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FURNISHING AND ADORNMENT OF THE NEW ECA BUILDING

So far very little, if any, funds have been specifically earmarked for the provision of furniture and decoration of the new ECA building which consists of a ten-storey office block, a library and a cafeteria complex. Whilst proposals in this regard will be submitted to United Nations Headquarters, it is also hoped that the culture, art and generosity of States members of the Commission can be reflected in the furnishing and adornment of the new ECA building. It is therefore proposed to seek the assistance of member Governments in the furnishing and adornment of certain rooms and public places in the new ECA building. Precedent for this exists at the Headquarters of the United Nations where various Governments made donations for its furnishing and adornment.

Whilst the donation of individual works will of course be greatly appreciated, it is felt that the African character of the building will be enhanced if Governments would assume responsibility for the furnishing and adornment of an entire room or place with traditional works of art and in a traditional motif. A room or place could then be designated in such a way as to reflect the generosity of the Government concerned.

The annex to this document contains a description of the rooms and public places in the new ECA building which might be suitable for furnishing and adornment by members of the Commission. The details in the annex as to the items required and particularly as to costs are provisional. For instance, a definitive assessment cannot be made with regard to the library and the cafeteria without the assistance of those versed in library furnishing and catering management. At this stage, this document is intended to give a general picture of the needs of ECA. Upon the endorsement of the proposal to seek assistance from Governments of States members of the Commission, a complete list of ECA requests for assistance will be circulated.

If all goes well, it is estimated that the new ECA building will be ready for occupation at the beginning of May 1976. If the list of requests is issued by the end of 1975, then it is possible that the furnishing and adornment of the rooms and places in the main office building, as set out in the annex, could be completed within two months from the beginning of May 1976. As regards the rooms and places in the cafeteria building and the library, their furnishing and adornment will, because of the necessary special investigations and transport requirements, take at least six months after the new ECA building is ready for occupation.

ANNEX

Main Office Building

1. Ground floor

Clinic

Furniture and equipment for Doctor's surgery

Furniture and equipment for treatment room

Furniture and equipment for recovery room

Furniture, fittings and equipment for medical laboratory including X-ray equipment, etc.

Furniture for waiting room

2. First floor

Two conference rooms

Conference tables, chairs, armchairs, cupboards, carpet, curtains, paintings and/or other adornment: \$ Eth. 15,000 for each conference room exclusive of carpet, curtains, paintings or other adornment.

3. Ninth floor

Executive Secretary's office

Matching executive desk, sideboard and chair, matching settee and armchairs, coffee table, carpet, curtains, paintings and/or other adornment: \$ Eth. 25,000 exclusive of carpet, curtains, paintings or other adornment.

Executive Secretary's waiting room

Matching settee and armchairs, coffee table, carpet, curtains, paintings and/or other adornment: \$ Eth. 3,000 exclusive of carpet, curtains, paintings or other adornment.

Large staff conference room

Round conference table to seat 30 and chairs, carpet, curtains and paintings and/or other adornment: \$ Eth. 25,000 exclusive of carpet, curtains, paintings or other adornment.

Small staff conference room

Conference table to seat 15 and chairs, carpet, curtains and paintings and/or other adornment: \$ Eth. 4,000 exclusive of carpet, curtains, paintings or other adornment.

Cafeteria Building

1. Ground floor

Lounge

Armchairs, settees, tables, chairs, carpet, curtains, coffee machine, paintings and/or other adornment: \$ Eth. 56,000 exclusive of carpet, curtains, paintings or other adornment.

2. First lower level

Cafeteria

Cafeteria furniture and equipment, chairs and dining tables, cutlery, crockery and glasses: \$ Eth. 162,000.

Private dining room

Chairs and dining tables, table cloths and serviettes, crockery, glasses, cutlery, and paintings or other adornment.

Library

1. Second lower level and first lower level

Book stacks and furniture in stack areas: \$ Eth. 720,000.

2. Ground floor and first floor

Reading rooms

Settees, armchairs, small tables and display shelves etc.: \$ Eth. 12,000.

3. Ground floor, first floor and second floor

Library furniture

Chairs for special design shelves, library tables and chairs, standard library reading room tables, reading rooms tables with dividing partitions, armchairs, small tables, etc.: \$ Eth. 120,000.

Card catalogue cabinets, index tables, control desks, etc.: \$ Eth. 20,000.

Standard shelving for periodicals, standard display shelving in reading areas, stands, shelving, map shelving, archive shelving, atlas cases, elephant folios for newspapers etc.: \$ Eth. 50,000.

4. Reference Unit

Archives furniture - tables, chairs, shelves, filing cabinets, reference cabinets, card index cabinets.