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United Nations accommodation at Nairobi

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/208, the Secretary-General hereby submits the 1980 annual report on the status of the project for the construction of the United Nations accommodation at Nairobi. At the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General reported 1/ on the progress in the basic project for the United Nations accommodation in Nairobi authorized by the General Assembly at its thirty-second session 2/ and on the additional construction required to accommodate the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS). The Secretary-General indicated in his report that tenders for the main construction would be received in January 1980 and that construction was expected to commence shortly thereafter, following completion of the preliminary site works.

2. The tenders were received on 31 January 1980. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) decided on 17 June 1980 to reject all bids, basing himself on "the interests of the Organization", to ensure that the United Nations resources were expended in the most economical manner. The Executive Director, with the help of the consultants contracted by the United Nations, reviewed the authorized areas for the various components of the main construction and is recommending the approval of a more modest construction that will not impair the efficiency of the new building. He notes in the addendum to the present report that the total cost of the proposed new design is estimated at KSh 216,600,000 3/ (including costs already incurred or due), compared to the authorized KSh 254,944,000 4/ for the original project.

1/ A/C.5/34/43.

2/ General Assembly resolution 32/228.

3/ Equivalent to \$US 29,549,800 at the present operational rate of exchange of 7.33 Kenyan shillings to one United States dollar.

4/ Equivalent to \$US 34,780,900 at the present operational rate of exchange.

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3. In supporting the submission of the Executive Director of UNEP (A/C.5/35/35/Add.1), the Secretary-General is confident that the General Assembly will give its most careful consideration to the proposals contained therein.
