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Dear representatives,

I am writing to you regarding the arrangements for the thirty-ninth session of UNCITRAL Working Group VI (Judicial Sale of Ships), which will take place from 18 to 22 October 2021.

At its most recent session, the Commission agreed to extend the arrangements for the sessions of UNCITRAL working groups during the COVID-19 pandemic, as contained in [A/CN.9/1078](#) (see [A/76/17](#), para. 248). The arrangements regarding the format, officers and methods of work which applied to the last session of the Working Group will therefore also apply to the upcoming session. Accordingly, I have the honour to continue serving as Chair of the Working Group at the session. I am also pleased to confirm that Mr. Vikum de Abrew (Sri Lanka) will continue serving as Rapporteur.

As with the last session, arrangements are being made by the secretariat to allow delegations to participate in person at the Vienna International Centre and remotely via the online platform Interprefy. Connection details for Interprefy will be communicated by the secretariat to registered participants in due course. The secretariat has informed me that there will be **two** two-hour meetings per day during the session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Vienna time (Central European Summer Time).

A provisional agenda for the session has been prepared ([A/CN.9/WG.VI/WP.91](#)) and is available on the Working Group VI page of the UNCITRAL website: https://uncitral.un.org/working_groups/6/sale_ships. If I do not receive any objection or alternative proposals by 11 October 2021, the agenda will be considered adopted at the beginning of the session (item 2 of the provisional agenda).

At the session, the Working Group is expected to consider a fourth revision of the “Beijing Draft” ([A/CN.9/WG.VI/WP.92](#)). I would urge delegations to make written submissions in advance of the session to facilitate the discussions. Submissions should be made by email to the secretary of the Working Group (Mr. José Angelo Estrella-Faria, joseangelo.estrella-faria@un.org) at least two weeks in advance of the session in order to be translated into the other official languages of the United Nations. I will make efforts to ensure that submissions are adequately reflected in our deliberations and in the summary.

Finally, I would like to refer you to the report of the last session of the Commission, at which the work of the two most recent sessions of the Working Group was considered (see [A/76/17](#), paras. 209-211).

I look forward to our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beate Czerwenka". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Beate Czerwenka

Chair

UNCITRAL Working Group VI