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(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 successfully secured a number of sources of supplementary funding from third parties. The Annexe to this document provides a summary of extra-budgetary financial contributions received in 2026 as well as the expenditure that has been funded accordingly. It should 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, to better illustrate the allocation of resources, this information is presented as a table indicating, for each activity, the balance carried over from the 2025 financial year, if any; the amount actually received in 2026 to date; and the actual expenditure for the year 2026.

Description of Extrabudgetary Contributions

3. The UNIDROIT Secretariat wishes to sincerely thank the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) for its unwavering 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 2026. 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 2025 during its 101st session (see [F.C. \(101\) 3](#)). An overview of in-kind contributions received in 2026 will be presented at the Finance Committee's 103rd session.

4. Thanks to MAECI's continued support, the Institute was able to organise again two IPLD editions in 2026: (i) IPLD Africa Plus – the fifth edition tailored for African legal professionals; and (ii) IPLD BEPCAC – the second edition dedicated to legal professionals from the Balkans, Eastern Partnership countries, Central Asia, and the Caucasus. The IPLD Africa Plus, held from 5 June to 2 July 2026, brought together 28 legal professionals from a record number of 19 African countries. The IPLD BEPCAC, held from 31 August to 18 September 2026, gathered legal experts from 11 countries across the BEPCAC region and was met with outstanding success. Both editions were important milestones in UNIDROIT's efforts to advance legal cooperation and dialogue with these two regions. They helped build lasting partnerships, expand the Institute's global network, and strengthen engagement with regions where UNIDROIT's instruments can offer considerable practical value. Since this year's IPLD editions took place during UNIDROIT's Centenary celebrations, they offered a particularly meaningful opportunity to connect the Institute's history of international legal cooperation with a new generation of professionals committed to shaping the future of law and development. The final workshops of several Centenary Workstreams² were organised during the two IPLD editions to allow participants to directly engage with Workstream experts on the impact of UNIDROIT instruments and potential areas for future work.

5. Furthermore, 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 2026 of € 22,920 to the UNIDROIT Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme.

6. The Institute has also received extra-budgetary funding (approximately € 100,000) 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.³

7. Every year, UNIDROIT receives funding within the framework of the Cape Town Convention Academic Project (CTCAP), 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 2026, the Secretariat has so far received € 30,739 to this end. The CTCAP funding was used, as usual, for payment of the remuneration of the consultants hired in support of the CTCAP and for the organisation of the 15th Annual Cape Town Convention Academic Conference, which was held in Cambridge in September 2026.

8. UNIDROIT has also received financial support (€ 24,978) 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.

² Seven Centenary Workstreams were established to examine UNIDROIT's past and ongoing work, and identify potential areas for future work, in the field of: (i) contract law, (ii) private law and agriculture, (iii) financial markets and technology, (iv) access to credit, (v) procedural law and dispute resolution, (vi) sustainable development, and (vii) cultural property. The Workstream workshop on contract law was held during IPLD Africa Plus, and the Workstream workshops on financial markets and technology, private law and agriculture, and sustainable development were held during IPLD BEPCAC. For more on the Workstreams information, see <https://www.unidroit.org/centenary/>.

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.

ANNEX

UNIDROIT Information on Extrabudgetary Contributions in 2026			Initial Balance*	Receipts**	Expenditure***	Balance****
Principles on Close-Out Netting		€	Initial Balance	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance
Donor	Association of German Banks		281,39	0,00	0,00	281,39
Total		€	281,39	0,00	0,00	281,39
International Cooperation and Development			Initial Balance	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance
Donor	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation		144.006,32	0,00	25.937,04	118.069,28
Total		€	144.006,32	0,00	25.937,04	118.069,28
Orphan Objects Project		€	Initial Balance	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance
Donor	Gandur fund		21.905,03	24.978,07	21.906,71	24.976,39
Total		€	21.905,03	24.978,07	21.906,71	24.976,39
Cape Town Convention		€	Initial Balance	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance
Donor	CTCAP		43.186,11	30.739,17	67.317,58	6.607,70
Total		€	43.186,11	30.739,17	67.317,58	6.607,70
Research Scholarship Programme		€	Initial Balance	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance
Donor	Scholarship General Fund		0,00	83.795,23	52.594,28	31.200,95
	Sir Roy Goode Scholarship		10.863,71	0,00	6.005,79	4.857,92
	People's Republic of China		62.393,79	22.920,00	28.186,09	57.127,70
Total		€	73.257,50	106.715,23	86.786,16	93.186,57
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IPLD			166.774,03	467.500,00	215.225,31	419.048,72
EC FUND	Private Law and Agriculture		534,31	0,00	0,00	534,31
Italian Government	Restoration works on Villa Aldobrandini		158.514,91	0,00	88.175,42	70.339,49

ATLC			54.655,88	99.865,33	72.205,63	82.315,58
GRAND TOTAL		€	663.115,48	729.797,80	577.553,85	815.359,43

- * Balance at 1 January 2026
- ** Estimated total receipts as of 23 September 2026
- *** Estimated expenditure as of 23 September 2026
- **** Estimated balance as of 23 September 2026