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Administrative Questions

Introduction

1. In accordance with the priority to upgrade the campus facilities set down in the Centre's Strategic Plan for 2012-15, and taking into account the results of an internal survey undertaken in 2014, a multi-year rolling Master Plan has been defined encompassing all major maintenance and refurbishment projects foreseen for the period 2015-17.
2. The Master Plan takes advantage of the medium-term planning framework offered by the biennium Strategic Plan and Programme and Budget. It is a flexible framework which is kept under review, and adjusted as necessary, to reflect the dynamic life of the Centre.
3. The objectives of the Master Plan are a) to ensure that larger and more complex projects on the campus are properly funded, planned and implemented with minimum disruption to operations and in accordance with the highest quality standards; b) that there is overall coherence between the different interventions, including minor projects, and c) that there is proper oversight of the financial resources and that overall savings are achieved. The Master Plan also ensures that the overarching themes of security, health and safety, environment, risk management, hospitality, and streamlining are taken into account in the planning and implementation of each intervention.

Infrastructure projects

4. The *Torino Lounge* was opened in April as a multi-purpose facility for participants to gather socially, read, watch TV or do group work. It is also intended for the use of staff, visiting delegations and for social events.
5. Three back-up generators have been installed on the campus to ensure back-up power supply to all of the residential and common facilities.
6. Preparatory work, including discussions with the relevant authorities of the City of Turin, has started on the refurbishment of Pavilion Asia 16 with a view to relocating the Data

Centre and ICTS team there. Subject to approval from the City authorities, the actual works are scheduled to start in January 2016 and should be completed by mid-2016.

7. The renovation of the campus Bar started in August and is scheduled for completion by October 2015. The refurbishment will create a modern, spacious, multi-purpose and health-conscious venue that responds to the needs of the multicultural campus community. All materials, equipment and furniture have been chosen to guarantee the highest standards in terms of hygiene, comfort, energy consumption and safety.
8. A number of improvements of the common areas have been undertaken including in the Reception, creating a new Guest Relations public space, the indoor and outdoor sport facilities.
9. The Master Plan includes the following major projects for the period 2016-17:
 - refurbishment of Pavilion Asia 16 and relocation of the Data Centre and ICTS;
 - refurbishment and upgrade of all classrooms to the “Europe Pavilion” standards;
 - refurbishment of the campus restaurant and cafeteria;
 - upgrade of a number of bedrooms in Pavilion Americas 1;
 - replacement of outdated videoconference and interpretation equipment.
10. The refurbishment of Pavilion Asia 16 is the first step in a larger and longer-term project which is the renovation of Pavilion Italy. The Data Centre is currently located in Pavilion Italy and its relocation to alternative suitable and secure accommodation on the campus is an essential requirement prior to the start of the renovation of Pavilion Italy.
11. An allocation of €600,000 was made to the Campus Improvement Fund from the 2013 surplus for the refurbishment of Pavilion Asia 16 and the relocation of the Data Centre and the ICTS team. The table below provides a breakdown of the estimated budget for the refurbishment of Pavilion Asia 16 and the associated relocation costs.

Table

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Project design and works direction	35 000
Construction works	397 000
Office furniture	31 000
Audio visual and ICT technologies	26 000
Miscellaneous	26 000
Risk (contingency) 1per cent of global budget	5 000
Total expenditure	520 000

12. The cost of the renovation of Pavilion Italy is estimated at around €3.5 million. The timing of the implementation of this renovation will depend on the accumulation of these funds in the Campus Improvement Fund from future surpluses, and other possible sources, over the coming years.

Health, safety and security

13. In accordance with the Centre's commitment to ensure the highest standards of health, safety and security for the campus community, several projects have been completed, or are planned for implementation.
14. In relation to improving health and safety, new air conditioning systems are planned for the offices in Pavilions Asia 14-15; improvements in accessibility for people with disabilities; a new range of organic, seasonal, fair trade products have been introduced to the cafeteria to improve the quality of the *glocal* menus, and volunteer fire wardens have been trained to run periodic fire drills and testing of other emergency procedures.
15. With regard to security, priority has been given to compliance with the UNDSS security standards and close liaison with the local authorities. The security access arrangements currently implemented at the main entrance will be extended to the secondary entrance to the campus. Improvements in security equipment and processes related to anti-intrusion systems, video-surveillance and patrolling have been implemented.

Greening of the campus

16. The Centre's policy to achieve the highest standards in terms of eco-awareness and eco-sustainability and the campus community as a whole is involved in promoting and implementing several aspects of this policy.
17. The *Green Campus Advisory Group*, involving the three UN entities on the campus, was established in 2013. Chaired by the Centre, it coordinates all green initiatives on the campus through a multi-annual Action Plan taking into account all of the relevant UN guidelines and programmes. The Centre was awarded the *Green Flag* in November 2014. Measures are in place to ensure the annual renewal of the certification. A new initiative is underway concerning the residential accommodation of the Centre. This is the *Hotel Energy Solutions*, a UNWTO-initiated project launched in close partnership with UNEP, IH&RA, EREC and ADEME.
18. The following initiatives are coordinated by the Green Campus Advisory group under its multi-annual plan:
 - GHG report for 2014 submitted to UNEP – further significant reductions in CO2 emissions;
 - several UN/International/local green initiatives;
 - progressive elimination of the use of all plastic bottled water;
 - energy efficiency measures included in all refurbishment projects;
 - Campus Walking Trail: 30 new trees planted of nine different species;
 - *ITCycle* bike-sharing project which is part of a wider green commuting initiative.

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