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<i>Summary</i>	<i>First estimates of receipts and expenditure for 2014</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>Preparation of the draft budget for the 2014 financial year</i>
<i>Related documents</i>	<i>Draft budget 2014 – First estimates (UNIDROIT 2013 - F.C.(73) 2); Report of the 73rd session of the Finance Committee (UNIDROIT 2013 - F.C (73) 3)</i>

1. The first estimates of receipts and expenditure for the 2014 financial year prepared by the Secretariat (F.C. (73) 2) were examined by the Finance Committee at its 73rd session (Rome, 13 March 2013), in accordance with Article 26 of the Regulations.

2. At that session, the Finance Committee noted that the Secretariat's first estimates contemplated a moderate increase of in member States' contributions. The chairperson of the Finance Committee summarized the discussion by concluding that the Committee "had taken note of the request of the Secretariat and that some members expressed their reservation to endorsing the proposal at this stage", noting that "the proposed increase in contributions would in any event be reconsidered at the next session of the Committee" (see FC (73) 3, para. 24).

3. On the basis of those initial estimates, the Governing Council is called upon to draw up the draft Budget for 2014 to be communicated to the Governments of member States for observations. Governments will have until 20 September 2013 to submit their observations.

4. Together with any comments received by the Secretariat, the draft Budget will be transmitted to the Finance Committee, for consideration at its 74th session, to be held in Rome, late September 2013. The Committee will at that time give its opinion of the draft Budget before its submission to the General Assembly at its 72nd session in Rome, to be held in Rome early December 2013.