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Report of the Secretary-General on Construction of a new facility for the International

Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

(A/66/754)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished members of the Committee

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General, entitled “Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha Branch”, contained in document A/66/754.
2. The present report is submitted pursuant to a request of the General Assembly contained in its resolution 66/240 of 24 December 2011, by which the Assembly, among others, decided to appropriate an initial amount of \$3 million for the construction, in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, of new facilities for the Arusha Branch of the Mechanism.
3. The report provides the requested information and an update on the progress of the project, including details of a comprehensive project management plan, programmatic and functional requirements, a conceptual design and milestones from design to construction to occupation.
4. The project began in January 2012 and is expected to take approximately five years to complete, concluding with occupancy in 2017. The report outlines key project milestones, including the recruitment of a project manager, identification of a site, the hiring of a design consultancy firm, planning and design activities, the hiring of a contracting firm, as well as construction and occupancy.
5. The General Assembly is requested to take note of the report.
6. Thank you Mr. Chairman.
