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Item No. 3 on the agenda: Objections to the reclassifications of member States in the UNIDROIT contributions chart

1. At its 69th session (Rome, 1st December 2011), the General Assembly approved the recommendations by the Finance Committee on the reclassifications of certain member States in conformity with the scale assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution No. 64/248 of 23 December 2009 and adopted the revised chart for the apportionment of the contribution of the member States to the ordinary UNIDROIT budget for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, as stated in Annex II of Resolution 69(1).
2. At this occasion, the Assembly agreed that « those member States that had been unable to vote in favour of the draft Resolution – and their consequent reclassification in the UNIDROIT contributions chart – might, once the Government of Italy, as Depositary of the UNIDROIT Statute, had notified member States of the Resolution, put forward objections against the same, in accordance with Article 16(6) of the UNIDROIT Statute, for consideration by the General Assembly at its 70th session» (UNIDROIT 2011 – A.G. (69) 11, Report on the session, para. 42).
3. At the time of this writing, the Secretariat has received objections from Colombia and Portugal, reproduced in Annex I to the present document

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«...In this regard this Diplomatic Mission permits itself to inform [the Ministry] that the Republic of Colombia accepts the reclassification provided for by the Resolution concerned, and at the same time, in accordance with what is provided for by Article 16, paragraph (6) of the [above-]mentioned Statute, expresses and notifies [the Ministry of] its objection as regards the year of application of the increase [resulting from] the reclassification of its contribution as a State member of the organisation.

The Government of Colombia will be able to accept the commitment of the new contribution quota from the year 2013, time which is the minimum necessary to fulfil the administrative procedures required by national law with a view to the updating of the sum of the contribution.»

Embassy of Colombia – N.E – 0044 – 31 January 2012

PORTUGAL

« The Embassy of Portugal presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the [Ministry's] *Note Verbale* no. 6500/336291 of 6 December 2011, has the honour to inform it that, in conformity with Article 16, paragraph (6), of the Statute of UNIDROIT, the Portuguese Government objects to the reclassification of Portugal under Resolution (69) 1 adopted by the UNIDROIT General Assembly on 1 December 2011 with a view to the Portuguese contribution to the 2012 Budget. ... »

Embassy of Portugal – Proc. 7.2.2. N. 51 – 31 January 2012