

CMP Update

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"Are there areas of the Secretariat building that can have lesser standards" with regard to safety, fire and building codes.

During a press conference today, ASG Reuter responded with an emphatic NO to that question.

Mr. Reuter also gave a presentation to the ACABQ on the results of the 60-day review of the Capital Master Plan, which are included in a report by the Secretary-General.



Highlights of the report and the press briefing are below:

- under the recommended plan, the Secretary-General would remain on site throughout.
- there would be a phased approach to renovation. The Secretariat building would be renovated ten floors at a time, starting from the top down. There would be an empty floor between floors under construction and those still being used.
- each of the ten floors selected to move off site might not be accommodated in one location. It is expected that the CMP will begin looking for swing space options next Spring.
- temporary conference facilities would be built on the North Lawn. They would first be used to house the General Assembly, while that building is refurbished. Then, they would be used to accommodate only those meetings affected by each particular phase of the Conference Building refurbishment; meetings would continue in the unaffected part of the Conference Building (which would be renovated by floors in two phases).
- the CMP team is still interested in the UNDC-5 project to consolidate UN offices.
- it is proposed that the CMP be funded through Member States assessment (on a \$300 million a year annual basis) against which letters of credit might be raised, but any proposed US loan could still be used as further security, which would lower costs
- work would start in mid-2007 with a projected completion date of late 2013, and some minor work to be done in 2014.

The iSeek team is working with CMP staff to keep you updated on developments.