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Provisional agenda, annotations thereto and scheduling of meetings of the fifty-ninth session

I. Provisional agenda, scheduling of meetings and documentation

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5. Finalization and adoption of the supplementary provisions on the conduct of proceedings to resolve international investment disputes	Tuesday, 30 June– Thursday, 2 July	Draft supplementary provisions on the conduct of proceedings to resolve international investment disputes: A/CN.9/1246
6. Finalization and adoption of texts regarding the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and notices of arbitration in electronic form	Monday, 6 July	Draft texts as approved by the Working Group: A/CN.9/1237 , Annex.
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(j) Any additional topics for possible future work; and		-
(k) Methods of work, including cost saving and efficiency enhancing measures		A note by the Secretariat on cost-saving and efficiency enhancing measures: A/CN.9/1255
9. Coordination and cooperation	Thursday, 9 July	A note by the Secretariat on coordination activities: A/CN.9/1252 A note by the Secretariat on invited organizations: A/CN.9/1253 [Oral reports by invited international organizations may take place under this item]
10. Non-legislative activities and other matters:	Thursday, 9 July	A note by the Secretariat on non-legislative activities: A/CN.9/1250 Technical cooperation and assistance: A/CN.9/1250/Add.1 Activities of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific: A/CN.9/1250/Add.2 Ways and means of ensuring a uniform interpretation and application of international conventions and uniform laws in the field of the law of international trade – CLOUT, digests and other materials: A/CN.9/1250/Add.3 Transparency repository: A/CN.9/1250/Add.4 The online and social media presence of UNCITRAL: A/CN.9/1250/Add.5 UNCITRAL Law Library, publications, press releases and other outreach activities: A/CN.9/1250/Add.6 Internship programme and moots: A/CN.9/1250/Add.7 Planned activities in the second half of 2026: A/CN.9/1250/Add.8 Resources and funding: A/CN.9/1250/Add.9/Rev.1 A note by the Secretariat on the status of conventions and model laws and other UNCITRAL texts: A/CN.9/1249 A note by the Secretariat on relevant General Assembly resolutions and the role of UNCITRAL in promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels: A/CN.9/1254 Bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL: A/CN.9/1247
11. Date and place of future meetings	Thursday, 9 July	Provisional agenda, annotations thereto and scheduling of meetings of the fifty-ninth session: A/CN.9/1235

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12. Other business:	Thursday, 9 July	-
(a) Evaluation of the role of the UNCITRAL secretariat in facilitating the work of the Commission; and		
(b) Other matters (including UNCITRAL's 60th anniversary and the signing ceremony for the United Nations Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents)		
13. Adoption of the report	Thursday, 2 July– Friday, 10 July	-

II. Annotations to agenda items provisionally scheduled for the fifty-ninth session

1. Opening of the session

1. The fifty-ninth session of the Commission will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 29 June to 10 July 2026. The session will be opened on Monday, 29 June 2026, at 10.30 a.m. (see below, section III, for more details about the schedule of meetings). The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations, Ms. Elinor Hammar skjöld, is expected to open the session.

2. As at 29 June 2026, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law will be composed of the following member States: Afghanistan (2028), Argentina (2028), Armenia (2028), Australia (2028), Austria (2028), Belarus (2028), Belgium (2031), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2031), Brazil (2028), Bulgaria (2028), Burundi (2031), Canada (2031), Chile (2028), China (2031), Colombia (2028), Congo (2031), Côte d'Ivoire (2031), Czechia (2028), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2028), Dominican Republic (2031), El Salvador (2031), France (2031), Germany (2031), Ghana (2031), Greece (2028), Hungary (2031), India (2028), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2028), Iraq (2028), Israel (2028), Italy (2028), Japan (2031), Kenya (2028), Kuwait (2028), Malawi (2028), Malaysia (2031), Mauritania (2031), Mauritius (2028), Mexico (2031), Morocco (2028), Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (2031), Nigeria (2028), Panama (2028), Peru (2031), Philippines (2031), Poland (2028), Republic of Korea (2031), Russian Federation (2031), Saudi Arabia (2028), Sierra Leone (2031), Singapore (2031), Somalia (2028), South Africa (2031), Spain (2028), Sri Lanka (2031), Sweden (2031), Switzerland (2031), Thailand (2028), Türkiye (2028), Turkmenistan (2028), Uganda (2028), Ukraine (2031), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2031), United States of America (2028), Uruguay (2031), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2028), Viet Nam (2031) and Zambia (2031).¹

3. Member States not members of the Commission, non-Member States having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, and international governmental organizations may attend the session as observers and participate in the deliberations. In addition, invited international non-governmental organizations may attend the session as observers and represent the views of their organizations on matters where the organization

¹ The membership of the Commission was increased from 60 to 70 States by resolution [A/RES/76/109](#) of 9 December 2021. As of 20 April 2026, the Commission has 68 members and two seats in the Eastern European States group remain vacant.

concerned has expertise or international experience so as to facilitate the deliberations at the session.

2. Election of officers

4. Pursuant to a decision taken by the Commission at its first session, the Commission elects, for each session, a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

4. Finalization of the Statute of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution

5. At its fifty-seventh session, in 2024, the Commission adopted in principle the Statute of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution (hereafter, the “Statute” or the “Advisory Centre”), prepared by Working Group III with a mandate to work on the possible reform of investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS).² The Commission also agreed that the operationalization of the Advisory Centre would require further preparatory work and that in order to facilitate the preparatory work, it would utilize an informal process involving all States and regional economic integration organizations. In that context, three informal meetings on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre (the “AC-OP” meetings) were held respectively in Bangkok from 2 to 4 December 2024, in Yerevan from 6 to 8 May 2025 and in Paris from 1 to 3 December 2025.

6. At its fifty-eighth session, in 2025, the Commission considered the results of the first two AC-OP meetings as contained in documents [A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.251](#) and [A/CN.9/1218](#). At that session, the Commission agreed that a number of remaining issues should be discussed comprehensively at the third AC-OP meeting.³ The Commission also invited all Governments interested to host the headquarters or a regional office of the Advisory Centre to submit to the secretariat a detailed proposal (including financial commitments) by 20 October 2025 and to make oral presentations at the third AC-OP meeting.⁴ Accordingly, eight proposals were submitted, which have been made available along with the video recordings of the oral presentations on the Working Group III web page.⁵

7. At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it the summary of the third AC-OP meeting ([A/CN.9/1265](#), chaps. I to VIII) and possible updates to the Statute ([A/CN.9/1265](#), chap. IX). The summary contains a number of recommendations to the Commission, namely that: (i) the Commission should aim to finalize the Statute and present it to the General Assembly for adoption; (ii) the Statute should be presented as a stand-alone instrument yet with an indication in the Statute or in the resolution of the General Assembly adopting it that the Statute could later form one of the protocols to the multilateral instrument on ISDS, currently being prepared by Working Group III; and (iii) informal consultations should be carried out among host candidate States to assist the Commission in reaching consensus on the location(s) of the Advisory Centre.

8. The Commission will also have before it document [A/CN.9/1266](#), which sets forth issues relating to the operationalization of the Advisory Centre, in particular the interim secretariat functions of the Advisory Centre.⁶

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, paras. 264.

³ *Ibid.*, *Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/80/17)*, paras. 188–211.

⁴ *Ibid.*, paras. 197–198.

⁵ Proposals were submitted by the Governments of Armenia, Côte d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, France, Ghana, Morocco and Thailand. Available at <https://uncitral.un.org/en/en/content/final-call-governments-express-their-interest-host-advisory-centre-international-investment>.

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/80/17)*, para. 203.

5. Finalization and adoption of the supplementary provisions on the conduct of proceedings to resolve international investment disputes

9. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission entrusted Working Group III with a broad mandate to work on the possible reform of ISDS.⁷ During the first phase of its work, Working Group III identified key concerns relating to (i) the lack of consistency, coherence, predictability and correctness of arbitral decisions by ISDS tribunals; (ii) arbitrators and decision makers; and (iii) cost and duration of ISDS proceedings.⁸ These concerns led the Working Group to pursue improvements to the procedural framework of ISDS, including by developing provisions on third-party funding, allocation of costs, early dismissal of claims, security for costs and counterclaims. The Working Group also identified so-called “cross-cutting” issues that required further work, including the right to regulate and the assessment of damages and compensation.⁹ Since its forty-sixth session in October 2023, the Working Group has continued to prepare these draft provisions during formal and informal sessions, with a view to presenting them to the Commission.¹⁰

10. At its fifty-third session in January 2026, Working Group III agreed to prepare the draft provisions on procedural and cross-cutting issues as treaty provisions. The Working Group further agreed that the provisions addressing the conduct of the proceedings could become (i) a supplement to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and (ii) part of a protocol to the multilateral instrument on ISDS reform as a set of rules which States could opt into as one package.¹¹ It was also agreed that other provisions, which provided purely treaty language, would be presented separately for States to opt into individually.¹² At that session, work was carried out to finalize the provisions addressing the conduct of the proceedings, so that they could be presented to the Commission in 2026.¹³

11. At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it the draft supplementary provisions on the conduct of proceedings to resolve international investment disputes (A/CN.9/1246), which reflects the deliberations of the Working Group and incorporates comments received during subsequent informal consultations.¹⁴

6. Finalization of texts regarding the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and notices in electronic form

12. At its fifty-seventh session in 2024, the Commission mandated Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) to address the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards in electronic form and, subsequently, notices of arbitration in electronic form,¹⁵ building on the exploratory work undertaken in the context of dispute resolution in the digital economy.¹⁶

⁷ Ibid., *Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, paras. 264.

⁸ A/CN.9/964 and A/CN.9/970.

⁹ A/CN.9/1124, paras. 89–104.

¹⁰ A/CN.9/1194, paras. 57–104, A/CN.9/1195, paras. 23–69, A/CN.9/1196/Add.1, paras. 67–109, A/CN.9/1238, paras. 15–81, A/CN.9/1239, paras. 14–106; and summary of the ninth intersessional meeting on ISDS reform submitted by the Government of Chile, A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.263.

¹¹ A/CN.9/1239, para. 59.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ A/CN.9/1239, para. 107.

¹⁴ The informal consultations took place online on 25 February and 4–5 March 2026, and both in person and online on the margins of the fifty-fourth session of Working Group III on 25 March 2026.

¹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/79/17)*, para. 285.

¹⁶ See submission by the Governments of Germany, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Spain (A/CN.9/1186) on possible future work from the project on the stocktaking of developments in dispute resolution in the digital economy.

13. Following a two-day colloquium held during the eightieth session of the Working Group II (A/CN.9/1193, paras. 64–72), the Working Group considered the topic from its eighty-first to eighty-third sessions.¹⁷ In addition to States from all regions and with different legal and economic systems, many international and non-governmental organizations took an active part in the discussions.

14. At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it the report of Working Group II on the work of its eighty-third session (A/CN.9/1237) that contains the draft texts as approved by the Working Group as well as relevant explanations, for consideration by the Commission.

7. Progress report of working groups

(a) Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)

15. At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) on the work of its eighty-second and eighty-third sessions (A/CN.9/1236 and A/CN.9/1237). The Commission is expected to consider, under agenda item 6 (see paras. 12–14 above), the work relating to the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and notices in electronic form. In addition, under agenda item 8, the Commission is expected to consider the Working Group's discussions and conclusions arising from the colloquium on the use of artificial intelligence in dispute resolution, as well as the development of procedural guidance on remote hearings in arbitration and the conduct of mediation (see para. 27 (a) below). In that context, the Commission will also consider a report on platform-based dispute resolution submitted by the Inclusive Global Legal Innovation Platform on Online Dispute Resolution (A/CN.9/1272).

(b) Working Group III (ISDS Reform)

16. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission entrusted Working Group III with a broad mandate to work on the possible reform of ISDS.¹⁸ From its thirty-fourth to thirty-seventh session, the Working Group identified and discussed concerns regarding ISDS and considered that reform was desirable in light of the identified concerns.¹⁹ From its thirty-eighth to fifty-fourth session, the Working Group considered concrete solutions for ISDS reform.²⁰

17. Under agenda items 4 and 5, the Commission is expected to finalize the Statute of the Advisory Centre and adopt the supplementary provisions on the conduct of proceedings to resolve international investment disputes. The Commission may wish to further note the progress made by Working Group III with regard to other aspects of the ISDS reform including the remaining draft provisions on procedural and cross-cutting issues, the draft guidelines on the calculation of damages and compensation in ISDS, the draft statute of a permanent tribunal for international investment disputes, the draft statute of a permanent appellate tribunal for international investment disputes and a draft multilateral instrument on ISDS reform.

18. At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of Working Group III (ISDS reform) on the work of its fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions (A/CN.9/1238, A/CN.9/1239 and A/CN.9/1240) as well as a

¹⁷ A/CN.9/1200, A/CN.9/1236, A/CN.9/1237.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, para. 264.

¹⁹ The deliberations and decisions of the Working Group at its thirty-fourth to thirty-seventh session are set out in documents A/CN.9/930/Rev.1; A/CN.9/930/Rev.1/Add.1; A/CN.9/935; A/CN.9/964; and A/CN.9/970, respectively.

²⁰ The deliberations and decisions of the Working Group at its thirty-eighth to fifty-fourth session are set out in documents A/CN.9/1004*; A/CN.9/1004/Add.1; A/CN.9/1044; A/CN.9/1050; A/CN.9/1054; A/CN.9/1086; A/CN.9/1092; A/CN.9/1124; A/CN.9/1130; A/CN.9/1131; A/CN.9/1160; A/CN.9/1161, A/CN.9/1167, A/CN.9/1194, A/CN.9/1195, A/CN.9/1196; A/CN.9/1196/Add.1; A/CN.9/1238; A/CN.9/1239 and A/CN.9/1240.

submission by the Government of Chile containing the summary of the ninth intersessional meeting ([A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.263](#)).

(c) Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)

19. The Commission at its fifty-fifth session, in 2022, mandated Working Group IV to embark on work on the topic of data provision contracts.²¹ At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce) on the work of its sixty-ninth and seventieth sessions ([A/CN.9/1241](#) and [A/CN.9/1242](#)) on that topic.

20. Over the two sessions, the Working Group carried out a near-complete read-through of a set of default rules for data provision contracts under development. At the sixty-ninth session, preliminary discussions were held on the form that the default rules might take and on the timeline for completing its work ([A/CN.9/1241](#), paras. 74–79). The seventieth session closed with a discussion of specific rules on the so-called “passive” provision of data, with the suggestion being made that further deliberations might benefit from informal intersessional consultations to scope out the types of transactions to be covered ([A/CN.9/1242](#), paras. 59–72).

21. The Commission may wish to take note of the progress made by the Working Group and the prospects of the receiving a text from the Working Group for finalization at its next session, in 2027.

(d) Working Group V (Insolvency Law)

22. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-fourth session, in 2021, it referred the topic of applicable law in insolvency proceedings to its Working Group V (Insolvency Law),²² which has since undertaken work on that topic together with the topic of asset tracing and recovery finalized by the Commission in 2025.

23. During its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions, the Working Group continued focusing on the law governing the effects of insolvency proceedings on the treatment of rights in rem, avoidance and set-off in insolvency proceedings as well as provisions related to close-out netting arrangements, arbitration agreements, the intersection between insolvency and other proceedings and cross-border recognition and relief, with an effort to build consensus on those complex matters. At its sixty-eighth session, the Working Group considered that at least one additional session would be required to complete the work, and that the draft model law and the guide to enactment should be finalized together.

24. At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of the Working Group on the work of its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions ([A/CN.9/1243](#) and [A/CN.9/1244](#)).

(e) Working Group VI (Negotiable Cargo Documents)

25. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-fifth session, in 2022, it referred the topic of negotiable multimodal transport documents to Working Group VI.²³ At its fifty-eighth session, in 2025, the Commission finalized and approved the draft convention on negotiable cargo documents and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft explanatory note on the convention for consideration by Working Group VI.²⁴ The Commission also authorized the secretariat to publish the revised text of the explanatory note as a document prepared by the secretariat for information purposes.²⁵

²¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/77/17)*, para. 163.

²² *Ibid.*, *Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/76/17)*, para. 217.

²³ *Ibid.*, *Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/77/17)*, paras. 22 (h) and 202.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, *Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/80/17)*, para. 187.

²⁵ *Ibid.*

In the meantime, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents on 15 December 2025 ([A/RES/80/162](#)).

26. At its forty-seventh session, the Working Group reviewed the draft explanatory note on the Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents, thereby completing its work on the topic ([A/CN.9/1245](#)). A publication on the Convention, containing its explanatory note, will be made available in advance of the signing ceremony (see para. 40 below) in all six official languages of the United Nations.²⁶

8. Work programme of the Commission

27. At its forty-sixth session, in 2013, the Commission agreed that it should reserve time for discussion of future work as a separate topic at each Commission session.²⁷ Under this agenda item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat giving a general overview of the work programme of the Commission and of its working groups and secretariat, possible future work and working methods ([A/CN.9/1251](#)), as well as notes on the following topics:

(a) *Dispute resolution in the digital economy*: Report of the Colloquium on the use of artificial intelligence in dispute resolution and remote hearings in arbitration and the conduct of mediation ([A/CN.9/1237](#), chapter V), stocktaking of developments in dispute resolution in the digital economy progress report ([A/CN.9/1271](#)) and a report on platform-based dispute resolution submitted by the Inclusive Global Legal Innovation Platform on Online Dispute Resolution ([A/CN.9/1272](#));

(b) *Compilation and consolidation of electronic commerce texts*: outcome of the preparatory work on the compilation and consolidation of UNCITRAL texts on electronic commerce ([A/CN.9/1263](#));

(c) *End-to-end trade digitalization and paperless trade*: outcome of the preparatory work on enabling end-to-end trade digitalization and paperless trade ([A/CN.9/1264](#));

(d) *Decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs)*: outcome of the exploratory work on DAOs ([A/CN.9/1248](#));

(e) *Digital payments*: outcome of the exploratory work on digital payments ([A/CN.9/1262](#));

(f) *Digital platforms*: outcome of the exploratory work on digital platforms and private law ([A/CN.9/1259](#));

(g) *Secured transactions involving digital assets*: outcome of the preparatory work on updating the Model Law on Secured Transactions ([A/CN.9/1260](#));

(h) *Insolvency law*: Report of the Colloquium on Possible Updates to the Guide to Enactment and Interpretation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency ([A/CN.9/1256](#)) and report of Working Group V (Insolvency Law) on the work of its sixty-eighth session: [A/CN.9/1244](#), section V. other business;

(i) *Public procurement*: outcome of the preparatory work on updating the Model Law on Public Procurement and related texts ([A/CN.9/1257](#));

(j) *Additional topics*: The Commission may wish to note that the European Law Institute (ELI) has invited the secretariat to cooperate on a joint project to develop model contractual terms on automated contracting consistent with the UNCITRAL Model Law on Automated Contracting (2024); and

(k) *Methods of work*: outcome of informal consultations on cost saving and efficiency enhancing measures ([A/CN.9/1255](#)).

²⁶ Available at <https://uncitral.un.org/en/ncdconvention>.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/68/17)*, para. 310.

9. Coordination and cooperation

28. The Commission will be informed about activities undertaken by the secretariat during calendar year 2025 to coordinate the work of organizations active in the field of international trade law and encourage cooperation among them, consistent with the mandate of UNCITRAL ([A/CN.9/1252](#)).

29. Representatives of international organizations will be given an opportunity to apprise the Commission of their current activities and possible means of strengthening cooperation with UNCITRAL.

30. The Commission may wish to recall that from its forty-fourth to fiftieth session, in 2011 to 2017, it heard oral reports by the secretariat about intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations invited to sessions of UNCITRAL, including comments on the manner in which invited organizations fulfilled the criteria applied by the secretariat in making its decision to invite non-governmental organizations. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission requested the secretariat to provide such information in writing for future sessions. Pursuant to that request, since its fifty-first session the Commission had before it notes by the Secretariat on international governmental and non-governmental organizations invited to sessions of UNCITRAL and its working groups.²⁸ A similar note will be before the Commission ([A/CN.9/1253](#)).

10. Non-legislative activities and other matters

31. As requested by the Commission at its fifty-first session, in 2018,²⁹ the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on non-legislative activities ([A/CN.9/1250](#)) and its addenda: (a) technical assistance and cooperation activities ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.1](#)); (b) activities of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.2](#)); (c) ways and means of ensuring a uniform interpretation and application of international conventions and uniform laws in the field of the law of international trade – CLOUT, digests and other materials ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.3](#)); (d) operation of the transparency repository ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.4](#)); (e) UNCITRAL's online and social media presence ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.5](#)); (f) UNCITRAL Law Library, publications, press releases and other outreach activities ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.6](#)); (g) internship programme and moots ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.7](#)); (h) planned activities for the period during the second half of 2026 ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.8](#)); and (i) resources and funding ([A/CN.9/1250/Add.9/Rev.1](#)).

32. The Commission will also have its notes by the Secretariat on other matters: (a) a note by the Secretariat on the status of conventions and model laws and other UNCITRAL texts ([A/CN.9/1249](#)); (b) a note by the Secretariat on relevant General Assembly resolutions and the role of UNCITRAL in promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels ([A/CN.9/1254](#)); and (c) a bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL ([A/CN.9/1247](#)).

11. Date and place of future meetings

Sixtieth session of the Commission

33. The Commission may wish to note that its sixtieth session will be held in Vienna. Tentative arrangements have been made for the session to be held from 5 to 23 July 2027. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-second session, it confirmed its understanding that two-week sessions would generally be sufficient and

²⁸ [A/CN.9/951](#), [A/CN.9/984](#), [A/CN.9/1023](#), [A/CN.9/1072](#), [A/CN.9/1106](#), [A/CN.9/1143](#), [A/CN.9/1187](#) and [A/CN.9/1212](#).

²⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/73/17)*, paras. 258–267.

that the duration of each annual session was to be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the expected workload.³⁰

Sessions of working groups

34. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission took note of General Assembly resolutions on the pattern of conferences promulgating policies as regards significant holidays, on which the United Nations Headquarters and the Vienna International Centre remained open but United Nations bodies were invited to avoid holding meetings. The Commission agreed to take into account those policies as far as possible when considering the dates of its future meetings.³¹

35. At its fifty-eighth session, in 2025, the Commission recommended to the General Assembly that additional conference time and supporting resources be allocated to the secretariat for a period of two more years, from 2026 to 2027.³² In that context, existing resources were identified to hold an additional week of Working Group III and to support its work. An additional week of the Working Group took place in March 2026, and an additional week will take place in January 2027, both in Vienna.

36. The Commission may wish to take note that austerity measures in place may impact the actual days of the Working Groups and the Commission.

37. The Commission is expected to consider conference service requirements in the light of its work programme and reports of its working groups.

	<i>Second half of 2026 (Vienna)</i>	<i>First half of 2027 (New York)</i>	<i>Second half of 2027 (Vienna)</i>
Working Group I (TBD)	Forty-second session 14–18 December 2026	Forty-third session 1–5 February 2027	Forty-fourth session 20–24 September 2027
Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)	Eighty-fourth session 5–9 October 2026	Eighty-fifth session 8–12 February 2027	Eighty-sixth session 6–10 December 2027
Working Group III (ISDS Reform)	Fifty-fifth session 12–16 October 2026	Fifty-sixth session (Vienna) 11–15 January 2027 Fifty-seventh session 1–5 March 2027	Fifty-eighth session 18–22 October 2027
Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)	Seventy-first session 21–25 September 2026	Seventy-second session 15–19 March 2027	Seventy-third session 4–8 October 2027
Working Group V (Insolvency Law)	Sixty-ninth session 7–11 December 2026	Seventieth session 5–9 April 2027	Seventy first session 1–5 November 2027
Working Group VI (TBD)	Forty-eighth session 9–13 November 2026	Forty-ninth session 3–7 May 2027	Fiftieth session 29 November– 3 December 2027

12. Other business

(a) Evaluation of the role of the UNCITRAL secretariat in facilitating the work of the Commission

38. At the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, States will be requested to fill in an online evaluation questionnaire to indicate the level of satisfaction with the services provided by its secretariat for self-evaluation purposes, as evidenced by a rating on a scale ranging from 1 to 5 (5 being the highest rating). The Commission may expect to hear an oral report from the UNCITRAL secretariat on the number of

³⁰ Ibid., *Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/74/17)*, para. 331.

³¹ Ibid., *Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, para. 485.

³² Ibid., *Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/80/17)*, paras. 188–211.

responses received and the level of satisfaction with the services provided to UNCITRAL by the UNCITRAL secretariat indicated in those responses.

(b) Other matters

UNCITRAL's 60th anniversary

39. In 2026, UNCITRAL will celebrate six decades of contributions to the progressive harmonization, unification and modernization of international trade law. UNCITRAL's 60th anniversary provides the opportunity not only to reflect on its significant achievements and the role of Member States and stakeholders in the development and implementation of UNCITRAL texts, but also to envision UNCITRAL's place in the evolving landscape of international trade and international law. The Commission may expect to hear an oral report from the UNCITRAL secretariat and may recommend a draft resolution for possible consideration by the United Nations General Assembly on this matter. In addition, the Commission may wish to consider utilizing one of the dates of forty-fourth session of Working Group I (17 December 2026) to hold a commemorative event focusing on the prospects of international trade law.

Signing ceremony

40. On 15 December 2025, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents. The Convention will be open for signature by all States and regional economic integration organizations at a ceremony in Accra on 26 October 2026. States and regional economic integration organizations that wish to modernize their legal frameworks on negotiable transport documents are called upon to consider becoming Parties to the Convention (A/RES/80/162, para. 4). A brochure explaining the procedures that States or regional economic integration organizations are encouraged to follow in this regard is available on the dedicated web page for the Convention (<https://uncitral.un.org/en/ncdconvention>).

41. The Commission may wish to consider possible other matters under this agenda item.

13. Adoption of the report of the Commission

42. The General Assembly, in its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, decided that the Commission should submit an annual report to it and that the report should be submitted simultaneously to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for comments. Pursuant to a decision of the Sixth Committee,³³ the report of the Commission is introduced to the General Assembly by the Chair of the Commission or by another officer designated by the Chair.

III. Schedule of meetings and documentation

43. Meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., except on Monday, 29 June, when the morning meeting will commence at 10.30 a.m.

44. As part of austerity measures due to the deteriorating financial situation of the United Nations, the Commission, as a meeting body with a session of 30 meetings, is requested to reduce the number of its meetings at the United Nations Headquarters by at least 10 per cent and the programme of work has been adjusted accordingly.

45. UNCITRAL documents are posted on the UNCITRAL website (uncitral.un.org) upon their issuance in all the official languages of the United Nations. Delegates may wish to check the availability of the documents for the fifty-ninth session by accessing the web page of the Commission (<https://uncitral.un.org/en/commission>).

³³ Ibid., Twenty-third Session, annexes, agenda item 88, document A/7408, para. 3.

46. The recommendations on the scheduling of meetings under each agenda item in section I are intended to assist States and invited organizations in planning the attendance of their pertinent representatives; the actual scheduling will be determined by the Commission itself.
