At its nineteenth session in 1986, the Commission decided to undertake work in the area of procurement as a matter of priority and entrusted that work to the Working Group on the New International Economic Order. 1/

The Working Group commenced its work on this topic at its tenth session, held at Vienna from 17 to 25 October 1988, by considering a study of procurement prepared by the Secretariat (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.22). The Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare a first draft of a model law on procurement and an accompanying commentary taking into account the discussions and decisions at the session (A/CN.9/315, para. 125).

The Commission, at its twenty-second session in 1989, expressed appreciation for the work performed by the Working Group so far and requested it to proceed with its work expeditiously (A/44/17, paras. 232 and 235).

The Working Group is composed of all States members of the Commission. These are:

Argentina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

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. Procurement

The tenth session will have before it reports of the Secretary-General containing the text of a draft model law on procurement (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.24) and a commentary on the draft model law (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.25).

Adoption of the report

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

Meetings

The session of the Working Group will take place at United Nations Headquarters, New York. Meetings are scheduled from 5 February to 9 February, and on 12, 13, 14 and 16 February. No meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, 15 February, in order to allow for the preparation of the draft report of the session. Meeting hours will be from 10.00 to 1.00 and from 3.00 to 6.00, except on Monday, 5 February, when the session will commence at 10.30.