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ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

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3. Final modifications to the Budget and Accounts for the 2016 financial year (F.C. (83) 2 and Accounts 2016)
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5. Information on the extra-budgetary contributions received in 2017 and on their allocation to the activities and projects of the Institute (F.C. (83) 4)
6. Arrears in contributions of member States (F.C. (83) 5)
7. Draft Budget 2018 and observations submitted by member States (F.C. (83) 6)
8. Classification of member States in the UNIDROIT Contributions Chart (F.C. (81) 3 rev. and F.C. (82) 2)
9. Review of the compensation and social security package offered to UNIDROIT staff (F.C. (83) 8, F.C. (81) 5 and F.C. (81) 6 rev.)
10. Financial situation of inactive member States (F.C. (83) 7)
11. Any other business

ANNOTATIONS

Item No. 1 – Opening of the session

1. The 83rd session of the Finance Committee will be held on Thursday, 21 September 2017, at the seat of UNIDROIT. Meeting hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Item No. 8 – Classification of member States in the UNIDROIT Contributions Chart (F.C. (81) 3 rev. and F.C. (82) 2)

2. Document F.C. (81) 3 rev. sets out: (a) the basic rules on the assessment of contributions; (b) the methodology for the classification of member States into the Categories in the Contributions Chart, which is based on units of contribution and ranges of contributions to the UN budget; (c) the proposed adjustments to the Contributions Chart; (d) and a draft Contributions Chart showing the proposed contributions for the period 2018-2023 as compared to the Contributions Chart in force for the period 2012-2017. In considering that draft Contributions Chart, at its 81st session (Rome, 6 April 2017), the Finance Committee requested that the Secretariat prepare an alternative proposal – in which new Categories could be added, in view of the wide gap between Categories I and II and the potential need to add a new Category between Category 8 and the Special Category to reduce the burden for States with smaller economies – and decided to hold an additional session to consider this issue further.¹

3. At its 82nd session, the Finance Committee considered the Contributions Chart following the existing methodology (document F.C. (81) 3 rev.) and the requested alternative proposal that had been prepared by the Secretariat (document F.C. (82) 2), which largely followed the existing methodology but included a new Category II to address the current gap between existing Categories I and II and a new Category X to break the current range of contributions in existing Category VIII into two. Following its deliberations, the Finance Committee agreed that:

(a) consideration of the proposed structural revisions to the Contributions Chart should only result in changes in contributions, if any, in 2019;

(b) it should accordingly be recommended to the General Assembly that the current Contributions Chart² remain in place in 2018, so that member States' contributions would remain the same in 2018 as they were in 2017; and

(c) implementation of the next Contributions Chart – whether following the existing methodology or adopting the proposed revisions – would be on the basis of the UN scale of assessments for 2019-2021, which is to be issued in 2018.³

4. In addition, the Finance Committee agreed to request that the Secretariat circulate the proposed revisions to the Contributions Chart to member States for review and comment. Accordingly, the Secretariat circulated them to member States, requesting the submission of any comments to the Secretariat (info@unidroit.org) by 5 September 2017. Any comments received by that date will be provided to the Finance Committee in due course, so that they could be taken into consideration by the Finance Committee at its 83rd session (Rome, 21 September 2017). For ease of reference, the Contributions Chart's existing methodology and the proposed revised methodology are summarised in the attached Appendix.

¹ UNIDROIT 2017 – F.C. (81) 7, paras. 21-25.

² UNIDROIT 2014 – A.G. (75) 7, Annex.

³ UNIDROIT 2017 – F.C. (82) 3, paras. 5-37.

APPENDIXCurrent methodology for the classification of member States in the UNIDROIT Contributions Chart

(as approved by the General Assembly at its 52nd session (Rome, 27 November 1998) and reaffirmed by the General Assembly at its 69th session (Rome, 1 December 2011))

Category	Units of contribution	Range of contribution to the UN budget
I	50	more than 3%
II	22	2% to 3%
III	18	1.00% to 2.00%
IV	13	0.960% to 0.999%
V	11	0.500% to 0.959%
VI	9	0.450% to 0.499%
VII	8	0.115% to 0.449%
VIII	5	0.005% to 0.114%
Special	1	0.0% to 0.004%

Proposed revised methodology for the classification of member States in the UNIDROIT Contributions Chart

(as requested by the Finance Committee at its 81st session (Rome, 6 April 2017) and considered at its 82nd session (Rome, 13 July 2017))

Category	Units of contribution	Range of contribution to the UN budget
I	50	more than 4%
II	36	2.5% to 3.99%
III	22	2% to 2.49%
IV	18	1.00% to 1.99%
V	13	0.960% to 0.999%
VI	11	0.500% to 0.959%
VII	9	0.450% to 0.499%
VIII	8	0.115% to 0.449%
IX	5	0.040% to 0.114%
X	4	0.005% to 0.039%
XI	1	0.0% to 0.004%