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## Status Report

At the 107th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Secretariat presented a report of the Three-Country Working Party on the new Headquarters Building (CE107/17). This status report is intended to provide additional information on developments since June 1991.

Negotiations on the Bethesda site, recommended by the Three-Country Working Party, have slowed to a virtual halt. There seem to be differences of opinion among the family members who own the property about the price and other conditions of contract. There are also some additional complications relating to zoning and the local neighborhood association.

In the meantime, another site very close to the Bethesda site may be available. The Secretariat has entered into discussions with the institutional owners and taken the Executive Committee Representatives from Barbados, Chile and the United States to view this site. Information has been provided to the Three-Country Working Party, and we expect the institutional owners of the new Bethesda site to indicate their willingness in the next few days to enter formal negotiations.

The Secretariat will continue to work closely with the Three-Country Working Party to obtain a feasible site.