PROPOSAL

FOR HOSTING THE UNCITRAL ADVISORY CENTRE IN GHANA

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The decision to welcome the Headquarters of the Advisory Centre is not merely administrative; it is a reaffirmation of Ghana's unwavering belief in the power of fair, predictable, and modern international trade law to drive sustainable development, unlock investment, and uplift societies across the Global South. By hosting the Centre, Ghana reinforces its long-standing commitment to promoting equity and strengthening the capacity of developing countries to participate meaningfully in the global trading system.

Our nation offers a unique combination of political stability, world-class infrastructure, and a trusted record as a convener of global institutions. Accra, our vibrant commercial capital, stands ready to host the Advisory Centre. It is a city where commerce meets innovation, where diverse cultures converge, and where the future of African trade architecture is already taking shape. We are prepared to provide a safe, enabling, and collaborative home in which the Centre's expertise can flourish to the benefit of all developing countries.

Ghana is prepared. Ghana is capable. And above all, Ghana is committed to advancing global justice, strengthening developing-country capacity, and shaping a more inclusive and balanced international trading system.

GHANA'S OFFER

In response to the decision by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session (A/80/17, para. 197), and minimum criteria (A/CN.9/1218, para. 22), Ghana offers the following in support of its bid to host the Advisory Centre:

SECURED, FURNISHED, AND EQUIPPED OFFICE PREMISES FOR THE SECRETARIAT

The Ghana Maritime Authority's Office Complex is a state-of-the-art commercial building designed to meet and exceed local, continental, and international business standards. With its modern architecture, cutting-edge technology, and premium amenities, the facility provides an exceptional environment for corporate operations, conferences, and professional engagements.

- Single floor office layout supports 30 staff, with flexible workspace and meeting areas.
- Central BMS for automated lighting, ventilation, power, security, water and fire safety.
- 50kW solar system complemented by a 1500 KVA standby generator for uninterrupted operations.
- 24/7 access control, CCTV coverage, and integrated fire detection and suppression systems.
- Fully equipped gym
- On-site clinic
- Ultramodern restaurant with terrace
- 200-seat auditorium
- Kitchenettes & accessible washrooms
- 24/7 facility maintenance

MARITIME
AUTHORITY

ACCESSIBILITY AND TRAVEL

Accra is a major West African hub, well-connected by air to many Least Developed Countries (LDCs) via regional and international flights.

Travel to Accra is cost-competitive relative to other global arbitration centres, especially for delegates from within Africa and Europe.

42+ visa waiver agreements with African and non-African states. Beyond these existing arrangements, the Government remains ready to prioritise and expedite visa processing for officials, experts, and delegates associated with the Centre's activities.

Host-organization status will streamline entry for staff, delegates, and visitors.

POLITICAL & ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Ghana enjoys a stable democratic system, a growing business environment, supported by sound fiscal policies and a robust legal framework supportive of international institutions.

Developed banking sector with online and mobile banking, liberal foreign exchange regime, and uninterrupted payment systems. Foreign and domestic investment inflows are rising, especially in technology and services.

English is the official language of business and law, ensuring seamless communication with global stakeholders. Stable macroeconomic conditions provide a secure foundation for hosting the Advisory Centre.

AIRPORT CITY AND ENVIRONS

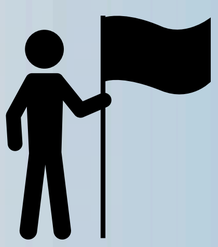
SUPREME COURT OF GHANA

GREATER ACCRA REGIONAL HOSPITAL

HUMAN CAPITAL & INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

- Ghana has a mature ADR/arbitration community. The Ghana Arbitration Centre (established in 1996) and the Ghana ADR Hub facilitate both domestic and international dispute resolution. The legal profession is well-established and Ghana is a common-law jurisdiction with arbitration-friendly legislation

- Ghana's legal and arbitration institutions are capable of handling investor-state disputes, backed by local expertise and international linkages.



- Ghana's diplomatic and institutional landscape includes over 16 UN agencies, as well as major continental and sub-regional entities.

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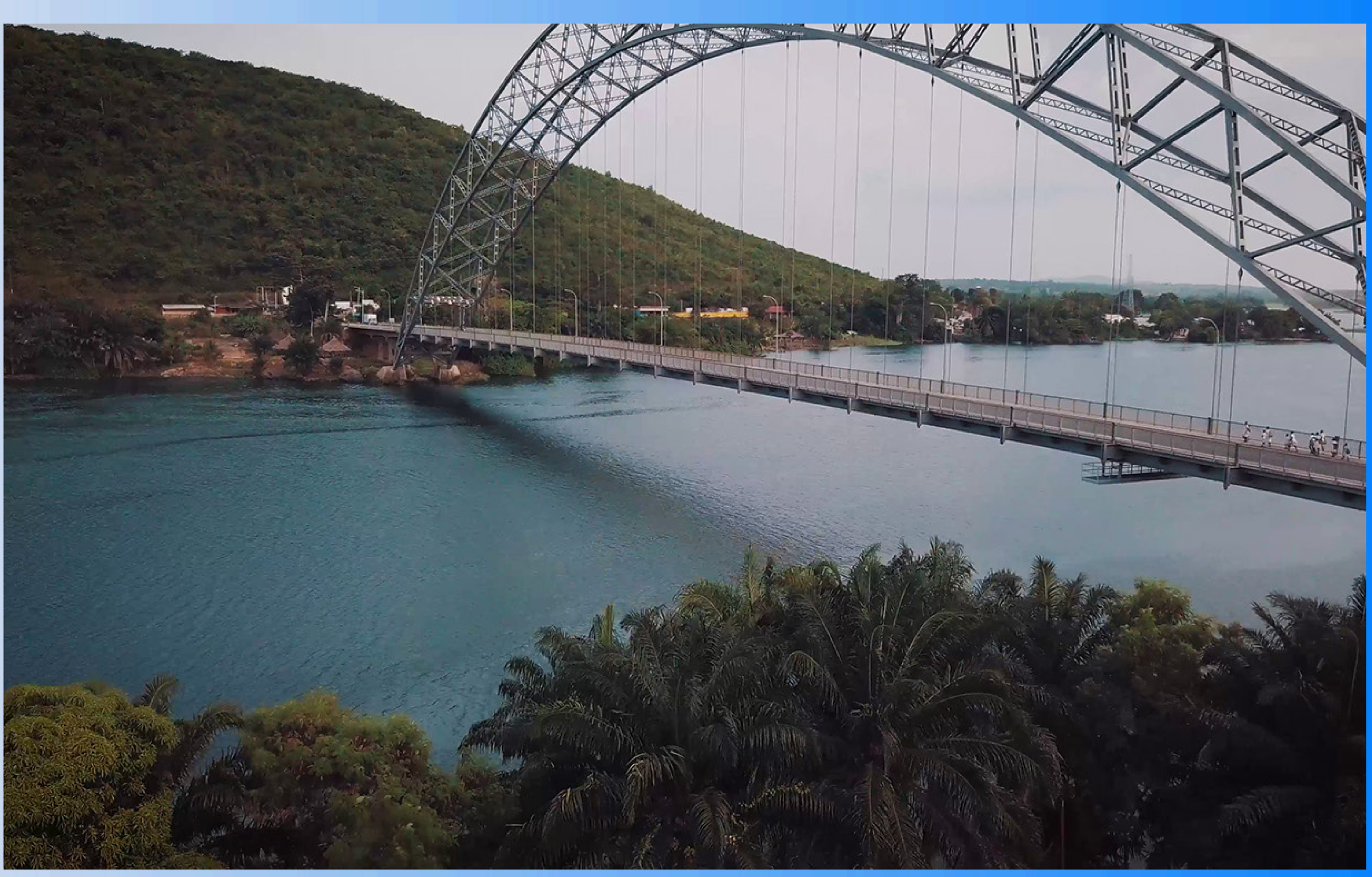

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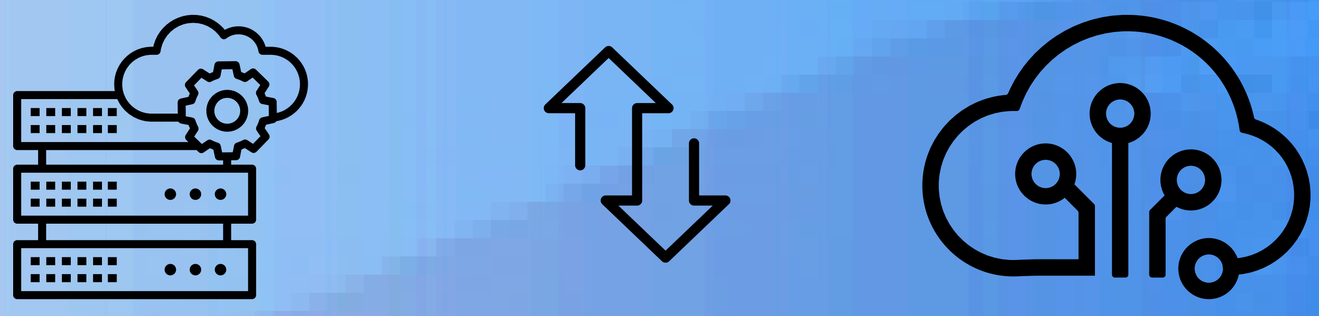

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CYBERSECURITY

- Infrastructure enables seamless communication, data management, and virtual conferencing for global stakeholders.

- Legal frameworks aligned with international standards to ensure secure digital operations

- Policies supporting virtual collaboration, remote engagement, and ICT-enabled efficiency.

CONCLUSION

The Government of Ghana respectfully submits this proposal and remains fully committed to close cooperation with the UNCITRAL Secretariat throughout the evaluation and selection process. Accra stands ready to welcome a Centre that will:

- Serve developing countries effectively
- Strengthen international commercial law reform
- Advance fair and transparent ISDS processes
- Build sustainable capacity across Africa and the Global South