Operationalization of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution
Third meeting
Paris, 1-3 December 2025

Annotated provisional agenda of the third meeting on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre

I. Introduction

1. In 2024, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL" or the "Commission") finalized and adopted in principle the Statute of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution (the "Advisory Centre" or "Centre").[1] The Statute, which consists of 16 articles, sets forth rules on the creation of the Advisory Centre, its objectives, general principles of operation, membership, governance structure, services, financing, legal status and liability and other related issues.[2]

2. When adopting the Statute in principle, the Commission agreed that the operationalization of the Advisory Centre would require further preparatory work addressing a number of issues.[3] The Commission also agreed that in order to facilitate the preparatory work, it would utilize an informal process involving all States and regional economic integration organizations (REIOs). It was agreed that, as an informal process, no decisions should be made, and efforts should be made to maintain the transparency and inclusiveness of the process by ensuring remote participation and by making a summary of the discussions available.[4]

3. The first meeting on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre ("AC-OP meeting") was held in Bangkok from 2 to 4 December 2024 and the second AC-OP meeting was held in Yerevan from 6 to 8 May 2025. The results of the two AC-OP meetings were presented to the fifty-eighth session of the Commission in 2025.[5] At that session, the Commission took note of the progress made during the meetings and welcomed the proposal by the Government of France to host the third AC-OP meeting in Paris from 1 to 3 December 2025.[6]

4. The Commission also engaged in a discussion on the way forward to operationalize the Advisory Centre based on recommendations, which emanated from the second AC-OP meeting.[7] After discussion, the Commission agreed that the preparatory work should continue to be based on the Statute as adopted in principle, and that the third and any subsequent AC-OP meetings should focus on the following issues: (a) privileges and immunities of the

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly*, *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/79/17), para.167.
[2] Ibid., Annex III. The Statute is available at https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/en/2413025e.pdf.
[3] Ibid., paras. 157-159.
[4] Ibid., para. 159.
[5] A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.251 - Summary of the first meeting on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution submitted by the Government of Thailand, and A/CN.9/1218 - Summary of the second meeting on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution.
[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly*, *Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/80/17), para.189.
[7] Ibid., paras. 190-211. See A/CN.9/1218, paras. 53–61.

Advisory Centre and its staff members; (b) mechanisms to ensure sustainable operations, with an anticipated notional budget of approximately $4.5 million; (c) modalities for determining the amount of contributions by members based on the scale of assessments of the United Nations, and methods of payment; (d) the classification of members to determine the priority to be given to them in accessing the services of the Centre, delinked to the contribution to be made by members; (e) thresholds for membership and financial contributions for the entry into force of the Statute; (f) the anticipated mandate and functions of the interim secretariat; (g) the location(s) of the Advisory Centre; and (h) any necessary amendments to the Statute.[8]

5. The Commission further agreed that, based on the outcome of the AC-OP meetings, it would aim to finalize the Statute at its fifty-ninth session in 2026 and present it to the General Assembly. To achieve this goal, the Commission encouraged that the issues outlined in the previous paragraph be comprehensively discussed at the third AC-OP meeting.[9] With regard to the final call for Governments to express their interest in hosting the headquarters or a regional office of the Advisory Centre, the Commission invited interested Governments to submit their written detailed proposals to the secretariat by 20 October 2025.[10] As of 10 November 2025, eight Governments submitted their proposals, which have been published on the dedicated webpage (see also para. 13 below).

6. The invitations to the third AC-OP meeting were dispatched on 6 October 2025 to all Member States of the United Nations via note verbale to the permanent missions. Invitations were also sent to relevant inter-governmental organizations. The deadline for registration was 24 October 2025. As the number of places is limited, participants that have not registered but wish to participate should contact the organizers (uncitral@un.org; invitation.acop3-paris2025@diplomatie.gouv.fr). Information about the meeting is being updated on the UNCITRAL webpage, with further practical information being available on the webpage of the Government of France. For any queries related to visas, participants are invited to contact invitation.acop3-paris2025@diplomatie.gouv.fr.

7. The meeting will be held in hybrid format with interactive virtual participation available. Simultaneous interpretation between English and French will be provided. Partial travel support to limited number of participants from developing countries has been provided on a first come, first served basis.

II. Agenda items

8. The third AC-OP meeting will be held in Paris, France, at the Centre de conférences Pierre Mendès-France, located within the premises of the Ministry for Economy, Finances and Industrial, Energy and Digital Sovereignty (139 rue de Bercy, 75012 Paris) from 1 to 3 December 2025 (Monday to Wednesday). Meeting hours will be from 9:30-12:30 and 14:00-17:00 (UTC+1), except on 1 December 2025 (Monday) when the meeting will begin at 10:00.

9. The meeting will be organized by the UNCITRAL Secretariat and for the host Government, the Legal Affairs Directorate of the Ministry for Europe and

[8] Ibid., para. 204.
[9] Ibid., para. 205.
[10] Ibid., para.197.

Foreign Affairs and the French Treasury of the Ministry for the Economy, Finance, and Industrial, Energy and Digital Sovereignty.

10. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Shane Spelliscy and Ms. Natalie Yu-Lin Morris-Sharma.[11]

11. In accordance with the decision of the Commission at its fifty-eighth session (see para. 4 above), the following is the suggested scheduling of the discussions.

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1 December 2025 (Monday)	
10:00-10:30	Welcome remarks and opening session
10:30-12:30	**Session I**: Ways to ensure sustainable operations of the Advisory Centre - Budget and amount of contributions (if necessary, to be continued in Session IV)
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	**Session II**: Advisory Centre as a related organization of the United Nations and associated issues - Privileges & immunities, host country agreement and relationship agreement with the United Nations
15:30-17:00	**Session III:** Location(s) of the Advisory Centre and presentations by Governments that had expressed an interest in hosting the headquarters or regional offices of the Advisory Centre
2 December 2025 (Tuesday)	
9:30-12:30	**Session IV**: Classification of Members of the Advisory Centre
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-17:00	**Session V**: Thresholds for the entry into force of the Statute of the Advisory Centre
17:15-19:00	Cocktail reception hosted by the Government of France
3 December 2025 (Wednesday)	
9:30-12:30	**Session VI**: Interim secretariat of the Advisory Centre, including its mandate, functions and financing thereof
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:45	**Session VII**: Way forward and updated road map, including any amendments to the Statute
16:45-17:00	Closing session

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Background documentation

12. At the fifty-eighth session, the Commission requested the secretariat to continue to provide support for the preparatory work and the informal process,

[11] *Official Records of the General Assembly*, *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/79/17), para.159. The Commission agreed that the informal process should be led by the bureau of the Commission and the bureau of Working Group III.

including the preparation of background documents.[12] Accordingly, the secretariat is preparing the following documentations to facilitate the discussions.

- AC/OP/BD.13 – Annotated provisional agenda of the third meeting on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre
- AC/OP/BD.14 – Classification of Members of the Advisory Centre regarding access to services and fees
- AC/OP/BD.15 – Sustainable operations of the Centre - Budget and member contributions
- AC/OP/BD.16 – Thresholds for entry into force of the Statute of the Advisory Centre
- AC/OP/BD.17 – Advisory Centre as a related organization of the United Nations and associated issues
- AC/OP/BD.18 – Interim secretariat of the Advisory Centre
- AC/OP/BD.19 – Way forward and updated road map

Presentations and proposals to host the Advisory Centre

13. The Commission invited Governments interested to host the headquarters or a regional office of the Advisory Centre to make an oral presentation at the third AC-OP meeting and requested that recordings of the presentations be made available to the Commission for its session in 2026 (New York, 22 June-10 July 2026).[13] Accordingly, interested Governments are invited to prepare oral presentations during Session III on 1 December 2025, and to provide any presentation material to the secretariat by no later than 24 November 2025.

Summary of the meeting

14. In accordance with the decision by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session, the summary of the third AC-OP meeting will be subject to a written consultation process among the participants of the meeting. Once finalized, the summary will be circulated for further comments by delegations of the Commission and Working Group III. A side event is expected to be held during the fifty-third session of Working Group III (New York, 12-16 January 2026) to inform the Working Group delegates of the AC-OP meetings and to gather additional perspectives. The summary, along with any comments received, will be presented to the Commission at its session in 2026.[14]

Finalization and adoption of the Statute

15. Pursuant to the decision by the Commission to aim to finalize the Statute in 2026, the secretariat will prepare a revised version of the Statute reflecting the range of issues expressed and present it along with other issues pertaining to the operationalization of the Advisory Centre to the Commission at its session in 2026.[15]

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[12] *Official Records of the General Assembly*, *Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/80/17), para.211.
[13] Ibid., para.198.
[14] Ibid., para.210.
[15] Ibid., para.210.