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Sixth Session  
Vienna, 29 August - 9 September 1983

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Consideration of revised draft articles of a model law on international commercial arbitration
4. Other business
5. Adoption of the report

Notes on the provisional agenda

The terms of reference of the Working Group are to prepare a draft model law on international commercial arbitration. 1/

The Commission, at its sixteenth session (Vienna, 24 May - 3 June 1983), took note with appreciation of the reports of the Working Group on the work of its fourth and fifth sessions (A/CN.9/232 and 233). The Commission requested the Working Group to proceed with its work expeditiously and authorized it to hold its sixth session from 29 August to 9 September 1983 at Vienna and its seventh session from 6 to 17 February 1984 in New York. 2/

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1/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fourteenth session (1981), Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth session, Supplement No. 17 (A/36/17), para. 70.

2/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its sixteenth session (1983), Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eight session, Supplement No.17, paras.78-81 and 134.

The Commission also decided to expand the membership of the Working Group to all States members of the Commission. Accordingly, the Working Group consists of the following 36 States:

Algeria, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Central African Republic, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

Item 1. Election of officers

The Working Group, in accordance with past practice, may wish to elect a Chairman and a Rapporteur.

Item 3. Consideration of revised draft articles of a model law on international commercial arbitration

The Working Group may wish to consider the following notes prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the discussions at the Working Group during its third, fourth and fifth sessions:

(a) Tentative draft articles A to G on adaptation and supplementation of contracts, commencement of arbitral proceedings, minimum contents of statements of claim and defence, language in arbitral proceedings, court assistance in taking evidence, termination of arbitral proceedings, and period for enforcement of arbitral award (A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.44);

(b) Revised draft articles XIII to XXIV on competence of arbitral tribunal, place and conduct of arbitral proceedings, rules applicable to substance of dispute, making of award and other decisions, and duration of mandate of arbitral tribunal (A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.40);

(c) Revised draft articles XXV to XXX on recognition and enforcement of arbitral award, and recourse against award (A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.46);

(d) Redrafted articles I to XII on scope of application, general provisions, arbitration agreement and the courts, and composition of arbitral tribunal (A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.45).

Item 5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group may wish to adopt, at the close of its session, a progress report for submission to the seventeenth session of the Commission (to be held from 25 June to 6 or 13 July 1984 in New York).

Meetings

The session of the Working Group will take place at the Vienna International Centre (C-Building). Meetings will be scheduled from 29 August to 2 September and 5 to 9 September 1983 (except Thursday afternoon, 8 September). Meeting hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., except on 29 August when the meeting will commence at 10.00 a.m.