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ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW  
Working Group on International  
Negotiable Instruments  
Eleventh session  
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Draft uniform rules on international bills of exchange, international promissory notes and international cheques
4. Other business
5. Adoption of the report

Notes on the provisional agenda

The Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments was established at the fifth session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. <sup>1/</sup> It consists of the following eight members of the Commission: Chile, Egypt, France, India, Nigeria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America. The terms of reference of the Working Group are:

- (i) To prepare a final draft uniform law on international bills of exchange and international promissory notes;

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<sup>1/</sup> Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session (1972), Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh session, Supplement No. 17 (A/8717), para. 61.

- (ii) To consider the desirability of preparing uniform rules applicable to international cheques and the question whether this can be achieved by extending the application of the draft uniform law to international cheques or by drawing up a separate uniform law on international cheques, and to formulate uniform rules for international cheques if it is of the view that this is desirable because of the use of the cheque for settling international payments. 2/

Item 1. Election of officers

The Working Group, in accordance with its practice at previous sessions, may wish to elect a Chairman and a Rapporteur.

Item 3. Draft uniform rules on international bills of exchange, international promissory notes and international cheques

The Commission, at its fourteenth session, considered the conclusions and suggestions relating to future work of the Working Group (set forth in A/CN.9/196, paras. 208-213). The Commission, after deliberation, adopted the following decision on 19 June 1981:

"The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments on the work of its tenth session;
2. Requests the Working Group to continue its work under its present terms of reference, and to complete that work expeditiously;
3. Endorses the decision of the Working Group to hold its eleventh session in August 1981, and authorizes it to hold a further session if the work so requires;
4. Decides that the Working Group should draw up the draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes, and the Uniform Rules on International Cheques, as separate texts and not as a consolidated text;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, after the completion of the texts by the Working Group, to circulate them, together with a commentary, to all governments and interested international organizations for their comments."

As to the exact procedure to be followed after the comments had been received, the Commission decided to revert to this question at its fifteenth session after the work had been completed by the Working Group.

The Working Group is, thus, expected to continue its consideration of the draft uniform rules applicable to international cheques and to complete expeditiously its work on this draft text as well as on the draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes. The Working Group will

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2/ Ibid., and Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twelfth session (1979), Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth session, Supplement No. 17 (A/34/17), para. 44, and Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirteenth session (1980), Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth session, Supplement No. 17 (A/35/17), para. 22.

have before it on each of these draft texts a note by the Secretariat (A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.21 and 22) setting forth the text of certain articles, or parts thereof, as amended by the Working Group at its tenth session or as revised by the Secretariat pursuant to a request by the Working Group, and a further note (A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.23) setting forth a study by the observer for the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Item 5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group may wish to adopt, at the close of its session, a progress report for submission to the fifteenth session of the Commission.

Documents before the Working Group at its eleventh session

A/CN.9/181 - Report of the Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments on the work of its ninth session.

A/CN.9/196 - Report of the Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments on the work of its tenth session.

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.15 - Note by the Secretariat: uniform rules applicable to international cheques.

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.19 - Uniform rules applicable to international cheques: draft articles 70 bis - 85 and A - F: note by the Secretariat.

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.21 - Uniform rules applicable to international cheques: note by the Secretariat.

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.22 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes: note by the Secretariat.

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.23 - Uniform rules applicable to international cheques: note by the Secretariat.