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Pursuant to Resolution XXX on Buildings and Installations adopted by the XVII Directing Council Meeting, the Director has the honor to submit the following report to the Executive Committee.

Two meetings of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations have been held since the report to the XVII Directing Council. At the meetings the major subject for discussion continued to be the future space needs of the Organization. It was indicated that at present growth rate there would be need of additional space at the Headquarters by 1975 or 1976. The Subcommittee was also informed of the steps taken to effect maximum utilization of space in the present Headquarters structure by building offices in certain open areas to the effect that 33 work stations were provided in space previously housing twelve persons.

The Subcommittee was informed of the desirability of a Headquarters addition being as close as possible to the present structure. With the acquisition by the George Washington University of the properties from 19th Street to 24th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and F Street, N.W. there remained but one plot of land of possible availability in the immediate vicinity of the present Headquarters. This site is directly north of the present building. It was subsequently learned that Annex 1 of the State Department was scheduled for demolition, which made possible another site.

Upon the recommendation of the Subcommittee, the Director addressed a letter to the Secretary of State of the Government of the United States on 1 May 1968 making inquiry as to space availability in the area close to the present Headquarters building. At the date of writing this document, answer has not as yet been received.

Since the last report, and following the instructions of the Governing Bodies, the Organization purchased office space in Guatemala City, Guatemala, for its Zone III Office establishment. The Office covers an area of about 748 square meters at a cost of \$90,000. It is anticipated that the premises will be occupied about the middle of June this year.

The Director takes this opportunity to report changes in the membership of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, to express his appreciation for the support and interest taken by the members who have left the Subcommittee, and to welcome the new members. Mr. Paul Byrnes of the U.S. has been replaced by Mr. Edward Rosenthal and Mr. Jorge Alfonso Fuentes of Mexico has been replaced by Miss Alicia Merino Fuentes. Mr. Adolpho Correa de Sa Benevides of Brazil continues on the Subcommittee.