



General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
1 October 2026

Original: English

**United Nations Commission on
International Trade Law
Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)
Eighty-fourth session
Vienna, 14–16 and 18 December 2026**

Annotated provisional agenda

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Review of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the Supplementary Provisions on the Conduct of Proceedings to Resolve International Investment Disputes.
5. Adoption of the report.

II. Composition of the Working Group

1. The Working Group is composed of all States members of the Commission (see [A/81/17](#), para. 5). States not members of the Commission 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 concerned has expertise or international experience so as to facilitate the deliberations at the session.

III. Annotations to agenda items

Item 1. Opening of the session

2. The eighty-fourth session of the Working Group is scheduled to be held at the Vienna International Centre from 14 to 16 and on 18 December 2026. Meeting hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m., except on the first day of the session, on Monday, 14 December, when the session will be opened at 10 a.m.
3. The Working Group is expected to hold substantive deliberations from Monday to Wednesday and to resume its session on Friday morning, with the report of the session being adopted that afternoon. The session will be adjourned for the entire day on 17 December because of events taking place to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary



of the Commission ([A/81/17](#), para. 316). Detailed arrangements for the session will be announced on the web page of Working Group II in due course.

Item 2. Election of officers

4. In accordance with its previous practice, the Working Group may wish to elect a Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

Item 4. Review of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the UNCITRAL Supplementary Provisions on the Conduct of Proceedings to Resolve International Investment Disputes

5. At its fifty-ninth session in 2026, the Commission mandated Working Group II to review: (i) the relationship between the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (UARs) and the Supplementary Provisions on the Conduct of Proceedings to Resolve International Investment Disputes (SPs); (ii) the advantages and disadvantages of different means to incorporate the SPs into the UARs, including any impact on the operation of the UARs; and (iii) the feasibility and desirability of incorporating the SPs into the body of the UARs. The Commission noted that such work should not result in reopening the SPs or the issues that have been resolved therein and that the work should be reported back to the Commission ([A/81/17](#), para. 181).

6. By way of background, at the same session, the Commission adopted the SPs ([A/81/17](#), annex II), as prepared by Working Group III pursuant to the mandate entrusted to it by the Commission to consider the possible reform of investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS). The SPs were developed as part of several reform elements arising from that work, with a view to addressing certain concerns through targeted procedural provisions applicable to the conduct of ISDS proceedings. Working Group III is continuing its work on the remaining draft provisions on procedural and cross-cutting issues, including at its fifty-fifth session, held from 12 to 16 October 2026.

7. While adopting the SPs, the Commission also discussed their implementation ([A/81/17](#), paras. 115–121). In that context, it considered whether input should be sought from Working Group II and concluded that it would be beneficial to obtain such input, in particular on the relationship between the SPs and the UARs, as well as on the various means by which the SPs could be incorporated into the UARs, including outside the ISDS context ([A/81/17](#), paras. 120 and 180).

8. The Working Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat ([A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.246](#)), which will be posted on the web page of Working Group II upon its issuance in all six official languages of the United Nations, as well as the SPs ([A/81/17](#), annex II).

Item 5. Adoption of the report

9. The Working Group may wish to adopt, at the close of its session, a report for submission to the sixtieth session of the Commission, currently scheduled to be held in Vienna, from 5 to 23 July 2027.
