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**REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
B. UPGRADING OF TELEPHONE AND SOUND SYSTEMS**

1. The Agency has identified an urgent need to replace its current central telephone exchange system and the sound system for the auditorium. These two projects are proposed to be financed from the Governing Council Special Fund.
2. The telephone exchange system was installed in 1986 and upgraded in 2000 by the company, Alcatel. The system is now outdated and Alcatel has informed IARC that they have increasing difficulties to maintain it. The system therefore needs to be upgraded with new software and the replacement of some electronic equipment in the near future. The cost for the upgrading of the system is estimated at US\$ 154 000.
3. The sound reinforcement system of the auditorium was installed in 1972. It consists of one system for the simultaneous translation and one to enhance the sound in the auditorium itself. The system for simultaneous translation is out of order and cannot be repaired. The system that enhances the sound in the auditorium still functions but it is outdated and no longer reliable.
4. Simultaneous translation in the auditorium is not often needed. In the past, it has only been used for Governing Council meetings for which the Agency has rented the required audio equipment for some US\$ 3 000 per meeting. On the other hand, the system to enhance the sound in the auditorium is used frequently, whenever there is a meeting held in the room.
5. The replacement cost for each of the systems (simultaneous translation and sound enhancement in the room) is estimated at US\$ 128 000 (total: US\$ 256 000). Given that the equipment for simultaneous translation can easily be rented and is not used frequently, the Agency proposes at this point only to replace the audio system to enhance the sound.
6. The total cost for the upgrading of the telephone exchange and for a new sound system for the auditorium amounts to US\$ 282 000.

7. The Secretariat proposes that the two projects be financed partially from savings realized during the implementation of the Governing Council Resolution GC/50/R4. In May 2008, the Secretariat proposed to the Governing Council measures to improve the security of the Agency's premises (Document GC/50/12A refers). The Governing Council approved by Resolution GC/50/R4 the sum of US\$ 540 000 from its Special Fund to finance the recommended measures.

8. Since the resolution has been adopted, some measures have been successfully implemented. The windows on the first five floors of the tower facing cours Albert Thomas were replaced by anti-blast glass windows. Retractable bollards were installed at the entry and exit of the service ramp. In addition, the Agency's video control system was further improved.

9. In consultation with the WHO Coordinator of Security, the IARC Administration further reviewed the need for the other security measures not yet implemented. It was agreed that the installation of security doors in the basement of the tower should still be implemented while the installation of equipment to provide visitors with photo-identity badges and an automatic door between the reception desk and the elevators was not considered a priority, given the relative small size of the Agency.

10. The Director of IARC therefore decided not to implement the two latter measures. As some of the projects implemented in 2008 were implemented at a lower cost than originally foreseen, the total estimated savings from resolution GC/50/R4 amount to US\$ 174 000.

11. The Secretariat therefore proposes to finance the upgrading of the telephone exchange and the new sound system for the auditorium as follows:

Total cost of the projects:	US\$ 282 000
– Savings from GC/50/R4:	US\$ <u>174 000</u>
Additional funds required:	US\$ <u>108 000</u>

12. The Governing Council is requested to authorize the Agency to use up to US\$ 282 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund for the upgrading of the telephone exchange system and for a new sound system for the auditorium, subject to availability of an adequate balance in the fund. The savings from Resolution GC/50/R4 should be used for the two projects.