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ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW  
Working Group on International  
Negotiable Instruments  
Fifteenth session  
Vienna, 5-16 January 1987

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Revision of draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes
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. 1/ Its membership was expanded, at the nineteenth session of the Commission, to include all States members of the Commission. 2/ These are:

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1/ 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.

2/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its nineteenth session (1986), Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first session, Supplement No. 17 (A/41/17), para. 221.

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

The mandate of the Working Group is to revise the draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes which the Commission intends to finalize at its twentieth session in 1987. 3/

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. Revision of draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes

The Commission, at its nineteenth session, considered the articles of the draft Convention as revised by it at the seventeenth session and by the Working Group at its thirteenth and fourteenth session (set forth in document A/CN.9/274). 4/ It requested the secretariat to transmit the draft Convention as adopted at its nineteenth session and set forth in annex I of its report to all States with a request that comments thereon be submitted to the secretariat by 15 November 1986. 5/

As regards the mandate of the Working Group, the Commission was agreed that the Working Group, at its fifteenth session, should consider the comments received from Governments on the draft Convention and should make recommendations to the Commission as to how any concerns expressed in those comments might be satisfied. It should also examine the draft Convention with a view to discovering any inconsistencies among its provisions or any lacunae. The Working Group should also be at liberty to suggest improvements to the draft Convention. 6/ The Working Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat setting forth the comments received from Governments and international organizations (A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.32).

In addition, the Working Group is expected to consider draft final clauses to be included in the draft Convention. The Working Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat setting forth such draft final clauses (A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.33).

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3/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its nineteenth session, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/41/17), paras. 212-224.

4/ Ibid., paras. 15 - 211.

5/ Ibid., para. 223.

6/ Ibid., para. 222.

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 twentieth session of the Commission (to be held from 20 July to 14 August 1987 at Vienna).

Meetings

The session of the Working Group will take place at the Vienna International Centre. Meeting hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., except on Monday, 5 January, when the meeting will commence at 10.30 a.m.

Documents before the Working Group at its fifteenth session

Documents of the fifteenth session

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.31 - Provisional Agenda;

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.32 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes: Comments of Governments and international organizations: note by the Secretariat;

A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.33 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes: draft final clauses: note by the Secretariat;

Earlier documents in order of publication

A/CN.9/211 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes: Text of draft articles as adopted by the Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments: note by the Secretariat;

A/CN.9/213 - Commentary on draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes: Report of the Secretary-General;

A/CN.9/248 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes and draft Convention on International Cheques: Analytical compilation of comments by Governments and international organizations: Report of the Secretary-General;

A/CN.9/249 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes and draft Convention on International Cheques: Major controversial and other issues: note by the Secretariat;

A/CN.9/249/Add.1 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes and draft Convention on International Cheques: Major controversial and other issues: Addendum: Summary of the comments of Romania and Switzerland: note by the Secretariat;

A/39/17 - Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its seventeenth session (1984), Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17;

A/CN.9/261 - Report of the Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments on the work of its thirteenth session (New York, 7-18 January 1985);

A/CN.9/273 - Report of the Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments on the work of its fourteenth session (Vienna, 9-20 December 1985);

A/CN.9/274 - Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes: Text of draft articles as revised by the Commission at its seventeenth session or by the Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments at its thirteenth or fourteenth session: note by the Secretariat;

A/41/17 - Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its nineteenth session (1986), Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 17.