



**Introductory remarks by
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**Formal Meeting of the Fifth Committee
on its consideration of the 14th Annual Progress Report
on the Capital Master Plan
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Good morning Madam Chairman and Distinguished Delegates.

I am pleased to introduce the Secretary-General's Fourteenth Annual Progress Report on the Capital Master Plan. The report, which was submitted in accordance with the request contained in paragraph 34 of section II of resolution 57/292 and paragraph 16 of resolution 70/239, provides an update on the implementation of the Capital Master Plan, including its financial position.

The objectives of the project have been successfully achieved. The renovated UN Headquarters meets the highest standards with respect to fire safety, security, energy conservation and accessibility, applying the Host City's building, safety and fire codes. The campus provides a modernized and safe environment to delegates, employees, and visitors.

Major efforts were undertaken with respect to asbestos abatement, enhancement of security infrastructure and equipment, installation of sprinkler systems and complete fire alarm systems, replacement of the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, as well as lighting and ceilings, and upgrade of the electrical wiring and panels.

All the works, including commissioning and punch-list corrective work, undertaken by the construction management company under 24 guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contracts, is completed, except for two on-going activities - the landscaping of the North Lawn and the security-related work at 42nd and 48th Street entrances.

The primary three buildings - Secretariat Building, Conference Building and the General Assembly - as well as the Basements and various complex systems integrated in these buildings, have now achieved the status of "Final Completion" and are fully operational. Corresponding certificates were issued by the architects and engineers of record.

Also, the interim arrangements for the relocation of the cafeteria functions from the South Annex Building, the refurbishment of Dag Hammarskjöld Library Building, and the new

classrooms in the third basement area of the North Lawn Building have achieved “Final Completion” status.

The demolition and the removal of the temporary North Lawn Building were completed, and the landscaping works are in their final stages with final completion expected by 31 December 2016.

The remaining security-related work at the 42nd and 48th Street entrances to the Service Drive are being undertaken by vendors that were selected through the standard procurement process and are managed directly by the Secretariat. These works are on-going with substantial completion expected by 31 December 2016 and final completion by 1 April 2017.

We are working in close collaboration with the Office of Legal Affairs, as well as with the host government to expedite the issuance of the permits by the local city authorities for the 48th street entrance works.

There are still some remaining close-out activities, related to several contracts with the construction management company, to reconcile final payments and accounts, as well as with the architects, engineer and consultants.

The financial position of the project remains consistent with the projection presented in the update to the thirteenth annual progress report.

As of 30 June 2016, the total approved funding for the capital master plan project and the final cost to complete is \$2,150.4 million. This amount comprises appropriations for the original project scope of \$1,876.7 million, donations of \$14.3 million, interest income and the plan’s working capital reserve amounting to \$159.4 million and \$100.0 million funding for the enhanced security upgrades.

The costs of all the interim arrangements, post-renovation construction, and close-out activities are met from within the existing approved resources of the capital master plan project.

Thank you, Madam Chairman and Distinguished Delegates.