
Safety and security of staff and premises and the Capital Master Plan

The Capital Master Plan

Fourth report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly

1. The twelfth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee was held in Geneva on 14 May 2010 under the chairmanship of Dr M. Dahl-Regis (Bahamas).¹
2. Considering the Secretariat's report, the Committee confirmed the importance of, and the pressing need for, making progress in funding the Capital Master Plan. Recognizing the urgent need to undertake renovations to premises in all locations of the Organization, the Committee supported the use of US\$ 22 million from Member States' non-assessed income towards this purpose.
3. During discussion on the possible funding options, the Committee considered that option 1 (capital investment charge on posts) and option 2 (capital investment charge on all income) would provide the most transparent, fair and clear mechanism while option 3 (assessing Member States) should not be further considered. The possibility of seeking a loan arrangement was also raised, but this would provide only temporary funding, for which a means of repayment would have to be found.
4. The Committee, noting the importance of the Capital Master Plan as a reference document, suggested that the Secretariat review the priorities and the costs of the plan before finalizing percentage charges. Furthermore, the Secretariat should ensure that any option be compliant with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the World Health Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A63/36.

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¹ For list of participants, see document A63/49, Annex.