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

<i>Source</i>	<i>2022 approved estimates</i>	<i>2023 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
A. Income from rental of premises	10 592.3	11 549.4	957.1
B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others	341.9	339.8	(2.1)
C. Bank interest	—	2 699.4	2 699.4
D. Sale of used equipment	113.5	155.7	42.2
E. Refund of previous years' expenditures	1 634.4	1 252.5	(382.0)
F. Contributions of non-member States	130.1	172.3	42.2
G. Television and similar services	60.0	80.0	20.0
H. Miscellaneous income	6 708.4	6 103.1	(605.3)
Total	19 580.6	22 352.2	2 771.6

A. Income from rental of premises

- IS2.1 The expected income under this heading, in the amount of \$11,549,400, 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 of 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.
- IS2.2 The estimated net increase of \$957,100 in rental income is due mainly to an increase in rental rates for the extrabudgetary funded operations of United Nations offices and departments at the Palais des Nations in Geneva (\$913,800) and at the Economic Commission for Africa (\$149,800), offset in part by reduced income resulting mainly from lower occupancy at United Nations Headquarters in New York (\$43,800) and at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (\$169,100).

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

<i>Source</i>	<i>2022 approved estimates</i>	<i>2023 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
Headquarters, New York	1 619.8	1 576.0	(43.8)
United Nations Office at Geneva	1 340.0	2 253.8	913.8
United Nations Office at Nairobi	4 390.0	4 220.9	(169.1)
Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa	2 573.6	2 723.4	149.8
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago	23.9	77.4	53.5
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	645.0	698.0	53.0
Total	10 592.3	11 549.4	957.1

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 \$339,800 reflects a decrease of \$2,100, which is attributable to a decrease at the Economic Commission for Africa related to printing, pouch, catering and language services provided to other agencies, funds and programmes.

Table IS2.3

Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Source</i>	<i>2022 approved estimates</i>	<i>2023 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
United Nations Office at Vienna	217.0	217.0	–
Economic Commission for Africa	124.9	122.8	(2.1)
Total	341.9	339.8	(2.1)

C. Bank interest

IS2.4 It is projected that interest income of \$2,699,400 will be earned on United Nations bank account balances in respect of the general fund during 2023, based on an average positive cash balance of \$360 million and a higher interest rate environment for 2023.

D. Sale of used equipment

IS2.5 The expected income under this heading is set out in table IS2.4. The estimate of \$155,700, reflecting an increase of \$42,200, is due mainly to: (a) higher estimated proceeds from the sale of six used vehicles in 2023 at Headquarters, whereby economic factors such as higher inflation, the low inventory of used vehicles and global logistics issues are projected to affect sales and lead to higher bid prices (\$14,500); and (b) the planned sales of two cars and equipment and furniture at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (\$24,200). The estimates under this heading vary from year to year on the basis of the equipment that has been identified for sale at the time of preparation of the present report.

Table IS2.4

Sale of used equipment

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Source</i>	<i>2022 approved estimates</i>	<i>2023 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
Headquarters, New York	27.7	42.2	14.5
Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa	23.0	26.5	3.5
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	62.8	87.0	24.2
Total	113.5	155.7	42.2

E. Refund of previous years' expenditures

- IS2.6 An estimated amount of \$1,252,500 in 2023, reflecting a decrease of \$382,000, is anticipated to be refunded from prior years' expenditures and is based on the average amounts realized in 2020 and 2021, adjusted for one-off transactions. The level of refunds is influenced by external factors and is 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](#), [A/44/11/Add.1](#) and [A/44/11/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, adjusted for tax refunds. 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. The total contribution from these non-member States is projected to be \$172,300 for 2023, representing an increase of \$42,200 compared with the estimates for 2022, owing to the increase for one non-member State.

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 and service fees and royalty fees charged for the research, screening and duplication of the United Nations video and film collection, is estimated at \$80,000 for 2023, representing an increase of \$20,000, based on the higher projected number of requests and licences for photographs and audiovisual footage for 2023.

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 heading. The expected income under this heading is set out in table IS2.5. Given its nature, miscellaneous income is, for the most part, difficult to predict with accuracy. The estimate of \$6,103,100 for 2023 reflects a conservative amount that is lower, by \$605,300, than the approved estimate of \$6,708,400 for 2022, owing mainly to: (a) a lower share of peacekeeping operations for the costs of the administration of justice, to be funded from the support account, based on headcount statistics (\$288,300); and (b) the discontinuation of the annuities received from the Fondation pour la Cité de la musique de Genève related to the 90-year lease with development rights for the Villa and Parc des Feuillantines land, which was outlined in paragraph 112 of the sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva ([A/74/452](#)). Following the negative results of a referendum by the voters of the city of Geneva on the project in late 2021, the foundation has discontinued the project and advance lease payments will no longer be made to the Organization.

Table IS2.5
Miscellaneous income
 (Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Source</i>	<i>2022 approved estimates</i>	<i>2023 estimates</i>	<i>Increase (decrease)</i>
Headquarters, New York (contributions for the costs of the administration of justice)			
Billing for agencies/funds/programmes	5 845.3	5 845.3	—
Net share of peacekeeping operations to be funded from the support account	546.1	257.8	(288.3)
United Nations Office at Geneva	317.0	—	(317.0)
Total	6 708.4	6 103.1	(605.3)

Annex

Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of advisory and oversight bodies

Brief description of the recommendation

Action taken to implement the recommendation

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

[A/76/7](#) and [A/76/7/Corr.1](#)

The Advisory Committee notes the estimated decrease under income from rental of premises and trusts that the available office space will be put to optimal use by the Organization and that an update will be provided in the next report of the Secretary-General on income section 2 (para. IS2.1).

The Committee again trusts that updated information on the new memorandum of understanding with UNOPS and its financial implications will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report and included in the next report of the Secretary-General on income section 2 (see also [A/75/7](#), para. IS2.3 and [A/74/7](#), para. IS2.4) (para. IS2.2).

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, and the Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, are projecting increases in rented spaces in 2023, while the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, are projecting higher rental rates based on market conditions. However, at Headquarters, New York, one tenant, whose lease with the Secretariat is not expected to be extended in 2023 and beyond, will be terminating its lease in the DC1 Building, and the United Nations Office at Nairobi is projecting a change in occupancy of tenants for 2023.

At the time of issuance of the present report, the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) has not shared with the United Nations Secretariat its new fee proposal. However, as was projected for 2022, it is projected for 2023 that the refund mechanism, whereby the Secretariat would receive a refund if the cumulative indirect costs paid to UNOPS exceed specified threshold(s) in a calendar year, would be eliminated from the fee structure, as it has been deemed administratively burdensome, and so no related miscellaneous income is estimated for 2023.
