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IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

Report by the Director-General

1. Introduction

At its fifty-ninth session the Executive Board requested the Director-General to look into the possibilities of improving the conditions of work in the Executive Board Room, in respect of the air-conditioning, lighting and general atmosphere. Accordingly the Director-General commissioned an architect and a consultant electrical engineer to submit proposals for improvements that would enable the Executive Board to work under more acceptable conditions.

2. Recommendations of the Director-General

2.1 Lighting

The study showed that the level of illumination can be regarded as adequate, but that there are some serious faults in the arrangement of the lighting equipment. This produces considerable contrasts between the level of illumination in different parts of the Board Room, resulting in excessive strain on the eyes, which are obliged to accommodate each time they look in a different direction. Moreover, while the level of horizontal illumination is within acceptable limits, the level of vertical illumination is less than half the acceptable level. Finally, the thermal radiation, glare and reflection from the incandescent lamps on the ceiling are extremely disturbing.

The measures proposed, which would also make it possible to reduce energy consumption, are as follows:

- removal of the present ceiling lights;
- installation of lamps along the side walls to light the ceiling from below, which would provide indirect lighting of the room;
- installation of lamps to light the walls of the room and the conference table;
- installation of direct and indirect lighting below the ceilings of all the galleries and lighting for the back of the galleries.

The improvement produced by a better arrangement of the lighting system will be strengthened by replacing the blue carpet by a carpet of a lighter colour.

2.2 Air-conditioning

Following complaints voiced at the previous session about the operation of the air-conditioning system, double doors forming an air-lock have been installed in the two corridors leading from the Board Room to the offices servicing the Board. Another air-lock is to be constructed at the main entrance to the Board Room.

