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Conference on Regional Perspectives on ISDS Reform (10 September 2018)

The objective of the Conference is to raise awareness in the Asia-Pacific region of the current work of Working Group III (ISDS Reform). The Conference would also provide an opportunity to reflect on the ISDS experience in the Asia-Pacific region, which would further contribute to the discussions at the Working Group.

- Welcome and opening speeches
- General overview of UNCITRAL's work on ISDS including transparency
- Concerns identified by the Working Group during the last two sessions – an overview
- Regional perspectives on cost and duration
- Regional perspectives on the lack of predictability and coherence
- Regional perspectives on arbitrators including a code of ethics
- Regional perspectives on third-party funding

Format: Each session will have a moderator and one or two speakers, presenting different perspectives. The role of the moderators and speakers would be to initiate the discussion and participants will be given sufficient time to share their views. If appropriate, the discussions may be based on advance copy of working papers submitted by the Secretariat for the upcoming Working Group session.

Roundtable discussion on ISDS Reform (11 September 2018 morning)

The Roundtable discussion would provide a forum for high-level government representatives from the Asia-Pacific region to provide input to the current discussion at Working Group III. It would be open to all those invited to the Working Group including delegations from other regions as well as relevant stakeholders.

- Opening remarks by high-level officials from the region
- Roundtable discussion I
- Roundtable discussion II

Format: The Roundtable discussion will adopt a format similar to that of a working group session and will be moderated by one or two persons. Government representatives from the Asia-Pacific region will be given priority in expressing their views, while the discussions will be open in nature. The host government of the Republic of Korea would provide a summary of the discussion to Working Group III.