

C. Note by the Secretariat: co-ordination of activities (A/CN.9/208)*

The resolution contained in the annex to this note was adopted by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on 30 May 1981 at its twenty-second session held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

ANNEX*The Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC)*

Noting with satisfaction the existing close collaboration of work between the AALCC and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL);

Expressing its view that the aims which the new international economic order sought to achieve would, in respect of UNCITRAL, be best served if an approach similar to that taken as regards the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hamburg Rules, 1978)** would permeate the other work of UNCITRAL;

Noting with appreciation that UNCITRAL has successfully led to the adoption of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980);***

* 5 June 1981. Referred to in Report, paras. 88, 97, 115 (part one, A, above).

** Yearbook . . . 1978, part three, I, B.

*** Yearbook . . . 1980, part three, I, B.

Further noting with appreciation:

(a) The adoption of the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (1980),* which would help in the expeditious and amicable settlement of disputes in international transactions, particularly in the Asian-African region;

(b) The decision of UNCITRAL, in response to the views expressed by the AALCC at its 17th, 18th and 20th sessions, to commence work to prepare a model arbitration law which if widely adopted by States in their domestic legislation would further eliminate barriers to the promotion of international commercial arbitration; and

(c) The decision of UNCITRAL, upon the endorsement of the AALCC at its 21st session, to commence studies on contracts for the supply and construction of large industrial works in the context of the new international economic order;

Expresses its continued support to the work programme of UNCITRAL;

Recommends to the governments of the member States to consider the possibility of ratifying or adhering to the United Nations Convention on Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hamburg Rules, 1978) and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (1980); and

Requests its Secretary-General to draw the attention of Governments of member States to the importance of having their representatives or observers participate in the sessions of UNCITRAL and its subordinate organs.

* Yearbook . . . 1980, part three, II.