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**Information on the extra-budgetary contributions received in the years 2008/2009
and on their allocation to the activities and projects of the Institute**

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Introduction

1. At its 60th 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 58th session, held in Rome from 16 to 18 April 2007, and to the Finance Committee at its 62nd 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. This paper accounts for these contributions as well as the expenditure that were, or will be, funded accordingly in 2008/2009. It is to be noted that 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 this paper.

**Summary of the extra-budgetary contributions received in 2008/2009 and of their
allocation to the projects and activities of the institute.**

1. SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

The Institute received in the last years contributions from the Governments of China, Korea and Spain, in 2008 from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law (in 2008: € 6,318.74), from the members of the Governing Council (€ 2,800) and from the Secretary-General (€ 3,000), which have financed several 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 (€ 10,000). Prof. Lyou, member of the Governing Council, has informed the Secretariat that the Government of Korea will make a generous contribution of € 10,000 for the scholarships in 2009. For more details, readers are referred to the document on the Scholarships Programme.

2. PROJECT « CAPITAL MARKETS »

The Institute received the following contribution:

In 2008 :

from the Government of Switzerland	€	20,000.00	for the partial funding of the post of the researcher in charge of the project
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This contribution, which was not included in the budget, *for reasons of accounting and transparency will be included in the 2008 Accounts, as well as the expenditure to which it was allocated.*

3. SPACE PROTOCOL TO THE CAPETOWN CONVENTION

The Institute received the following contributions:

In 2008/2009

from the UK Foundation	€	50,000.00	for funding a post of assistant researcher for two years
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from the German Space Agency	€	8,000.00	
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4. CAPE TOWN CONVENTION & PROTOCOLS: PROMOTION / IMPLEMENTATION / DEPOSITARY FUNCTIONS

The Institute received the following contributions:

In 2008

From Aviareto Ltd	€	5,000.00	for partly funding the revised edition of the Official Commentary to the Capetown Convention and the Aircraft Protocol
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5. 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 2008, the database was funded by the Uniform Law Foundation as follows:

part-time collaborator

website

3 internships of 3 months each for young lawyers

total	€	40,200.00
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In 2009 the Foundation will continue funding of the project.

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

6. LIBRARY

The Institute received the following contributions:

In 2008

From the UK Foundation	€	4,000.00	for purchasing books on topics concerning the projects of the Institute, in particular on capital markets law and on leasing
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	€	10,000.00	for purchasing English books
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In 2008, as in previous years, the Institute received an important donation consisting in books for the Library from the Hamburg Max-Planck Institute.