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RATIFICATION OF OR ADHERENCE TO CONVENTIONS
CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its seventh session (New York, 13-17 May 1974), the Commission decided to re-examine at its ninth session the question of the ratification of or adherence to conventions concerning international trade law, "with special reference to the state of ratification then obtaining in respect of the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods". 1/

State of signatures and of ratification of the Convention
on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of
Goods, concluded at New York on 12 June 1974

2. As at 31 March 1976, the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods, concluded at New York on 12 June 1974, had been signed by the following States: Brazil, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian SSR, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Hungary, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, the Ukrainian SSR and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Under article 41 of the Convention, the closing date for signature was 31 December 1975.

1/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its seventh session, 13-17 May 1974, Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/9617), para. 64.

3. As at 31 March 1976, the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods had been ratified by Ghana (7 October 1975). Under article 44 of the Convention, "this Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of six months after the date of the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession".

State of ratification of or accession to the Convention
on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral
Awards, done at New York on 10 June 1958

4. The Commission, at its sixth session (Geneva, 2-13 April 1973), recommended "that the General Assembly should invite the States which have not ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards of 1958 to consider the possibility of adhering thereto". ^{2/} The General Assembly, in its resolution 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, on the report of the Commission on the work of its sixth session, invited "States which have not ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards to consider the possibility of adhering thereto".

5. It might be noted that since the date of the above General Assembly resolution, the following States have ratified or acceded to the 1958 Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards: Australia (accession, 26 March 1975); Belgium (ratification, 18 August 1975); Benin (accession, 16 May 1974); Chile (accession, 4 September 1975); Cuba (accession, 30 December 1974); the German Democratic Republic (accession, 20 February 1975); the Holy See (accession, 14 May 1975); the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (accession, 24 September 1975).

^{2/} Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its sixth session, 2-13 April 1973, Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/9017), para. 85.