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

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

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, to the Finance Committee at its 62nd session, held in Rome on 4 October 2007, and to the General Assembly at its 61st session, held in Rome on 29 November 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 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. In particular, the Secretariat wishes to recall the hosting in Geneva by the Government of Switzerland of the two sessions of the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the Draft Convention on the Intermediated Securities.

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

1. SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

The Institute received in 2009 contributions from:

- the Government of Korea (€ 7,095.72)

- the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law (€ 5,837.71)
- the members of the Governing Council (€ 2,450)
- the Secretary-General (€ 1,500),

for the financing of several scholarships, aimed at permitting 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).

2. PROJECT "CAPITAL MARKETS"

The Institute in 2009 received the following contribution:

from the Government of the Netherlands	€ 30,000.00	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 2009 Accounts, as well as the expenditure to which it was allocated.

3. CAPETOWN CONVENTION AND AIRCRAFT PROTOCOL

The Institute in 2009 received the following contribution:

from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law	€ 19,835.00	for supporting activities in relation to the promotion of the Convention and the Aircraft Protocol
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4. SPACE PROTOCOL TO THE CAPETOWN CONVENTION

The Institute in 2009 received the following contributions:

from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law	€ 16,041.07	for funding a post of assistant researcher
from the German Space Agency	€ 8,000.00	
from the US Foundation for International Uniform Law	€ 16,900.00	

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 2009, the database is funded by the Uniform Law Foundation as follows:

part-time collaborator	€ 37,600.00
website	
3 internships of 2 months each for young lawyers	
partial reimbursement of the cost of the officer in charge of the project	
total	

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