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SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AND PROPOSED NEW CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Security enhancements at the Vienna International Centre

Report by the Director-General

Updates the information provided in document IDB.29/7-PBC.20/7 and IDB.29/19 on measures undertaken under phase I of security enhancements implemented to ensure compliance at the Vienna International Centre with headquarters minimum operating security standards, and presents proposals for phase II.

Introduction

1. At its twenty-ninth session, the Board considered documents IDB.29/7-PBC.20/7 and IDB.29/19 on security enhancements and proposed new conference facilities. The present document addresses the request of the Board in decision IDB.29/Dec.5 to report on the progress made with regard to the implementation of the security enhancements needed to ensure that the Vienna International Centre (VIC) responds effectively to headquarters minimum operating security standards (H-MOSS). This report should be considered in conjunction with document IDB.30/12-PBC.21/12, which contains proposals for supplementary appropriations in respect of phase II of the security enhancements.

2. The United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) has the overall responsibility and accountability for security

and safety at the VIC as well as for the overall implementation of both phases of H-MOSS. A Security Advisory Group, composed of members from all VIC-based organizations, was established in early 2004 to provide advice on all security and safety related measures and to report to the respective organizations on the development and implementation of projects.

I. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

3. Document IDB.29/7-PBC.20/7 contained a list of items envisaged for the effective upgrading of security at the VIC. The following summary, which indicates progress made as of 20 March 2005, updates information conveyed to permanent missions in joint presentations of the VIC-based organizations on

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22 April and 4 September 2004. A further joint presentation is planned for 18 April 2005, during which more detailed information on the items listed below will be provided.

A. Phase I

4. Out of the initial allocation of funds for phase I (\$8.4 million) a total of \$4.3 million has either been disbursed or obligated. The expenditures related to the completed projects listed below were in the amount of \$1.2 million, whereas a further \$3.1 million has been obligated in accordance with the on-going projects. It is envisaged that all projects under phase I will be completed by 31 December 2005, except those in the last of the following three categories:

Completed projects

- (a) Partial filming of windows;
- (b) Vehicle recognition system at gates 2, 3, 4 and 5;
- (c) Recruitment of additional security staff on a general temporary assistance basis.

On-going projects

- (a) Replacement of windows in the lower floors of the VIC with laminated, anti-shattering glass;
- (b) Perimeter fence surveillance/alarm system;
- (c) Security and safety equipment, such as mobile high-pressure fire suppression devices and mobile detection units for explosives;
- (d) Door alarm system and closed-circuit television upgrades;
- (e) Enhancement of existing security control centre;
- (f) Digital multi-channel radio system;
- (g) Security air-intake of heating, ventilation and air conditioning;

Projects dependent on agreements with/actions of Austrian authorities

Perimeter gates enforcement, including vehicle crash barriers at checkpoints, entailing:

- (a) Closure of gate 2;

- (b) Closure of gate 3 as an entry point;
- (c) Redesign of gate 4;
- (d) Minor modifications to gate 5, for use as access point available to all vehicles during working hours;
- (e) Separate access points at gate 1.

B. Phase II

5. As mentioned in document IDB.29/7-PBC.20/7, a second phase for security enhancements was submitted to the United Nations General Assembly in the autumn of 2004 ("Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations", A/59/365/Add.1, 30 September 2004). An amount of \$7,618,400 was appropriated by the General Assembly on 23 December 2004 (resolution A/RES/59/276).

6. The measures that are proposed to respond to H-MOSS under phase II will have to be financed from resources to be made available to the organizations. Document IDB.30/12-PBC.21/12 presents the proposal of the Director-General for financing the UNIDO share of phase II. The total budgetary requirements for the second phase amount to \$7.6 million, of which \$4.6 million is a one-time investment. While the one-time costs are related to the procurement of equipment and services in relation to the items listed below, there will also be annual recurring costs of \$3.0 million in 2005 and at least \$3.9 million (at an exchange rate of €0.813 = \$1) for 2006 and possibly fluctuating in future years, consisting mostly of the provision for 59 new security officer posts.

7. The projects proposed under phase II relate in particular to:

- (a) Additional security staff and related costs (medical examinations, overtime and night differential);
- (b) Security staff training;
- (c) Supplies and material (uniforms, protective clothing, emergency kits);
- (d) Security and safety equipment (e.g. radios, firearms, training equipment);
- (e) Stationary explosives detection systems, both walk-through and drive-in;
- (f) Construction to preclude straight-line approach to the gates;

- (g) Reconstruction of gate 1;
- (h) Hydraulic crash barriers and bollards at vehicular gates.

8. Furthermore, two projects have commenced that are not listed in the General Assembly resolutions:

Windows replacement

(a) Since the asbestos removal project has started, the replacement of windows with laminated, anti-shattering glass has started along with it. While the replacement of the windows has been planned all along as a Buildings Management Services (BMS) activity, the technical requirements of H-MOSS necessitated the application of more expensive glass. These new windows, in addition to satisfying the newly established security standards, will also guarantee better thermal insulation resulting in energy cost savings in the long run. The regular replacement costs are being funded from the BMS fund. At the time of reporting to the twenty-ninth session of the Board, the cash flow of BMS did not allow for this expenditure and therefore the possibility of exclusively financing the security-related incremental costs of the replacement out of the various phases of security enhancements was not an option. However, the situation of the BMS fund has improved and the cost of €2.5 million originally planned for windows replacement became available, thereby reducing the funds required in phase II for security enhancements to the incremental costs of the anti-shattering glass only. This project should be completed by end of 2007 in buildings A, B, D and E, along with the asbestos removal project.

Radio-frequency grounds passes

(b) UNOV is planning to introduce by mid-2005 new radio-frequency grounds passes, which will significantly increase the access control and provide a precise accounting of all persons present in the VIC.

Projects dependent on agreements with/actions of Austrian authorities

9. As in phase I, some projects in phase II for enhancing security around the VIC are directly linked to the approval of and implementation by the Austrian authorities. In this connection, discussions have been held between the Austrian authorities and the Security

Advisory Group. Some measures have been agreed upon, whereas others are still under discussion.

Approved projects, with implementation expected shortly

- (a) Traffic signs for gate 4 and 5 areas;
- (b) Closing road between Austria Center Vienna (ACV) and VIC to vehicular traffic;
- (c) Re-routing of traffic into and within VIC
- (d) Redevelopment of Kaisermühlen bus terminus;

Projects pending approval of Austrian authorities

- (a) Securing small parking area on Leonard Bernstein Strasse, near VIC kindergarten;
- (b) Securing of Sousa de Mendez promenade from bus terminus and ACV area;
- (c) Ramp from Wagramer Strasse to gate 1;

II. ACTION REQUIRED OF THE COMMITTEE

10. The Committee may wish to recommend to the Board the adoption of the following draft decision:

“The Industrial Development Board:

“(a) Takes note of the progress made in the implementation of security enhancements in phase I of the response to ensure compliance with headquarters minimum operating security standards at the Vienna International Centre, as reported in document IDB.30/11-PBC.21/11;

“(b) Decides to approve the measures proposed under phase II of the same exercise, as approved by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution A/RES/59/276 and outlined in document IDB.30/11-PBC.21/11;

“(c) Also decides to approve the two additional projects regarding window replacements and new radio-frequency grounds passes, as reported in document IDB.30/11-PBC.21/11.”