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**Information paper on the extra-budgetary contributions received in the years  
2006/2007 and on their allocation to the activities and projects of the Institute**

(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>See below</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>For information of the General Assembly</i>
<i>Related documents</i>	<i>None</i>

### **Introduction**

1. At its 60<sup>th</sup> session, the General Assembly showed the interest to know in detail the extra-budgetary contributions received from member States or private donors. The Secretariat prepared documents to this effect, that were submitted to the Governing Council at its 86<sup>th</sup> session, held in Rome from 16 to 18 April 2007, and to the Finance Committee at its 62<sup>nd</sup> session, held in Rome on 4 October 2007, with a view to receiving their opinion.

2. The Governing Council and the Finance Committee shared the interest shown by the General Assembly and agreed that those contributions would have been better appreciated if allocated to the projects and activities of the Institute. This may permit the institutions of UNIDROIT to have a more precise picture of the finances of the Institute.

3. To this effect, the accountability of these contributions as well as the expenditure that were funded accordingly are resumed in this document. It is to be noted that this paper shows only the sums paid directly to UNIDROIT, the participation of persons seconded at the seat of the Institute and the goods received in its holdings; other contributions, i.e. direct organization of meetings, payment of travel and accommodation expenses of members of the staff, participation of persons external to the Institute, are not indicated in the paper, but are mentioned in the document on the implementation of the Strategic Plan (A.G.(61) 2).

**Summary of the extra-budgetary contributions received in 2006/2007 and of their allocation to the projects and activities of the institute.**

**1. SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME**

The Institute received the following contributions:

In 2006:

from the Government of Korea	€	8,163.28
from the Government of Spain	€	12,000.00
from the UK Foundation	€	7,361.79
from the Governing Council members	€	2,368.00
from the Secretary-General	€	1,500.00

In 2007:

from the Governing Council members	€	1,990.00
from the Secretary-General	€	1,500.00

These contributions will finance a certain number of scholarships, for the funding of research periods of approx. two months in the UNIDROIT Library for young lawyers from developing countries or countries in economic transition, in addition to the scholarships funded by the UNIDROIT regular budget. To date, with the indicated contributions seven scholarships have already been awarded. For more details, readers are referred to the document on the Scholarships Programme.

**2. PROJECT « CAPITAL MARKETS »**

The Institute received the following contributions:

In 2006 :

from the German Banking Federation	€	77,412.00
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In 2007 :

from IFIL (Italian financial group)	€	20,000.00
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These contributions, which were not included in the budget, *for reasons of accounting and transparency have been included in the Accounts of the pertinent financial years as « Extraordinary receipts » as well as the expenditure to which they were allocated.*

In 2007, the Institute furthermore received:

from the Deutsche Börse	€	50,000.00
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These sums funded the post of the officer in charge for this project.

**3. RAIL PROTOCOL TO THE CAPETOWN CONVENTION**

In 2006 the Institute received the following contributions:

from the Government of Luxembourg	€	20,000.00
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This contribution funded a seminar held in Lomé (Togo) aimed at promoting the participation of the African countries to the Diplomatic Conference due to take place in February 2007 in Luxembourg for the adoption of the Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention. *For reasons of accounting, although not included in the budget, this sum and the corresponding expenditure were integrated in the Accounts.*

#### 4. SPACE PROTOCOL TO THE CAPETOWN CONVENTION

The Institute received the following contributions:

In 2007  
from the UK Foundation € 25,000.00

for funding a post of researcher assigned to the project « Space Protocol to the Cape Town Convention ».

#### 5. DEPOSITARY FUNCTIONS

In 2004 the Institute received contributions from a certain number of Governments to fund the post of depositary up to April 2007.

#### 6. TECHNICAL COOPERATION

An important contribution of the Swiss Government (approx. € 120,000.00) over previous years permitted assisting the OHADA/OHBLA with the drafting of a Uniform Act on the law of contracts. Part of this contribution (€ 12,800.00) was paid directly to the Institute in 2003 and employed during these last years for the project.

The Institute received or will receive the following contributions:

In 2007  
from the Government of Luxembourg € 10,000.00  
from the Government of Switzerland € 35,000.00

as well as private donations, that will fund the organisation of a Workshop to be held in Ouagadougou from 15 to 17 November 2007 on « The Harmonisation of the Law of Contracts in the OHADA ».

#### 7. SECONDMENTS

The following persons were seconded to the Institute by Governments of member States or by private institutions:

Capital Markets :

from the Government of the United Kingdom	an officer	May 2005 – May 2006
from the Government of France	a young lawyer	2005 – March 2007

Model law on Leasing :

from the Legal firm Jenner & Block LLP, Washington, DC.	a young lawyer	2005 – June 2006
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## 8. DATABASES

In 1999 the Institute received important funds from private donors that financed the UNILAW database until 2006, in particular covering the cost of a part-time collaborator (until May 2007) and the costs of the website (until 2006).

In 2007, the database is funded by the Uniform Law Foundation as follows:

part-time collaborator (June-Dec. 2007)	€	10,400.00
website	€	1,000.00
3 internships of 3 months each for young lawyers	€	12,100.00

In 2007 the Foundation will pay € 5,000.00 to the UNIDROIT budget as a compensation for services rendered by the UNIDROIT to the Foundation in connection with the databases.

For more details, it is possible to consult the financial documents of the Uniform Law Foundation.

## 9. LIBRARY

In 2006, the Institute received an important donation consisting in books for the Library from the Hamburg Max-Planck Institute.

A similar donation was received in 2007.