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This document is a progress report on the three approved field office building projects in Barbados, Honduras, and Mexico.

Barbados

A 99-year lease of the land for the new office building was signed by the Government of Barbados and the Organization in early January 1996. Accordingly, the construction of this facility began on 23 January 1996. The building is expected to be completed by 26 November 1996. Regular monthly meetings, or more as needed, are held to review all related matters. As of this writing, the project is on schedule.

The cost of construction has now been set at US\$ 1,607,445. This represents a difference of \$307,445 over the original 1993 estimate of \$1,300,000. Following the original financial arrangements, the Government of Barbados will be asked to contribute 33% of the additional cost, or \$101,456; the WHO Real Estate fund will be asked for 25%, or \$76,860; and the Organization will finance the remainder, \$129,129.

Honduras

The city of Tegucigalpa offered a parcel of land suitable for the construction of a building for the PAHO/WHO Representative Office in Honduras. As of this writing the land tenure matters seem to have been cleared, and the city is preparing the necessary agreement to convey the land to PAHO.

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There have been modest changes in the estimated construction costs. They now stand at US\$ 289,800 (\$275,000 in 1995). The rate of increase in construction costs is less than the rate of increase in the local rent, \$48,000 in 1996 as opposed to \$40,800 in 1995. Once the legal arrangements are finalized, the 25% participation from the WHO Real Estate Fund will be requested.

Mexico

The Government of Mexico has reiterated its intention to provide a site for the office building and to reimburse the Organization for part of the construction costs. An acceptable site for the building has been identified; however, the legal aspects for the long-term lease of the land to PAHO are still being worked out by the Government.