Panel Series
UNCITRAL Texts and COVID-19 Response and Recovery

Day 5: COVID-19 Impact on International Dispute Resolution
In partnership with the Vienna International Arbitral Centre

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7-9 a.m. EDT / 1-3 p.m. CEST / 8-10 p.m. KST
VIRTUAL MEETING

PROGRAMME

In a joint statement issued by arbitral institutions in May 2020, parties and arbitrators were encouraged to mitigate the effects of any impediments caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, while ensuring the fairness and efficiency of arbitral proceedings. It also called for collaboration among institutions in making use of digital technology in resolving disputes remotely. Several arbitral institutions have adopted responsive measures and have issued guidelines to assist parties and arbitral tribunals. This session will address the impact that COVID-19 measures have had on international dispute resolution. The first panel will address its short-term consequences and the second panel will examine the long-term consequences. The panellists will further consider whether UNCITRAL texts on international dispute resolution have been able to accommodate such adaptations, as well as the way forward.

Panel I: Measures taken by arbitral institution to respond to the COVID–19 crisis (45 minutes)

Moderated by Mr. James Castello
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Ms. Alice Fremuth-Wolf
Secretary-General, Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)

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Secretary General, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)

Panel II: How will international dispute resolution evolve as a result of the COVID–19 crisis? (45 minutes)

Moderated by Mr. Andrés Jana
Chile; Chair of Working Group II

Ms. Lise Alm
Head of Business Development, The Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Maxi Scherer
Professor of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London; Special Counsel, WilmerHale

Ms. Yulia Mullina
Executive Administrator, Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration

Ms. Marianella Ventura Silva
Secretary General, Cámara de Commercio Lima Centro de Arbitraje, Peru

Question & Answer (30 minutes)

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