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Report by the Director-General

In this document the Director-General reports to the Executive Board on the status of projects being financed from the Real Estate Fund pursuant to the appropriations made by the World Health Assembly. As the balance available in the Fund is sufficient to cover the costs of ongoing projects, no appropriation by the Health Assembly is required for the period 1 June 1978 to 31 May 1979.

Status of projects for the period 1 June 1974 to 31 May 1978

1. Regional Office for Africa. The second extension to the Regional Office building has now been completed. The enlargement of the present conference hall, which had become necessary with the increase in the number of participants in the Regional Committee, started in the second part of September 1977. The total cost of construction of the office building extension and enlargement of the conference hall is estimated at \$ 933 000, which is in accordance with the original estimates in resolution WHA28.26.
2. Regional Office for South-East Asia. The installation of fire-fighting equipment and of an emergency generator in the Regional Office has been completed. Although final payments have not yet been made, the estimated cost of the total project is not expected to exceed the sum of \$ 90 000 authorized in resolution WHA28.26.
3. Regional Office for Europe. The repair and renovation of the property adjoining the Regional Office and recently acquired by the Government of Denmark (No. 39 Strandpromenaden) for lease on a long-term basis to the Regional Office have been completed at a cost of \$ 85 000. The original estimate of the cost of this work was \$ 60 000 (resolutions WHA27.15 and WHA29.28).

The enlargement of the document production services referred to in resolution WHA28.26, and estimated to cost \$ 75 000, is no longer required.

Work on the installation of the new telephone exchange will be undertaken in 1978. Owing to inflationary tendencies, the estimated cost of \$ 100 000 as given in resolution WHA29.28 will be exceeded by some \$ 90 000.

Since the project of enlarging the document production services has been cancelled, resulting in an estimated saving of \$ 75 000, and since the costs or estimated costs of the other two projects referred to above exceed the original estimates by \$ 115 000, the additional requirements for the Regional Office for Europe are now estimated at \$ 40 000.

4. Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. The construction of eight offices and storage space in the Regional Office referred to in resolution WHA29.28, and estimated at \$ 45 000, is no longer required.

