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Item No. 2 on the Agenda:
Classification of member States in the UNIDROIT Contributions Chart

(Memorandum of the Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Requested alternative proposal, which includes new Categories of classification and modifies accordingly the corresponding figures, for the review of the UNIDROIT Contributions Chart</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>Formulate proposals to the General Assembly for the reclassification of certain member States in the contributions chart in accordance with Article 16 of the UNIDROIT Statute</i>
<i>Related documents</i>	<i>UNIDROIT Statute, UNIDROIT 2010 - F.C. (67) 3, UNIDROIT 1998 - A.G. (52) 8 rev., UNIDROIT 1998 - A.G. (52) 13, UNIDROIT 2004 - A.G. (58) 10, UNIDROIT 2011 - F.C. (69) 4, UNIDROIT 2011 - A.G. (69) 1, UNIDROIT 2012 - A.G. (71) 10, UNIDROIT 2014 - A.G. (73) 9, UNIDROIT 2017 - F.C. (81) 3, UNIDROIT 2017 - F.C. (81) 7</i>

1. At its 81st session (Rome, 6 April 2017), the Finance Committee considered document F.C. (81) 3,¹ which set out the basic rules on the assessment of contributions, the methodology for the classification of member States into the Categories in the chart of contributions, the proposed adjustments to the contributions chart, and a draft chart showing the proposed contributions for the period 2018-2023 as compared to the contributions chart in force for the period 2012-2017.

2. During the deliberations, the Secretariat was requested to prepare an alternative proposal, in which new Categories could be added, in view of the wide gap between Categories I and II, as well as points previously raised with respect to this issue the last time that the contributions chart was revised.² Those points included, in addition to the gap between Categories I and II, the potential need to add a new Category “between Category 8 and the Special Category to give room to developing countries”.³

3. Pursuant to the Finance Committee’s request, the Secretariat has prepared the alternative proposal in the form of a revised Contributions Chart, which is annexed to this document. In particular, the alternative proposal includes a new Category II to address the current gap between existing Categories I and II and a new Category X to break the current range of contributions in existing Category VIII into two. In making those additions, the relevant figures in the chart have been modified accordingly.

¹ This document has been revised to incorporate corrections to the Contributions Chart.

² UNIDROIT 2017 – F.C. (81) 7, para. 21.

³ UNIDROIT 2017 – F.C. (69) 4, paras. 35, 37 (“The *representative of Spain* . . . pointed out that Article 16(3) of the Statute did not focus on reclassification and that the Committee could study other possibilities such as the increase of the number of categories or the number of units corresponding to each category. He noted in particular that there was a big jump in the number of units between Category 1 (50 units) and Category 2 (22 units) and suggested that an intermediate category might be created. At the present stage, the Finance Committee could only develop possibilities of reflection and not instructions, and not focus only on reclassification”) and 41 (recording the Chairman’s summary of the discussions of the Committee as, *inter alia*, requesting “the Secretary-General to explore the possibility to add categories or sub-categories at the higher levels and at the bottom of the chart, as suggested by the representative of Spain and [the Chairman]”).

Revised Chart of Member States Contributions to the UNIDROIT Budget for the period 2018-2023
(with new categories II and X), compared to Contributions Chart in Force 2012-2017
 (Based on current unit of contribution for comparison purposes)

Category	Corresponding range of contribution to UN budget for purposes UNIDROIT classification	No of units	State	Budget 2018				Budget 2017				Difference	
				UN budget assessment 2016-2018	Units	Unit value	Contr. 2018	UN budget assessment 2010-2012	UN budget assessment 2013-2015	Units	Unit value		Contr. 2017
I	4% +	50	China	7,921	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	3,187	5,148	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	€ 0
		50	France	4,859	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	6,123	5,593	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	€ 0
		50	Germany	6,389	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	8,018	7,141	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	€ 0
		50	Italy	3,748	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	4,999	4,448	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	€ 0
		50	Japan	9,680	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	12,530	10,833	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	€ 0
		50	United Kingdom	4,463	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	6,604	5,179	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	€ 0
		50	United States	22,000	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	22,000	22,000	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	€ 0
II	2.5%-3.99%	36	Canada	2,921	36	€ 2.530	€ 91.080	3,207	2,984	50	€ 2.530	€ 126.500	-€ 35.420
		36	Russian Federation	3,088	36	€ 2.530	€ 91.080	1,602	2,438	22	€ 2.530	€ 55.660	-€ 35.420
III	2.0%-2.49%	22	Australia	2,337	22	€ 2.530	€ 55.660	1,933	2,074	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	€ 10.120
		22	Brazil	3,823	22	€ 2.530	€ 55.660	1,611	2,934	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	€ 10.120
		22	Republic of Korea	2,039	22	€ 2.530	€ 55.660	2,260	1,994	22	€ 2.530	€ 55.660	€ 0
		22	Spain	2,443	22	€ 2.530	€ 55.660	3,177	2,973	22	€ 2.530	€ 55.660	€ 0
IV	1%-1.99%	18	Mexico	1,435	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	2,356	1,842	13	€ 2.530	€ 32.890	€ 12.650
		18	Netherlands	1,482	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	1,855	1,654	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	€ 0
		18	Switzerland	1,140	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	1,130	1,047	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	€ 0
V	0.960%-0.99%	13	Belgium	0,885	13	€ 2.530	€ 32.890	1,075	0,998	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	-€ 12.650
		13	Saudi Arabia	1,146	13	€ 2.530	€ 32.890	0,830	0,864	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	€ 5.060
		13	Sweden	0,956	13	€ 2.530	€ 32.890	1,064	0,960	18	€ 2.530	€ 45.540	-€ 12.650
VI	0.5%-0.959%	11	Austria	0,720	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	0,851	0,798	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	€ 0
		11	Denmark	0,584	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	0,736	0,675	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	€ 0
		11	India	0,737	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	0,534	0,666	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	€ 5.060
		11	Norway	0,849	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	0,871	0,851	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	€ 0
		11	Poland	0,841	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	0,828	0,921	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	€ 0
		11	Turkey	1,018	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	0,617	1,328	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	€ 5.060
VII	0.450%-0.499%	9	Argentina	0,892	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	0,287	0,432	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 2.530
		9	Finland	0,456	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	0,566	0,519	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	-€ 5.060
		9	Greece	0,471	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	0,691	0,638	11	€ 2.530	€ 27.830	-€ 5.060
		9	Indonesia	0,504	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	0,238	0,346	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 2.530
		9	Iran	0,471	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	0,233	0,356	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 2.530
		9	Venezuela	0,571	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	0,314	0,627	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 2.530
VIII	0.115%-0.449%	8	Chile	0,399	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,236	0,334	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 0
		8	Colombia	0,322	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,144	0,259	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 0
		8	Czech Republic	0,344	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,349	0,386	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 0
		8	Egypt	0,152	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,094	0,134	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 7.590
		8	Hungary	0,161	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,291	0,266	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 0
		8	Ireland	0,335	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,498	0,418	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	-€ 2.530
		8	Israel	0,430	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,384	0,396	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 0
		8	Nigeria	0,209	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,078	0,090	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 7.590
		8	Portugal	0,392	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,511	0,474	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	-€ 2.530
		8	Romania	0,184	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,177	0,226	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 0
		8	Slovakia	0,160	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,142	0,171	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	€ 0
		8	South Africa	0,364	8	€ 2.530	€ 20.240	0,385	0,372	9	€ 2.530	€ 22.770	-€ 2.530
IX	0.040%-0.114%	5	Bulgaria	0,045	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,038	0,047	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Croatia	0,099	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,097	0,126	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Cyprus	0,043	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,046	0,047	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Latvia	0,050	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,038	0,050	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Lithuania	0,072	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,065	0,073	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Luxembourg	0,064	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,090	0,081	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Pakistan	0,093	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,082	0,085	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Slovenia	0,084	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,103	0,100	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		5	Uruguay	0,079	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	0,027	0,052	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	€ 0
		4	Estonia	0,038	4	€ 2.530	€ 10.120	0,040	0,040	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	-€ 2.530
4	Malta	0,016	4	€ 2.530	€ 10.120	0,017	0,016	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	-€ 2.530		
4	Paraguay	0,014	4	€ 2.530	€ 10.120	0,007	0,010	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	-€ 2.530		
4	Serbia	0,032	4	€ 2.530	€ 10.120	0,037	0,040	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	-€ 2.530		
4	Tunisia	0,028	4	€ 2.530	€ 10.120	0,030	0,036	5	€ 2.530	€ 12.650	-€ 2.530		
XI	0.001%-0.004%	1	Holy See	0,001	1	€ 2.530	€ 2.530	0,001	0,001	1	€ 2.530	€ 2.530	€ 0
		1	San Marino	0,003	1	€ 2.530	€ 2.530	0,003	0,003	1	€ 2.530	€ 2.530	€ 0