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Table IS2.1
Summary by source of income
 (Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Source</i>	<i>2019 approved estimates^a</i>	<i>2020 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
A. Income from rental of premises	12 401.5	12 295.9	(105.6)
B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others	395.5	370.6	(24.9)
C. Bank interest	1 612.7	–	(1 612.7)
D. Sale of used equipment	67.5	209.0	141.5
E. Refund of previous years' expenditures	1 984.0	1 363.0	(621.0)
F. Contributions of non-member States	125.5	125.5	–
G. Television and similar services	60.0	60.0	–
H. Miscellaneous income	5 227.4	7 320.0	2 092.6
Total	21 874.1	21 744.0	(130.1)

^a Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 73/280 A to C, the amounts reflect half of the approved estimates for the biennium 2018–2019 for comparison purposes only.

A. Income from rental of premises

- IS2.1 The expected income under this heading in the amount of \$12,295,900, the details of which are shown in table IS2.2, relate to the payment of rent by a number of specialized agencies and other entities connected with the activities of the Organization for the occupancy at the United Nations premises in New York, Geneva, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago. Under the terms of agreement with the Government of Austria, the United Nations does not charge rent for the space provided for other tenants on its premises in Vienna, and rental income generated in Vienna would devolve to the Government of Austria. The estimate for 2020 reflects the full anticipated revenue for that financial period.
- IS2.2 The estimated net decrease of \$105,600 in rental income is due mainly to the decreases at Headquarters (\$360,000) and in Geneva (\$90,000), offset in part by increases in Nairobi (\$200,000) and Addis Ababa (\$145,500). The decrease at Headquarters and in Geneva is due to reduced space leased to external tenants. The increase in Nairobi is due to the annual upward revision in rental rates. The increase in Addis Ababa is due to the upward revision in rental rates, which is reviewed annually and adjusted on the basis of actual expenditure relating to maintenance and renovation of the buildings and rental rates prevailing in the market during 2018.

Table IS2.2
Income from rental of premises
 (Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Source</i>	<i>2019 approved estimates^a</i>	<i>2020 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
Headquarters, New York	1 904.8	1 544.8	(360.0)
United Nations Office at Geneva	1 447.0	1 357.0	(90.0)
United Nations Office at Nairobi	6 300.0	6 500.0	200.0
Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa	2 118.4	2 263.9	145.5
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	601.5	596.2	(5.3)

<i>Source</i>	<i>2019 approved estimates^a</i>	<i>2020 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago	29.8	34.0	4.2
Total	12 401.5	12 295.9	(105.6)

^a Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 73/280 A to C, the amounts reflect half of the approved estimates for the biennium 2018–2019 for comparison purposes only.

B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others

IS2.3 The expected income under this heading is set out in table IS2.3. The total estimated income of \$370,600 reflects a net decrease of \$24,900 for the Economic Commission for Africa owing to lower estimates for document reproduction services based on recent patterns of services provided.

Table IS2.3

Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Source</i>	<i>2019 approved estimates^a</i>	<i>2020 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
United Nations Office at Vienna	230.0	230.0	–
Economic Commission for Africa			
Document reproduction services	148.0	117.0	(31.0)
Language training	17.5	23.6	6.1
Total	395.5	370.6	(24.9)

^a Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 73/280 A to C, the amounts reflect half of the approved estimates for the biennium 2018–2019 for comparison purposes only.

C. Bank interest

IS2.4 Since June 2018, the month-end cash balances for the regular budget have been negative. In October 2018, the General Assembly was informed of the cash situation, and the negative cash balances continue to persist. Accordingly, it is projected that no interest income would be earned on United Nations bank account balances in respect of the general fund during 2020.

D. Sale of used equipment

IS2.5 The estimate of \$209,000, reflecting a net increase of \$141,500 compared with the estimate approved for 2019 in the amount of \$67,500 (reflecting half of the approved estimates for the biennium 2018–2019 pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 73/280 A to C), is projected for the sale of used vehicles and equipment at Headquarters, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that have been identified for disposal in 2020.

E. Refund of previous years' expenditures

- IS2.6 An estimated amount of \$1,363,000 in 2020, reflecting a decrease of \$621,000, is anticipated to be refunded from prior years' expenditures, which is based on the average amounts realized in 2017 and 2018. It should be noted, however, that the level of refunds is influenced by external factors and therefore difficult to predict with accuracy.

F. Contributions of non-member States

- IS2.7 Under the terms of rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and regulation 3.9 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, States that are not members of the United Nations but participate in certain activities of the Organization contribute towards the expenses of such activities at rates to be determined by the Assembly. By its resolution [44/197 B](#), the Assembly endorsed the revised assessment procedures for non-member States contained in paragraphs 50 to 52 of the report of the Committee on Contributions ([A/44/11](#) and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1). These procedures provide for assessment of contributions on the basis of a flat annual fee at the beginning of each year. That fee was calculated for each non-member State on the basis of a varying proportion of the applicable rate of assessment, which was applied to the applicable assessment base. The assessment base equals the total net assessment for the United Nations regular budget for the year. By its resolution [58/1 B](#), the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the flat annual fee percentage of the Holy See should be fixed at 50 per cent of the notional rate of assessment and that further periodic review of the percentage should be suspended. By its decision 68/548, the Assembly decided that the State of Palestine was to be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization on the basis of the same procedure. Accordingly, the total contribution from these non-member States is projected to be \$125,500 for 2020 which represents no change compared with the estimates for 2019.

G. Television and similar services

- IS2.8 Income from television and similar services, such as publication fees charged when the images within the United Nations photo library are used in commercially published print monographs, service fees and royalty fees charged for the research, screening and duplication of the United Nations video and film collection, is estimated at \$60,000 for 2020, in line with the estimate approved for 2019 (reflecting half of the approved estimates for the biennium 2018–2019 pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [73/280 A](#) to C).

H. Miscellaneous income

- IS2.9 Various receipts that cannot properly be classified under any of the preceding subheadings, such as contributions from agencies, funds and programmes for their prorated share of the costs of the administration of justice, are included under this subheading. Given its nature, miscellaneous income is difficult to predict with accuracy. The estimate of \$7,320,000 for 2020 reflects a conservative amount based mainly on expected miscellaneous income in 2019. The amount is higher, by \$2,092,600, compared with the approved estimate in the amount of \$5,227,400 for 2019 (reflecting half of the approved estimates for the biennium 2018–2019 pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [73/280 A](#) to C), owing to an increase in contributions from non-regular budget entities for the costs of the administration of justice.