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WHO - Headquarters - Location

REAL ESTATE FUND AND HEADQUARTERS ACCOMMODATION:
WATER SEEPAGE BETWEEN THE EIGHTH AND SEVENTH FLOORS OF THE
MAIN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Report by the Director-General

1. The Director-General has noted the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Board contained in document A35/12 and has considered ways in which any action resulting from the Committee's report could be financed.
2. The Director-General first examined the possibility of seeking a loan on favourable terms from the Swiss Government authorities in order to finance the operation. However, in view of the need for prompt action to stem the water seepage from the eighth floor kitchen, the procedures for seeking and securing such a loan would be too time-consuming, since they would involve legislative approval by the Swiss Government. Another possibility would be to obtain a commercial bank loan; this would entail the payment of interest at commercial rates in addition to periodic amortization payments.
3. As in any event a loan would have to be repaid from casual income, the Director-General proposes that the Health Assembly consider financing the project, not by obtaining a loan, but by appropriating the requisite funds from casual income into the Real Estate Fund.
4. The Director-General further suggests that the Health Assembly might wish to establish an ad hoc building committee, the function of which would be to advise the Director-General and the architect, as required, on any problems that may arise during the implementation of the project. Should the Assembly view this suggestion favourably, it may wish to consider appointing for this purpose the members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Board, that is, Mr K. Al-Sakkaf, Dr E. P. F. Braga and Dr R. J. H. Krusinga who have examined the subject in depth and are now fully acquainted with all aspects of the problems involved.

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