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**Item No. 17 on the Agenda: Uniform Law Review/ *Revue de droit uniforme*
and other publications**

(prepared by the Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Information on the Review and other publications</i>
<i>Related Documents</i>	<i>Implementation of the Strategic Plan (C.D. (87) 6, p. 10)</i>

PRINCIPAL PARAMETERS FOR DISCUSSION PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT

Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	high	medium	Low

I. Strategic Plan

Strategic Objective 2 : Pro-active use of outreach resources (in particular paras. 21, 22, 23(b));

II. 2006-2008 Work Programme

Yes

III. Current assessment

Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	on time	slightly delayed	No

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality of content (choice of subjects, relevance to UNIDROIT work) and form (editorial, punctuality);• Balance between institutional (promotion) and commercial (product) imperatives;• Increased circulation and on-line access
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Assessment of quality and effectiveness	Good.
Staff Implications	0.20 officer; 1.0 editorial secretary; occasional contributions from other officers.
Budgetary Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ expenditure in 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – printing: € 31,500 (Exp. Ch. 5); – postage: € 13,000 (Exp. Ch. 6 § 3); ❖ receipts in 2007: € 40,000 (Receipts Ch. 2 § 3); ❖ staff: regular budget.

I. – UNIFORM LAW REVIEW / REVUE DE DROIT UNIFORME

1. Volume XII(2007) of the Uniform Law Review/ *Revue de droit uniforme* appeared with a total of 950 pages. In response to certain Government's pressure to devote fewer resources to the production of the Institute's house journal – the only specialised periodical world wide – the Secretariat took a number of steps both as regards the organisation of the publications process and the journal's content. In particular, the exceedingly work in-house section devoted to abstracts of relevant case law on uniform instruments in English and French was discontinued. The Secretariat would note that this decision has drawn criticism from practitioners in English speaking countries for whom the Review was the only source for court decisions rendered in other languages. On a more positive note, the former section "UNIDROIT News" has been re-designed as a section on the activities of all three private-law formulating agencies hosting regularly reports from our sister Organisation Hague Conference on Private International Law and UNCITRAL.

II. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2. A revised second edition of the UNIDROIT Guide on International Master Franchise Arrangements was published in 2007.

3. *UNIDROIT Proceedings and Papers 1997-2007* is under preparation and will be provided free of charge to the depository libraries for UNIDROIT documentation in the member States and to members of the Governing Council.

4. The Secretariat has prepared a CD-ROM containing the complete collection of the preparatory work relating to the two editions of 1994 and 2004 of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts. The collection, consisting of 154 documents for a total of 5353 pages, comprises the preparatory studies and preliminary drafts prepared by the Rapporteurs on the various chapters as well as the summary records of the meetings of the Working Group prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat. The respective documents, in pdf format, have been organised in chronological order. The main menu provides links to the list of the members of the two Working Groups for the preparation of the two editions of the UNIDROIT Principles as well as to the lists of the respective preparatory work which provide links to the individual documents in full text.