envelope and reconstruct it by reutilizing its current structure and demolished materials to attain a code-compliant, safe, and efficient office building extending its

2. The design stage has successfully concluded, complying with the objectives regarding seismic mitigation measures, energy efficiency strategies and compliance with industry codes and health and safety standards. Three dimensional models of the existing structural components and reinforcement were generated to ensure seismic and structural reinforcements according to updated seismic codes, including the coverage of non-structural elements during a seismic event, thereby safeguarding the lives of the building occupants. The tendering process for general construction along with other project components is currently ongoing. Active monitoring of the international and local markets is also ongoing to identify possible fluctuations caused by the current global pandemic. Close and regular coordination with the lead consulting firm, the independent