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| Note by the Secretary-General | |
| CONTRIBUTION FROM THE Federal Republic of Germany  Union's Headquarters premises projects | |

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany**.**

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 Secretary-General

CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Union's Headquarters premises projects

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| Summary  This contribution provides an alternative to the approach proposed in document C18/123 “Report on progress on the Union’s headquarters premises project”.  Action required  The Council is invited to **decide** along the lines proposed below.  References  [Decision 588](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0124/en), [C16/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0007/en), [C17/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0007/en), [C18/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0007/en), [C18/48](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0048/en), [C18/120](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0120/en), [C18/121](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0121/en), [C18/123](http://www.itu.int/md/S18-CL-C-0123/en) |

The Council is invited to **confirm** its invitation to the Secretary-General, expressed at the April 2018 session, to conform to Council Decision 588. Consequently, the Secretary-General shall ensure that the maximum project envelope for the new building project, that would replace the Varembé building by a new construction that would also include the facilities of the Tower building, does not exceed the CHF 147 million determined in this Decision.

Council is reminded that some expenses consequential to the new building like, amongst others, movable furniture and active IT equipment cannot be financed with the interest-free loan granted by the host country. Accordingly, these costs will need to be funded from the regular budget and/or through a fund created to cover these costs provisioned from annual savings and voluntary contributions.

Furthermore, Council is invited to **instruct** the Secretary-General to adopt a design by cost approach and, accordingly, to determine, in close collaboration with the Member States Advisory Group on the Union’s headquarters premises project (MSAG), a design of the new building that complies with the above-mentioned maximum project envelope.

If the Secretary-General concludes that, due to this process of optimization of the design, the original timeline – according to which the construction of the new building would start late 2020 or early 2021, with the opening by the end of 2023 or early 2024 – has become obsolete, he should provide a revised timeline to the Council June 2019 session.