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Financial status of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme as at 30 September 2024

Report of the Executive Director

I. Introduction

1. The present report provides an overview of the financial position of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as at 30 September 2024 and describes the performance of the main funding segments of UN-Habitat, namely the United Nations regular budget appropriations provided to UN-Habitat and the Foundation non-earmarked, Foundation earmarked, technical cooperation and programme support funds, for the period from 1 January to 30 September 2024.

2. Table 1 provides an overview of funding as at 30 September 2024, showing revenue, budget and expenses for all the major funding segments alongside the budget figures from the approved work programme for 2024. A statement of financial performance showing the revenue, expenses, fund balances and reserves for each funding segment is set out in annex I. The status of Foundation non-earmarked contributions for the years 2020 to 2024 is set out in annex II, while annex III shows the status of earmarked voluntary contributions as at 30 September 2024.

Table 1

Overview of the revenue, budget and expenses of the main funds as at 30 September 2024

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>Regular budget (section 15)</i>	<i>Foundation non-earmarked</i>	<i>Foundation earmarked</i>	<i>Technical cooperation</i>	<i>Programme support</i>	<i>Total</i>
Revenue ^a	8,723.3	3,140.7	24,975.9	82,608.5	9,924.9	129,373.3
Budget ^b	9,764.0	2,980.9	40,537.2	70,705.0	7,501.7	131,488.8
Expenses	8,723.3	2,611.5	36,269.0	90,802.4	7,781.5	146,187.7

^a Revenue includes contributions and other sources of revenue and is stated net of adjustments.

^b Budgets are prorated based on annual figures.

3. Table 2 shows the composition of all voluntary contributions received during the period by type of contributor, while table 3 shows the voluntary contributions by region. As is shown in annex I, voluntary contributions comprise the majority of revenue. In the Foundation earmarked and technical

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cooperation funds, total voluntary contributions exceed revenue because of outstanding refunds to donors, as is shown in annex I.

Table 2

Voluntary contributions by type of contributor as at 30 September 2024

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Segment</i>	<i>Civil society</i>	<i>Foundations</i>	<i>Central governments</i>	<i>Inter-governmental</i>	<i>Local authorities</i>	<i>Private sector</i>	<i>United Nations entities</i>	<i>Total</i>
Foundation non-earmarked	-	-	2,928.0	-	-	-	-	2,928.0
Foundation earmarked	40.3	5,097.4	13,029.1	4,467.1	-	-	4,516.9	27,150.8
Technical cooperation	415.4	89.8	21,827.3	28,413.1	5,862.5	1,351.6	28,777.8	86,737.5
Total	455.7	5,187.2	37,784.4	32,880.2	5,862.5	1,351.6	33,294.7	116,816.3

Table 3

Voluntary contributions by region of contributor as at 30 September 2024

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Segment</i>	<i>African States</i>	<i>Asia-Pacific States</i>	<i>Eastern European States</i>	<i>Latin American and Caribbean States</i>	<i>Western European and other States^a</i>	<i>Global</i>	<i>Total</i>
Foundation non-earmarked	634.0	851.1	-	-	1,442.9	-	2,928.0
Foundation earmarked	2,189.9	1,615.6	59.0	-	18,699.4	4,586.9	27,150.8
Technical cooperation	2,525.4	9,174.1	59.0	3,428.7	31,720.4	39,829.9	86,737.5
Total	5,349.3	11,640.8	118.0	3,428.7	51,862.7	44,416.8	116,816.3

^a Regions are as defined by the General Assembly.¹ In this table, the Western European and other States category includes the special cases of Türkiye and the United States of America.

II. Performance of core funds

4. The core funds of UN-Habitat are the Foundation non-earmarked fund and the regular budget fund.

A. Foundation non-earmarked fund

5. The resources of the Foundation non-earmarked fund, also known as the Foundation general purpose fund, are allocated against budget priorities approved by the Executive Board of UN-Habitat.

6. The main source of Foundation non-earmarked fund revenue is non-earmarked contributions from Member States. The Foundation non-earmarked fund constitutes a core source of funding for the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan and for mandated normative work, executive direction and management and a baseline level of programme support.

7. The 2024 approved budget for the Foundation non-earmarked fund is \$4.0 million. As at 30 September 2024, total revenue amounted to \$3.1 million, and expenses totalled \$2.6 million, resulting in a net operational surplus of \$0.5 million. Expenses consisted of \$1.8 million in post costs and \$0.8 million in operating expenses. A statutory operational reserve of \$3.0 million is provided for in accordance with Executive Board decision 2022/5.² Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the Foundation non-earmarked fund for the years from 2015 to 2024 are shown in table 4 and the figure below it.

¹ United Nations, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, "Regional groups of Member States" (see www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/regional-groups).

² HSP/EB.2022/22.

Table 4
Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the Foundation non-earmarked fund
 (Thousands of United States dollars)

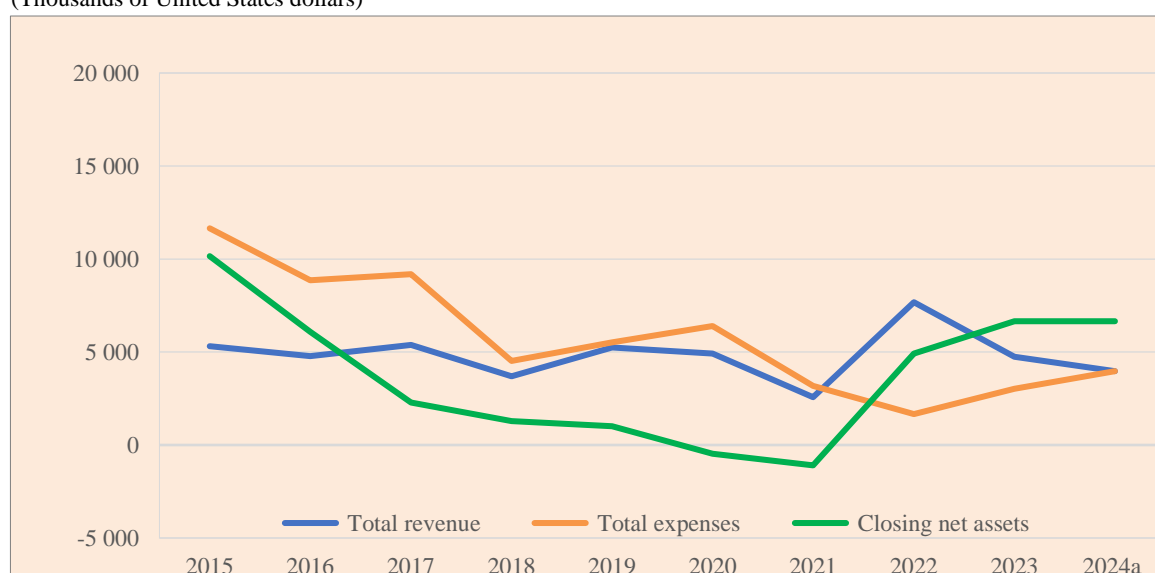
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ^a
Total revenue	5 307.0	4 785.0	5 373.0	3 699.0	5 239.0	4 916.0	2 570.0	7 677.0	4 749.0	3 974.4
Total expenses	11 651.0	8 851.0	9 182.0	4 519.0	5 518.0	6 396.0	3 185.0	1 662.0	3 025.0	3 974.4
Closing net assets	10 154.0	6 088.0	2 279.0	1 280.0	1 001.0	(479.0)	(1 094.0)	4 922.0	6 646.0	6 646.0

^a Projected data.

8. The figure below, which charts the trends in the Foundation non-earmarked fund, shows the gradual decline, on average, in revenue in the years prior to 2022, alongside an average decline in expenses. Despite the implementation of financial austerity plans, expenses exceeded revenue in the years prior to 2022, which resulted in deficit spending and an ensuing steady decline in net assets, resulting in negative net assets in 2020 and 2021. In 2022, revenue reached its highest level since 2012 and, with reinvigorated expense controls in place, UN-Habitat reported its first surplus in more than a decade. As a result, the Foundation non-earmarked fund returned to solvency. In 2023, the net assets increased to their highest level since 2016.

Trends in the Foundation non-earmarked fund

(Thousands of United States dollars)



^a Projected data.

9. In 2017, the secretariat approved a loan of \$3.0 million from the programme support fund to the Foundation non-earmarked fund. Repayments of \$0.5 million were made in 2022 and 2023, for a total of \$1.0 million repaid to date, and with a remaining liability of \$2.0 million. Assuming that annual repayments of \$0.5 million are made, the loan is projected to be fully repaid in 2027.

B. Regular budget fund

1. Section 15

10. An appropriation approved by the General Assembly is provided to UN-Habitat under section 15 (Human settlements) of the United Nations regular budget. In 2024, the appropriation amounted to \$13.0 million. Due to austerity measures emanating from the liquidity crisis in the regular budget fund, the secretariat allotted \$11.9 million, or 91.5 per cent of the appropriation. Post costs accounted for 96.6 per cent of the \$8.7 million in expenses recorded by 30 September 2024.

2. Sections 23 and 35

11. UN-Habitat also receives resources under section 23 (Regular programme of technical cooperation) and section 35 (Development Account) of the United Nations regular budget. In 2024, appropriations under section 23 amounted to \$1.4 million, of which \$1.3 million, or 92.9 per cent of

the appropriation, has been allotted due to austerity measures. As at 30 September 2024, \$0.8 million had been spent. Both the appropriation and the allotment under section 35 were \$1.8 million, of which \$0.7 million had been spent as at 30 September 2024.

C. Programme support fund

12. The 2024 programme support budget approved by the Executive Director totalled \$10.0 million. Total revenue as at 30 September 2024 amounted to \$9.9 million, while total expenses amounted to \$7.8 million, resulting in a surplus of \$2.1 million. Post costs represented 56.4 per cent of total expenses.

13. Programme support resources are generated through the charge levied as a percentage of direct earmarked expenses, in accordance with the administrative instruction on programme support accounts.³ This charge is for recovery of incremental indirect costs to ensure that the additional cost of supporting earmarked activities is not paid from core funds. Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the programme support fund for the years from 2015 to 2024 are shown in table 5.

Table 5

Revenue, expenses and closing net assets for the programme support fund

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ^a
Total revenue	11 341.0	11 000.0	9 975.0	11 543.0	10 400.0	12 709.0	12 189.0	12 876.0	13 232.2	10 001.0
Total expenses	10 536.0	8 966.0	10 277.0	12 514.0	12 700.0	13 304.0	12 270.0	10 363.0	8 864.1	10 001.0
Closing net assets	13 648.0	15 981.0	15 679.0	14 887.0	12 587.0	11 992.0	11 911.0	14 762.0	16 279.1	14 762.0

^a Projected data.

III. Performance of earmarked funds

A. Foundation earmarked fund

14. Voluntary contributions to the Foundation earmarked fund are intended for the implementation of specific activities at the global and thematic levels that are consistent with the mandate and the approved work programme of UN-Habitat.

15. For 2024, the revised budget is \$54.0 million, while gross revenue as at 30 September 2024 before refunds to donors was \$27.2 million, which mainly comprises voluntary contributions of \$21.2 million. For the period, net revenue after refunds to donors amounted to \$25.0 million. Total expenses incurred were \$36.3 million. Gross project balances at the end of the period amounted to \$119.4 million, including a reserve of \$4.0 million. The reported deficit of \$11.3 million is notional, as it results from the utilization of part of the project resources carried over from 2023.

B. Technical cooperation fund

16. Voluntary contributions to the technical cooperation fund are for the implementation of specific technical activities at the country and regional levels that are consistent with the mandate and approved work programme of UN-Habitat.

17. The revised budget for 2024 is \$94.3 million, while gross revenue as at 30 September 2024 before refunds to donors was \$87.2 million, mainly from voluntary contributions amounting to \$86.7 million. For the period, net revenue after refunds to donors amounted to \$82.6 million, while expenses were \$90.8 million. The reported deficit of \$8.2 million is notional, as it results from the utilization of part of the project resources carried over from 2023. Gross project balances at the end of the period amounted to \$305.4 million, including a reserve of \$11.4 million.

³ ST/AI/286.

Annex I

Statement of financial performance for the period ended 30 September 2024, by segment

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	Segments of funding									Intersegment elimination	Grand total	
	REGB	FNDN	FNDE	TECH	PRGS	Subtotal	RPTC	DEVT	Subtotal			Total
R01. Assessed contributions	8 723.3	-	-	-	-	8 723.3	767.8	726.7	1 494.5	10 217.8	-	10 217.8
R02. Voluntary contributions ^a	-	2 928.0	22 633.9	57 959.7	-	83 521.6	-	-	-	83 521.6	-	83 521.6
R03. Other transfers and allocations ^a	-	-	4 516.9	28 777.8	-	33 294.7	-	-	-	33 294.7	-	33 294.7
R04. Refunds to donors	-	-	(2 192.7)	(4 597.3)	-	(6 790.0)	-	-	-	(6 790.0)	-	(6 790.0)
R05. Programme support revenue	-	-	-	-	9 360.5	9 360.5	-	-	-	9 360.5	9 360.5	-
R06. Investment revenue	-	201.8	3.4	191.7	564.4	961.3	-	-	-	961.3	-	961.3
R07. Other revenue	-	10.9	14.4	276.6	-	301.9	-	-	-	301.9	-	301.9
Net revenue	8 723.3	3 140.7	24 975.9	82 608.5	9 924.9	129 373.3	767.8	726.7	1 494.5	130 867.8	9 360.5	121 507.3
E01. Post costs	8 353.8	1 755.6	-	-	4 412.3	14 521.7	-	-	-	14 521.7	-	14 521.7
E02. Other staff costs	56.4	-	18 168.0	29 056.3	904.6	48 185.3	523.5	24.0	547.5	48 732.8	-	48 732.8
E03. Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E04. Consultants and experts	-	-	-	-	110.8	110.8	112.0	471.1	583.1	693.9	-	693.9
E05. Travel of representatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E06. Travel of staff	5.5	306.1	2 561.9	2 785.3	159.6	5 818.4	66.6	34.3	100.9	5 919.3	-	5 919.3
E07. Contractual services	69.7	218.7	2 455.4	21 187.2	1 616.1	25 547.1	52.6	69.7	122.3	25 669.4	-	25 669.4
E08. General operating expenses	236.1	299.5	2 312.3	8 461.6	494.9	11 804.4	1.2	22.7	23.9	11 828.3	-	11 828.3
E09. Supplies and materials	1.2	2.7	92.8	1 118.7	5.1	1 220.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	1 220.8	-	1 220.8
E10. Furniture and equipment	0.6	29.8	843.6	2 026.2	40.2	2 940.4	7.2	0.1	7.3	2 947.7	-	2 947.7
E11. Grants and contributions	-	-	9 791.1	25 884.8	37.9	35 713.8	4.6	104.6	109.2	35 823.0	9 360.5	26 462.5
E12. Other expenses	-	(0.9)	43.9	282.3	-	325.3	-	-	-	325.3	-	325.3
Total expenses	8 723.3	2 611.5	36 269.0	90 802.4	7 781.5	146 187.7	767.8	726.7	1 494.5	147 682.2	9 360.5	138 321.7
Surplus/(deficit)	-	529.2	(11 293.1)	(8 193.9)	2 143.4	(16 814.4)	-	-	-	(16 814.4)	-	(16 814.4)
Gross fund balances (1 January 2024)	-	6 646.0	130 646.0	313 640.0	17 713.0	468 645.0	-	-	-	468 645.0	-	468 645.0

<i>Category</i>	<i>Segments of funding</i>									<i>Intersegment elimination</i>	<i>Grand total</i>	
	<i>REGB</i>	<i>FNDN</i>	<i>FNDE</i>	<i>TECH</i>	<i>PRGS</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>RPTC</i>	<i>DEVT</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>			<i>Total</i>
Gross fund balances (30 September 2024)	-	7 175.2	119 352.9	305 446.1	19 856.4	451 830.6	-	-	-	451 830.6	-	451 830.6
Statutory operating reserves	-	3 000.0	4 023.0	11 360.0	2 932.0	21 315.0	-	-	-	21 315.0	-	21 315.0
Net fund balances (30 September 2024)	-	4 175.2	115 329.9	294 086.1	16 924.4	430 515.6	-	-	-	430 515.6	-	430 515.6

Abbreviations: DEVT – Development Account (section 35); FNDE – Foundation earmarked; FNDN – Foundation non-earmarked; PRGS – programme support; REGB – regular budget (section 15); RPTC – regular programme of technical cooperation (section 23); TECH – technical cooperation.

^a “R02. Voluntary contributions” and “R03. Other transfers and allocations” are both voluntary contributions.

Annex II

Status of annual voluntary contributions to the Foundation non-earmarked fund

(United States dollars)

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024^a</i>
Algeria	10 000	10 000	–	–	–
Angola	–	–	400 000	–	–
Azerbaijan	–	–	3 000 000	500 000	–
Barbados	14 706	15 000	14 814	–	–
Benin	–	–	–	47 993	51 426
Botswana	40 000	20 000	20 000	–	–
Burkina Faso	–	17 590	–	48 702	–
Burundi	–	–	–	10 000	–
Cameroon	–	–	–	–	105 013
China	350 000	350 000	350 000	350 000	350 000
Cyprus	–	–	–	55 494	–
Czechia	6 731	6 820	6 022	6 585	–
Dominican Republic	4 975	–	6 000	5 000	–
Egypt	–	50 000	–	–	–
France	227 740	–	528 346	252 193	250 545
Germany	184 049	174 419	1 028 807	1 093 502	1 092 373
Guinea	–	–	41 030	–	–
India	145 455	100 000	–	100 000	100 000
Indonesia	–	–	–	50 000	50 000
Israel	–	–	3 000	3 426	–
Italy	–	118 906	–	–	–
Japan ^b	31 455	31 458	28 312	30 011	23 533
Kenya	99 975	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000
Kiribati	–	50 000	–	–	–
Malawi	20 000	10 000	–	–	7 762
Malaysia	–	–	1 000 000	200 000	–
Mali	–	10 012	–	–	–
Mauritius	–	25 000	–	75 000	50 000
Mexico	500 000	500 000	50 000	–	–
Myanmar	9 980	–	–	–	–
Namibia	–	–	–	150 000	150 000
Nigeria	75 000	–	–	–	–
Norway	2 180 130	–	–	–	–
Pakistan	5 941	5 992	5 843	5 824	5 872
Philippines	50 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	100 000
Portugal	–	–	–	125 000	–
Republic of Korea	84 365	84 066	70 033	76 405	71 709
Rwanda	–	10 000	–	–	–
Senegal	44 868	–	–	–	–
Singapore	–	–	30 000	30 000	–
Slovakia	–	–	–	53 706	–
Somalia	–	–	–	2 500	–
South Africa	150 000	160 000	160 000	160 000	160 000

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<i>Contributor</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024^a</i>
Spain	–	–	52 975	194 229	–
Sri Lanka	25 000	25 000	–	–	–
Tanzania	–	–	–	–	9 803
Tonga	–	–	–	–	150 000
Tunisia	–	–	–	50 000	–
Türkiye	–	200 000	–	–	–
United States of America	650 000	812 997	700 000	600 000	100 000
Zimbabwe	–	–	–	8 002	–
Total	4 910 370	2 937 260	7 645 182	4 433 572	2 928 036

^a As at 30 September 2024.

^b Contributions from Japan have been adjusted as per donor specifications.

Annex III

Status of earmarked voluntary contributions as at 30 September 2024

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Region^a</i>	<i>Foundation earmarked</i>	<i>Technical cooperation</i>	<i>Total</i>
Abia State of Nigeria	African States	-	78.9	78.9
Adaptation Fund Board	Global	-	11 052.1	11 052.1
Aga Khan Agency for Habitat	African States	29.8	-	29.8
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	Asia-Pacific States	-	110.7	110.7
Beijing Chaoyang Environment Group	Asia-Pacific States	-	149.1	149.1
Belgium	Western European and other States	-	507.9	507.9
C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Inc.	Global	70.0	-	70.0
CAF: Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe	Latin American and Caribbean States	-	300.0	300.0
Cameroon	African States	-	24.8	24.8
Caritas Czech Rep	Eastern European States	-	59.0	59.0
Chengdu Xinchao Media Group	Asia-Pacific States	-	225.0	225.0
China	Asia-Pacific States	133.7	29.3	163.0
Coca-Cola	Western European and other States	-	148.5	148.5
Egypt	African States	2 000.0	-	2 000.0
European Commission	Western European and other States	4 467.1	16 454.6	20 921.7
Finland	Western European and other States	29.4	-	29.4
Fondation Botnar	Western European and other States	24.3	-	24.3
France	Western European and other States	37.6	-	37.6
Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation	Asia-Pacific States	-	89.8	89.8
Germany	Western European and other States	1 551.2	22.5	1 573.7
Grid - Arendal	Western European and other States	113.0	-	113.0
Ideella Foreningen Teknikforetagen i Sverige Med Firma Foreningen	Western European and other States	10.5	-	10.5
India	Asia-Pacific States	-	250.0	250.0
Islamic Development Bank	Asia-Pacific States	-	400.0	400.0
Italy	Western European and other States	79.7	-	79.7
Japan	Asia-Pacific States	847.8	5 845.2	6 693.0
Jordan	Asia-Pacific States	9.5	-	9.5
Kuwait	Asia-Pacific States	324.8	-	324.8
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	Asia-Pacific States	-	95.7	95.7
Lund University	Western European and other States	-	102.0	102.0
M S Geetarani Mohanty Raikela Iron Ore Mines	Asia-Pacific States	-	804.4	804.4
Montréal International	Western European and other States	4 890.1	-	4 890.1
Morocco	African States	131.6	-	131.6
Mozambique	African States	-	2 167.3	2 167.3
Municipality of Zurich	Western European and other States	-	2 711.1	2 711.1
Municipio de Juárez	Latin American and Caribbean States	-	650.0	650.0
Municipio de Juiz de Fora	Latin American and Caribbean States	-	56.2	56.2
Municipio de São Paulo	Latin American and Caribbean States	-	1 284.1	1 284.1
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Western European and other States	160.4	4 867.0	5 027.4
Norway	Western European and other States	47.0	4 491.4	4 538.4
Prefeitura Municipal de Congonhas	Latin American and Caribbean States	-	1 138.4	1 138.4
Republic of Korea	Asia-Pacific States	299.8	752.8	1 052.6
Slovak Republic	Eastern European States	59.0	-	59.0

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Region^a</i>	<i>Foundation earmarked</i>	<i>Technical cooperation</i>	<i>Total</i>
Spain	Western European and other States	293.4	775.6	1 069.0
Sweden	Western European and other States	6 928.3	104.1	7 032.4
Switzerland	Western European and other States	17.4	521.0	538.4
Tunisia	African States	28.5	–	28.5
United Arab Emirates	Asia-Pacific States	–	422.1	422.1
United Nations entities	Global	4 516.9	28 777.8	33 294.7
United States of America	Western European and other States	50.0	990.1	1 040.1
University Ouaga 1 Professor Joseph KI-ZERBO	African States	–	254.4	254.4
Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie	Western European and other States	–	24.6	24.6
Total		27 150.8	86 737.5	113 888.3

^a Regions are as defined by the General Assembly of the United Nations. (See United Nations, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, “Regional groups of Member States”, available at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/regional-groups.) In this table, Western European and other States includes the special cases of Türkiye and the United States of America.