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

| <i>Source</i> | <i>2023 approved estimates</i> | <i>2024 proposed estimates</i> | <i>Increase (decrease)</i> |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| A. Income from rental of premises | 11 493.6 | 10 835.6 | (658.0) |
| B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others | 339.8 | 239.8 | (100.0) |
| C. Interest income | 10 600.0 | 8 000.0 | (2 600.0) |
| D. Sale of used equipment | 155.7 | 124.1 | (31.6) |
| E. Refund of previous years' expenditures | 1 252.5 | 1 252.5 | – |
| F. Contributions of non-member States | 172.3 | 172.3 | – |
| G. Television and similar services | 80.0 | 80.0 | – |
| H. Miscellaneous income | 6 103.1 | 5 970.9 | (132.2) |
| Total | 30 197.0 | 26 675.2 | (3 521.8) |

A. Income from rental of premises

- IS2.1 The expected income under this heading, in the amount of \$10,835,600, 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 the 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 decrease of \$658,000 in rental income is due mainly to: (a) a lower rental rate for office space in Nairobi as a result of the outcome of independent market studies commissioned by the United Nations Office at Nairobi (\$790,900); and (b) a reduced number of specialized agencies renting office space from the Secretariat at United Nations Headquarters in New York as a result of the termination of the lease for the DC1 Building (\$528,700). The decrease was offset in part by an increase in income due mainly to: (a) an increase in rental rates at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, in line with the recommendations of the working group on global rental practices at United Nations premises (\$267,000); (b) an anticipated new United Nations tenant within the premises of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (\$217,900); and (c) additional office rental space being available at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) as a result of a more efficient use of office space following implementation of the seismic mitigation project (\$175,000).

Table IS2.2
Income from rental of premises

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| <i>Source</i> | <i>2023 approved estimates</i> | <i>2024 proposed estimates</i> | <i>Increase (decrease)</i> |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Headquarters, New York | 1 576.0 | 1 047.3 | (528.7) |
| United Nations Office at Geneva | 2 198.0 | 2 465.0 | 267.0 |
| United Nations Office at Nairobi | 4 220.9 | 3 430.0 | (790.9) |
| Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa | 2 723.3 | 2 941.2 | 217.9 |
| Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago | 77.4 | 79.1 | 1.7 |
| Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok | 698.0 | 873.0 | 175.0 |
| Total | 11 493.6 | 10 835.6 | (658.0) |

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 \$239,800 reflects a decrease of \$100,000, which is attributable to: (a) a reduction of mail and pouch services requested by clients at the United Nations Office at Vienna (\$69,600); and (b) a decrease in income from catering services at ECA, as estimates for 2023 included the late billing of services provided in 2022 (\$30,400).

Table IS2.3
Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| <i>Source</i> | <i>2023 approved estimates</i> | <i>2024 proposed estimates</i> | <i>Increase (decrease)</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| United Nations Office at Vienna | 217.0 | 147.4 | (69.6) |
| Economic Commission for Africa | 122.8 | 92.4 | (30.4) |
| Total | 339.8 | 239.8 | (100.0) |

C. Interest income

IS2.4 It is projected that interest income in the amount of \$8 million would be earned on general fund balances held in the cash pool during 2024. The decrease of \$2.6 million, compared with the approved estimates for 2023, reflects an expected lower estimated average cash balance for 2024 (an average positive cash balance of \$400 million is projected for 2024, compared with an estimate of \$422 million for 2023) and an anticipated lower interest rate environment based on the market outlook for United States interest rates (a 2 per cent interest rate is estimated for 2024, compared with 2.5 per cent for 2023).

D. Sale of used equipment

IS2.5 The expected income under this heading is set out in table IS2.4. Sale of used equipment is estimated at \$124,100 for 2024, reflecting a net decrease of \$31,600 compared to the estimates approved for 2023. 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 report. The net reduction of \$31,600 in 2024 reflects mainly lower estimated proceeds from the planned sale of equipment and furniture at ESCAP (\$75,000), partly offset by higher estimated proceeds from the planned sale of five vehicles and equipment and furniture at ECA (\$43,100).

Table IS2.4

Sale of used equipment

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| <i>Source</i> | <i>2023 approved estimates</i> | <i>2024 proposed estimates</i> | <i>Increase (decrease)</i> |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Headquarters, New York | 42.2 | 42.5 | 0.3 |
| Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa | 26.5 | 69.6 | 43.1 |
| Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok | 87.0 | 12.0 | (75.0) |
| Total | 155.7 | 124.1 | (31.6) |

E. Refund of previous years' expenditures

IS2.6 An estimated amount of \$1,252,500 in 2024, reflecting no change compared with the estimate for 2023, is anticipated to be refunded from prior years' expenditures. 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 2024, reflecting no change compared with the estimates for 2023.

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 2024, reflecting no change compared with the estimate 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 \$5,970,900 for 2024 reflects a conservative amount that is lower, by \$132,200, than the approved estimate of \$6,103,100 for 2023, owing mainly to a lower share for agencies, funds and programmes of the costs of the administration of justice, based on headcount statistics.

Table IS2.5

Miscellaneous income

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| <i>Source</i> | <i>2023 approved estimates</i> | <i>2024 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 | 5 518.2 | (327.1) |
| Net share of peacekeeping operations to be funded from the support account | 257.8 | 452.7 | 194.9 |
| Total | 6 103.1 | 5 970.9 | (132.2) |

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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

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Pending conclusion on the negotiation of the new memorandum of understanding with UNOPS, the Advisory Committee trusts that comprehensive information on the amounts refunded by UNOPS and its final destination will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report, as well as future budget submissions (para. IS2.2).

Negotiations on the new memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) are at an advanced stage and it is anticipated that the new memorandum of understanding would be finalized by the second quarter of 2023.

With regard to the amounts refunded by UNOPS, a total of \$2,125,055.60 for the year of 2021 was received and recorded in 2022, of which \$24,302.96 pertained to the regular budget, which will be reported in the context of the financial performance report for 2022.

Refunds for 2022, if any, are pending the receipt of the UNOPS consolidated financial report and would be reported in the context of the financial performance report for 2023.
