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Item No. 6 on the Agenda: Information on extrabudgetary contributions received in 2025 and on their allocation to Institute activities and projects

(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>For information of the Members of the Finance Committee</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Related document</i>	<i>None</i>

1. Over the past years, the Institute has been successful in obtaining a number of sources of supplementary funding from third parties. The Annexe to this document shows a summary of extra-budgetary financial contributions received in 2025 as well as the expenditure that has, or will be, funded accordingly. It is to be noted that other third-party contributions in kind to the work of the Institute (e.g., direct organisation of meetings, payment of travel and accommodation expenses of members of the staff) are not indicated in this table.¹

2. For ease of reference, and in order to better illustrate the allocation of resources, this information is provided in the form of a table indicating, for each activity or project, the balance carried over from the 2024 financial year, if any; the amount actually received in 2025 or expected to be received before the end of the year; and the actual or anticipated expenditure for the year 2025.

Description of Extrabudgetary Contributions

3. The UNIDROIT Secretariat wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) for its steadfast support to the Institute and its generous contribution of € 467,500 towards the organisation of the UNIDROIT International Programme for Law and Development (IPLD) in 2025. The IPLD is designed to foster the dissemination and practical implementation of UNIDROIT's international legal instruments in regions of strategic interest for the Institute, where our work can be particularly useful and the input received from participants to the programme especially enriching and valuable for UNIDROIT.

¹ The Finance Committee received an overview of in-kind support received by the Institute in 2024 during its 99th session (see [F.C. \(99\) 3](#)). An overview of in-kind contributions received in 2025 will be presented at the Finance Committee's 101st session.

4. Thanks to MAECI's continued support, the Institute was able to organise two IPLD editions in 2025: (i) IPLD Africa Plus – the fourth, expanded edition of the IPLD tailored for African legal professionals; and (ii) IPLD BEPCAC – the inaugural edition dedicated to legal professionals from the Balkans, Eastern Partnership countries, Central Asia, and the Caucasus. The IPLD Africa Plus, held from 6 June to 3 July 2025, convened a distinguished group of legal professionals from 15 African countries. The "Plus" designation reflected the enhanced scope and content of the Programme, made possible through MAECI's increased support. The IPLD BEPCAC, held from 8 to 25 September 2025, gathered legal experts from 10 countries across the BEPCAC region and was met with outstanding success. Both editions of the IPLD served as significant milestones in UNIDROIT's efforts to strengthen legal cooperation and dialogue with those two regions. They enabled the Institute to forge enduring partnerships, broaden its global network, and deepen engagement with key areas of the world, where our instruments can potentially be of enormous assistance.

5. Every year, UNIDROIT receives funding within the framework of the Cape Town Convention Academic Project, which serves to meet expenses incurred in support of a range of activities dedicated to the study and promotion of the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols. In 2025, the Secretariat has received € 138,937 to this end, which was used, as usual, for payment of the remuneration of the consultants hired in support of the Cape Town Convention Academic Project and for the organisation of the 14th Annual Cape Town Convention Academic Conference, which was held in Cambridge in September 2025.

6. Furthermore, the Institute has received extrabudgetary funding in support of the UNIDROIT Asian Transnational Law Centre (ATLC), established in 2024 to promote the work of UNIDROIT in the Asia-Pacific region and to strengthen connections between relevant stakeholders from Asia and UNIDROIT. The generous donations, made by Yingke law firm in support of the ATLC in 2025 (amounting to € 217,500.00²), enable the ATLC to meet its objectives³ and has allowed the creation of a new ATLC Research Hub in UNIDROIT's Library, providing essential desk space to ATLC-sponsored scholars and interns from the Asia-Pacific region undertaking research at the Centre.

7. Moreover, UNIDROIT has received € 150,000.00 from the *Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione* to support a training programme on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods for African public officials and administrative staff of arbitration centres. The programme will be implemented by UNIDROIT in partnership with the Italian Arbitration Association (*Associazione Italiana per l'Arbitrato*). The first pilot training course is planned to focus on Zambia.

8. UNIDROIT has also received financial support (€ 24,978.08) from the *Fondation Gandur pour l'Art* in support of the project on Private Art Collections. The Secretariat is grateful for the foundation's ongoing support, which facilitates the organisation of Working Group sessions for this project.

9. A number of donors contribute funding to a general scholarship fund that supports interns and scholars seeking to come and undertake research at the Institute. The Secretariat wishes to particularly thank the People's Republic of China for its generous donation in 2025 of € 19,900 to the UNIDROIT Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme.

² Consisting of two contributions made by Yingke law firm: (i) € 120,500.00 for the renovation of the ATLC Research Hub, and (ii) € 97,000.00 as second instalment for the ATLC for the year 2025.

³ The ATLC's activities include the translation of UNIDROIT instruments into Asian languages; provision of legal publications from the Asia-Pacific region for the Library; sponsorship of talented legal scholars and law students from the Asia-Pacific region to undertake research stays and internships at UNIDROIT; support for experts from the Asia-Pacific region to participate in UNIDROIT projects and activities; organisation of consultation and promotion events for UNIDROIT projects and instruments in the Asia-Pacific.

ANNEXE

UNIDROIT Information on Extrabudgetary Contributions in 2025	
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		Initial Balance	Receipts*	Expenditure **	Balance ***
Principles on Netting of Financial Instruments	€	Initial Balance	Receipts*	Expenditure **	Balance ***
Donor Association of German Banks		281,39			281,39
Total	€	281,39	0,00	0,00	281,39

International Cooperation and Development		Initial Balance	Receipts*	Expenditure **	Balance ***
Donor International Cooperation and Development		150.000,00			150.000,00
Total	€	150.000,00	0,00	0,00	150.000,00

Orphan Objects Project	€	Initial Balance	Receipts*	Expenditure **	Balance ***
Donor Gandur fund		24.131,40	24.978,07	19.761,98	29.347,49
Total	€	24.131,40	24.978,07	19.761,98	29.347,49

Cape Town Convention Academic Project	€	Initial Balance	Receipts*	Expenditure **	Balance ***
Donor CTCAP		67.309,21	138.937,00	114.982,67	91.263,54
Total	€	67.309,21	138.937,00	114.982,67	91.263,54

Research Scholarship Programme	€	Initial Balance	Receipts*	Expenditure **	Balance ***
Donor Scholarship General Fund		15.038,07	55.541,46	60.991,44	9.588,09
Sir Roy Goode Scholarship		31.860,89		20.790,32	11.070,57
People's Republic of China		57.716,47	19.900,00	6.149,30	71.467,17
Total	€	104.615,43	75.441,46	87.931,06	92.125,83

UNIDROIT Library	€	Initial Balance	Receipts*	Expenditure **	Balance ***
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Donor	Various Italian Law Firms		10.113,99		10.113,99	
Total			10.113,99	0,00	10.113,99	0,00
MAECI						
IPLD			5.987,17	467.500,00	206.845,01	266.642,16
EC FUND	Private Law and Agriculture		19.726,56		19.192,25	534,31
Italian Government	Palazzo Aldobrandini Work		705.896,86		455.352,75	250.544,11
ATLC			85.391,07	217.500,00	224.959,22	77.931,85
GRAND TOTAL		€	1.173.453,08	924.356,53	1.139.138,93	958.670,68

* Estimated total receipts as at 30 September 2025
including any amounts carried over from 2024

** Estimated expenditure as of 30 September 2025

*** Estimated balance as of 30 September 2025