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NEW PAHO HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Status Report

At the 109th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Secretariat presented a report on the new Headquarters Building (Document CE109/20).

After considerable discussion, the institutional owners of a site in Bethesda agreed to timetable for negotiating a sales proposal. On 14 September 1992, one day before the final deadline of 15 September 1992, the institutional owners made a written proposal. While there were a number of lesser issues, it became apparent that price was a serious problem. The institutional owners' price was about 70% higher than the Organization's assessment of the worth of the land. On 18 September the Organization advised the owners that no increase over the original offer was acceptable. To date there has been no response by the institutional owners. A satisfactory resolution of the price issue, therefore, does not seem likely.

In the meantime, the Organization has informally approached the US Government for suggestions and possible assistance. There is a US Government-owned site which appears to meet the Organization's requirements. The availability and cost of this site needs to be determined.

The Working Party on the New Headquarters Building is being informed of these developments. When the Secretariat has received a potentially acceptable proposal, the Three-Country Working Party will be convened to make recommendations.