

Statement of the Chairman

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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Progress on the replacement of office blocks - A/76/7/Add.17 (A/76/30) 103

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report (A/76/7/Add.17) on the Progress on the replacement of office blocks at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

As regards the new master plan, the Committee notes that it forms the basis of the current scope, maximum overall costs and implementation strategy for the project and although greater clarity of the scope of the construction components is provided, further clarity is needed in the current plan in terms of the footprint of J blocks of project governance. The Committee stresses the importance of close coordination between UNON and the Secretariat in New York to ensure proper oversight and governance of the project and that complete information, including on governance structures, will be provided in future reports.

With regards to the project schedule, the Committee notes the need to present more detailed information and recommends the standardization of the reporting format across construction projects and the inclusion of all pertinent information. The

Committee also notes the net reduction in the overall number of staff resulting from the 2021 office space survey and trusts that the potential implications of such changes will be provided to the General Assembly. With regards to risk management, taking into consideration the improved level of confidence of 47 per cent compared with the previous year's confidence level of 27 per cent, the Committee trusts that the Secretary General will continue to closely monitor and mitigate project risks, to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline.

In terms of the new office building of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and/or the International Organization for Migration, the Committee notes that it will not have any adverse impact on the cost or schedule of the AI project. Nevertheless, the potential economy of scale or efficiency gains are currently unknown and the Committee recommends that additional details on the potential efficiencies and energy-related savings be provided in the next progress report.

The Committee notes the need for standardisation also as regards the cost plan and related expenditures and recommends that information be included on the evolution of the cost plan since the inception of the project, showing variations and explanations, as well as monthly and projected expenditures in future progress reports. The Committee further notes that, although the scope and cost plan had not changed, the summary cost plan did not contain a sufficiently detailed breakdown by line item and therefore recommends that

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l'augmentation du niveau de confiance, qui s'est établi à 47 %, contre 27 % l'année précédente, il compte que le

États Membres. Le Comité consultatif réaffirme qu'il importe, d'une part, de fournir des informations sur les stratégies de rendement énergétique et les économies devant en résulter et, d'autre, part, de veiller à utiliser des matériaux d'origine et de fabrication locales et à faire appel à la main-d'œuvre et aux savoir-faire locaux.

Monsieur le Président, je vous remercie.