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Working Group on International
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Eighth Session
Vienna, 3-14 December 1984

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Formulation of uniform legal rules on the liability of operators of transport terminals
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Notes on the provisional agenda

The Commission, at its sixteenth session, decided to include the topic of liability of operators of transport terminals in its programme of work, to request the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) to transmit its preliminary draft Convention on that subject to the Commission for its consideration, and to assign work on the preparation of uniform rules on that subject to a Working Group. The Commission deferred to its seventeenth session the decision on the composition of the Working Group. 1/

1/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its sixteenth session, Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, supplement No. 17 (A/38/17), para. 115.

At its seventeenth session, the Commission decided to assign to its Working Group on International Contract Practices the task of formulating uniform legal rules on the liability of operators of transport terminals. It further decided that the mandate of the Working Group should be to base its work on document A/CN.9/252 and on the UNIDROIT preliminary draft Convention and the Explanatory Report thereto, and that the Working Group should also consider issues not dealt with in the UNIDROIT preliminary draft Convention, as well as any other issues which it considered to be relevant. 2/

The Working Group consists of the following 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 normal practice, may wish to elect a Chairman and a Rapporteur.

Item 3. Formulation of uniform legal rules on the liability of operators of transport terminals

The Working Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat entitled "Liability of operators of transport terminals: issues for discussion by the Working Group" (A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.52).

The following documents will be made available at the session:

(a) The report of the Secretary-General entitled "Co-ordination of work: some recent developments in the field of international transport of goods" (A/CN.9/236) which was submitted to the sixteenth session of the Commission;

(b) The report of the Secretary-General entitled "Liability of operators of transport terminals" (A/CN.9/252) which was submitted to the seventeenth session of the Commission;

2/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its seventeenth session, Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/39/17), para. 113.

(c) The preliminary draft Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals, and the Explanatory Report thereto, prepared by UNIDROIT (UNIDROIT document 1983, Study XLIV, Doc.24) (available in English and French only)).

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 eighteenth session of the Commission (to be held from 3 to 21 June 1985 at Vienna).

Meetings

The session of the Working Group will take place from 3 to 14 December 1984 at the Vienna International Centre. Meeting hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., except on 3 December when the meeting will commence at 10.30 a.m.