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**Item No. 13 on the Agenda: Classification of one or more new member States
in the contributions chart of the Institute**

(memorandum prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Classifying in the UNIDROIT contributions chart two States that have announced that they are at an advanced stage in the process of becoming member States</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>Taking of a decision regarding the classification of the aforementioned States</i>
<i>Related documents</i>	<i>None</i>

1. The UNIDROIT Secretariat is pleased to inform member States that the procedure is well advanced for two new States to accede to the UNIDROIT Statute and thus become members of the Institute. The States in question are Latvia and Ukraine. While the procedure for the approval of their accession had not been completed at the time of writing, it would seem that the procedure for the approval of the accession of one of these States, Latvia, is sufficiently well advanced as to raise the possibility of its accession even before the 59th session of the General Assembly and, even if it is not possible at the present time to foresee when the accession of the other State, Ukraine, will materialise, it is clearly prudent to make the necessary preparations therefor, and in particular to agree on the category in the UNIDROIT contributions chart in which these States, once members, should be classified.

2. In deciding on which of the categories of the UNIDROIT contributions chart (divided into eight categories and one special category) a new member State should be classified, the General Assembly has traditionally placed great reliance on the percentage of that State's contribution to the United Nations budget, not only because the United Nations has the most complete membership of any intergovernmental Organisation but also because in determining the assessment of each of its members it takes account of such general data as national revenue and *pro capita* income.

3. According to the current contributions chart of the United Nations, the Government of Latvia contributes 0.015% to the budget of that Organisation and the Government of Ukraine

0.039%. Those member States classified in Category VIII of the UNIDROIT contributions chart group together those States contributing between 0.005 and 0.114% to the United Nations.

4. *In these circumstances, the UNIDROIT Secretariat would propose that the General Assembly decide, in the event of the Government of Latvia acceding to the UNIDROIT Statute, to classify it in Category VIII of the UNIDROIT contributions chart and, in the event of the Government of Ukraine doing likewise, also to classify it in the same Category.*

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