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**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE
REHABILITATION OF THE CAPITAL CITY, KIGALI AND THE OTHER
URBAN CENTRES - RWA/94/010.**

Hereunder is a report on the present situation regarding the rehabilitation of the CND building.

This particular undertaking is directly related to the MINITRAPE component on the above project - Rehabilitation of Public Buildings. Apparently, the rehabilitation of the CND building was a top priority to the new government of reconciliation in view of its symbolic nature and the positive effect it would have on confidence building. In a bid to accelerate the said works MINITRAPE claims to have been given the go ahead to commence rehabilitation works on the CND building by the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) in Rwanda in anticipation of the commencement of project RWA/94/010.

Following consultations on my arrival coupled with the recent mission of Hans Benz, HABITAT Chief of Contracts and Procurement to Kigali to resolve the CND building contractual problems among other things, it became apparent that other project related ministries, notably the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Social Integration (MINIREISO) claim not to have been informed nor involved in the process of selecting a contractor and awarding the contract.

While, UNCHS (the executing agency) has been attempting to settle this problem within the shortest possible time it appears there are other latent hurdles. Principally, the lead agency in the project - MINIREISO responsible for the management project finances, is not particularly keen on the on-going CND contract due mainly to the fact that MINITRAPE has single-handedly negotiated, awarded the contract and are presently supervising the works.

As long as the CND contract remains unresolved the following scenarios will prevail:

- a) The on-going works will progress rather slowly because of the inability of the contractor to obtain the materials to be incorporated into the works due to the mere fact that the contractor has not received any payment to date.
- b) The project component for the rehabilitation of public buildings will never take-off because MINITRAPE will not cooperate in making this aspect of the project a reality.

In this connection, I am soliciting your advise to resolve this thorny issue. On the other hand, the other project components, though not as visual as the component in question seem to be progressing smoothly.

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