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Executive Secretary,  
Chair,  
Delegates,

It is my pleasure to report on the **implementation of the Headquarters Agreement** on behalf of the German host government:

Let me start by thanking the Secretariat for its always close and trustful cooperation. I am happy to report we are continuously expanding the UN Campus in Bonn.

So it's a pleasure for me to announce today that the **new building for the climate secretariat** is due to be completed. We have been intensively preparing the handover of the new building since December last year – of course in close cooperation with the UN in several working groups.

The new **ultra-modern office building** provides flexible office structures for around 330 employees as well as so

called integrated meeting zones. These zones are designed in a way that facilitates communication and cooperation between employees, especially in times of rapidly changing working environments.

The **new office tower** is a passive house. It meets the highest energy-efficient standards, and only sustainable construction techniques have been applied. To this process, the expertise of the UNFCCC Secretariat proves vital. We are very grateful for the dedication with which the Secretariat supports the planning of the construction.

The 17-storey building is the **first new building for the UN in Bonn** located directly at the Rhine promenade. It is a powerful and self-confident symbol for the UN location Bonn and underlines the importance of climate protection.

We are proud and happy to celebrate the opening of the new building during the next SB meeting in Bonn! We are very much looking forward to welcoming the delegates to the **inauguration ceremony**. I hope that many of the delegates being in Glasgow now will join us.

The Federal Government of Germany is continuously supporting the expansion of the UN location in Bonn. We

hope to attract and welcome further UN and international organizations to settle in Bonn.

To conclude, I would like to thank the City of Bonn for their cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.