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### **COST-SHARING ISSUES WITH VIC-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Report by the Director-General**

Discusses developments with respect to consultations with other VIC-based organizations on the issues of buildings management and support to the Vienna chapter of the Group of 77 and China, in compliance with conclusion 98/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee.

#### **Abbreviations**

CTBTO	Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
UNOV	United Nations Office at Vienna
VIC	Vienna International Centre

### **Introduction**

1. The transfer of responsibility for buildings management to another VIC-based organization and support to the Vienna chapter of the Group of 77 and China were among the adjustments to the programme and budgets, 1998-1999, proposed by the Director-General to the fourteenth session of the Programme and Budget Committee (IDB.20/7-PBC.14/6). In its conclusion 98/4, paragraph (b), the Committee encouraged the Director-General to continue his consultations with the other VIC-based organizations to find a solution to the issue of buildings management and the Group of 77 Vienna chapter office, and to present concrete proposals to the Board at its twenty-first session. The present document outlines the developments in this area since the conclusion of the fourteenth session of the Committee.

### **I. BUILDINGS MANAGEMENT**

2. As reported to the Board at its twentieth session (IDB.20/18), discussions with other agencies, including those in the Consultative Committee on Common Services, to transfer the responsibility for buildings management have not been fruitful. The measures planned by the Director-General are outlined in paragraph 3 of document IDB.20/18. As noted in paragraph 3 (c) of that

document, buildings management is presented as a separate major programme in the proposed programme and budgets for 2000-2001 (PBC.15/7-IDB.21/7, Major Programme G).

### **II. SUPPORT TO THE GROUP OF 77**

3. In compliance with PBC conclusion 98/4, letters were sent to the executive heads of IAEA, CTBTO and UNOV on 16 November 1998 seeking support for a cost-sharing arrangement for the G-77 Vienna chapter office. Subsequently, CTBTO and IAEA expressed agreement in principle to a cost-sharing arrangement. The issue was also raised in a meeting of executive heads of VIC-based organizations on 20 January. As a result, an initial cost-sharing proposal was communicated to IAEA, CTBTO and UNOV on 16 February 1999.

### **III. ACTION REQUIRED OF THE COMMITTEE**

4. The Committee may wish to take note of the information contained in the present document, as submitted in compliance with conclusion 98/4, and make appropriate recommendations to the Industrial Development Board.