

**The Global Initiative against
Transnational Organized Crime
Geneva**

**Report of the Statutory Auditor
To the General Meeting of Members**
On the limited statutory examination
for the year ended December 31, 2024

Report of the statutory auditor to the General Meeting of Members on the limited statutory examination of The Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, Geneva

As statutory auditor, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses and notes) of The Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime for the financial year ended December 31, 2024.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of entity personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of entity documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the association's articles of incorporation.

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Jean-Marc Jenny
Licensed audit expert
(Auditor in charge)

Yoann Bois
Licensed audit expert

Geneva, June 11, 2025

Attachments

- Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, notes)

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Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2024
(in Swiss Francs)

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	5'041'515	3'302'382
Grants receivables	1'904'751	550'845
Sister organisation receivables	623'872	85'979
Other current receivables	52'622	60'756
Accrued income	681'315	476'503
Short-term loan to sister organisation	149'634	0
Prepaid expenses	173'581	75'765
Current assets	8'627'290	4'552'230
Non-current assets		
Fixed assets	156'332	161'941
Financial assets	112'702	77'862
Non-current assets	269'034	239'803
Total Assets	8'896'324	4'792'033
LIABILITIES		
Short-term liabilities		
Vendor payables	93'114	50'956
Sister organisation payables	234'586	312'404
Other current payables	491'736	455'925
Accrued expenses	555'718	312'691
Deferred income	7'175'996	3'396'514
Short-term liabilities	8'551'150	4'528'490
Association own funds		
Balance brought forward	263'543	1'177'525
Excess of income over expenditures	81'631	-913'982
Total association own funds	345'174	263'543
Total Liabilities and Association own funds	8'896'324	4'792'033

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Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ended 31 December 2024 compared to 2023
(in Swiss Francs)

	2024	2023
INCOME		
Grants received	14'598'140	10'863'459
Revenue from sister organisation	1'258'588	852'124
Deferred income variation	-3'779'482	-2'205'257
Accrued income variation	237'168	-1'060'896
Donations in kind	145'993	201'603
Total Revenues	12'460'407	8'651'033
PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE		
Personnel costs and consultant salaries	-6'186'888	-5'118'366
Salary and consultant fees from sister organisation	-1'097'192	-1'167'417
Consultant costs	-2'098'270	-1'326'905
Consultant costs in kind	-12'479	0
Grants	-644'152	-45'733
Grants to sister organization	-210'751	-883
Travel expenses	-1'092'430	-723'603
Professional services	-224'069	-240'900
Communications, media and outreach	-47'801	-159'444
Total Expenditure related to programs	-11'614'032	-8'783'251
Net contribution to overheads	846'375	-132'218
OVERHEAD COSTS		
Rental and maintenance	-21'448	-18'247
Rent in kind	-106'370	-102'048
Administration costs	-255'984	-95'266
IT material and software	-376'456	-112'765
VAT not recoverable	-12'284	-9'818
Overhead from projects' partners	0	-13'574
Overhead from sister organisation	0	-157'353
Depreciation	-51'783	-31'333
Total Overhead Costs	-824'325	-540'404
Earnings (losses) before financial results	22'050	-672'622
FINANCIAL RESULTS		
Interests received	212	226
Exchange gain & losses	63'239	-225'885
Bank fees	-77'959	-48'672
Total Financial Results	-14'508	-274'331
OPERATION FROM PREVIOUS YEARS		
Operating revenue from previous years	101'109	56'699
Operating expense from previous years	-27'020	-23'728
Total Revenues and Expenses from previous years, net	74'089	32'971
Excess of income over expenditures	81'631	-913'982

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Association domicile

Avenue de France 23, 1202 Genève

Scope of the association

Promote cross-border and catalytic processes that attract new players and facilitate remodeling of reflection, coordination and responses to transnational organized crime; invigorate the global debate around transnational organized crime in order to promote sustainable translation and implementation of new approaches within a multilateral framework, regional and national levels; undertake research and develop new policy options to help inform a strategic development at national, regional and international levels; create the basic materials of a global strategy on organized transnational crime.

Accounting principles applied in the preparation of the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of commercial accounting as set out in the Swiss Code of Obligations (Art. 957 to 963b CO).

Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognised on the basis of donor specific contracts using the percentage of completion method and related accruals have been booked in the balance sheet.

Contribution

Contributors	in CHF	in %
Australia	133'099	1.07%
Canada	476'651	3.83%
Denmark	314'944	2.53%
European Union	3'891'297	31.23%
France	60'049	0.48%
Germany	649'717	5.21%
Institute for Security Studies as implementing partner for European	636'461	5.11%
Norway	671'853	5.39%
Other donors	1'223'211	9.82%
Smaller projects and sister organisations	1'272'327	10.21%
Switzerland	194'986	1.56%
<i>Core Contribution</i>	80'000	0.64%
<i>Rent in kind</i>	114'986	0.92%
<i>Civil Society Engagement in UNTOC Mechanism 2</i>	18'443	0.15%
The Netherlands	16'176	0.13%
United Kingdom	126'932	1.02%
United Nations	72'439	0.58%
United States of America	2'720'267	21.83%
Total	12'460'407	100.00%

In many cases, these contributions were contracted and received in their original currencies, and converted to CHF.

Contribution received from the United Kingdom

Following the specific requirement of the donor, the following projects have been funded by the United Kingdom. Specific exchange rates have been used as stated in the grants agreements.

Projects Name	Contract N°	in GBP
State-Crime Nexus and the UK	PUR1076070	109'368

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Expenditure recognition

Expenses are recognized in the financial statements on an accrual basis.

Depreciation

From 1 January 2022, Computers bought in the previous years have been activated at their net amortized value on 1 January 2022 as disclosed below. The computers are depreciated over their estimated useful life of 3 years.

Declaration of full-time equivalents

The association employs about eighty consultants - employees (2023 - about seventy), of whom fewer than ten are located in Switzerland.

Pension liabilities

	2024	2023
Liability to pension scheme as at 31 December	11'638.80	1'314.70

Lease commitment not considered in the financials

The Swiss Confederation is providing an in-kind contribution covering the rent for the Geneva's office space. This contractual agreement ends on 31 December 2026.

Oracle NetSuite cloud system - lease contracts of the cloud system were signed starting in July 2023 with terms extending to July 1, 2026. The total leasing commitment amounted to CHF 201,037.12. At at 31 December 2024, the remaining commitment for 2025 and 2026 stands at CHF 120,557.32.

Exchange Rates applied

Currencies	2024	2023
AUD	0.5675	0.5821
CAD	0.6360	0.6438
DKK for 100	12.7303	12.6442
EUR	0.9495	0.9424
GBP	1.1449	1.0840
JPY for 100	0.5829	0.6017
NOK for 100	8.0580	8.3560
NZD	0.5138	0.5407
PKR for 100	0.3264	0.3028
SEK for 100	8.2800	8.5295
SGD	0.6712	0.6459
THB for 100	2.6657	2.4835
USD	0.9119	0.8513
ZAR	0.0485	0.0462

IT material and software

The organisation made a strategic decision to implement an ERP system in order to enhance its ability to respond to a rapidly changing environment. In accordance with applicable accounting standards, costs related to the development phase of the ERP system have been capitalized.

As of January 2024, parts of the system have been put into use. Consequently, invoices received since that date have been expensed.

To provide improved clarity in the financial statements, IT-related expenses, including small equipment, software, and other items that do not meet capitalization criteria, have been grouped under the new category "IT material and software." These were previously included under administrative costs. Comparative figures for the year 2023 have been reclassified accordingly to ensure consistency and comparability.

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Operation from previous years

Operating revenue from previous years

2023

Incomes from previous years come partly from in kind revenues, which can only be recorded when they are definitively acquired. The other part comes from one of the GI-TOC suppliers that sends us a credit note.

2024

One substantive contribution was received early 2024 from a donor due to technical issues. Like in the previous years, incomes from previous years come partly from in kind revenues, which can only be recorded when they are definitively acquired.

Operating expense from previous years

2023

Expenses from previous years come partly from in Kind expenses which can only be recorded when fully recognised. Like in the previous year, several invoices related to the year 2022 have been received after the conclusion of the audit.

2024

Expenses from previous years come partly from in kind expenses, which can only be recorded when fully recognised. Like in the previous year, several invoices related to the year 2023 have been received after the conclusion of the 2023 audit.

Contingencies and litigations

During the 2020 year, a third-party individual instigated proceedings against three GI staff members alleging defamation for a paper published under the EU-funded ENACT programme in 2018.

The GI-TOC has engaged legal counsel who considers that the claim has no merit, and they have recommended that to defend by all means necessary against the allegations, which have been filed in the High Court of Kenya. An interlocutory procedural motion was refused in March 2021. Once the case begins, the process is likely to take upwards of 18-24 months to conclude. There were no significant developments in 2023 and in 2024 in relation to this case.

Accordingly, and in line with Swiss regulations, a contingent liability has been made in the financial statements to cover litigation costs and the required percentage of a potential judgement.

In 2024, Global Initiative Geneva has recognized in its books an accrual to cover the shortfall of its sister organization located in Colombia. This amount will be transferred once the non-profit organization's status is recognized by the Colombian tax authorities.

Subsequent events

The Management assessed subsequent events occurring after the date of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. It has not noted the existence of any significant event likely to require any modification to the annual accounts.