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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Notes on the provisional agenda

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 (A/41/17, para. 243). The Working Group commenced its work on this topic at its tenth session, held 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 discussion and decisions at the session (A/CN.9/315, para. 125).

A draft of the model law on procurement and an accompanying commentary prepared by the Secretariat (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.24 and A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.25) were considered by the Working Group at its eleventh session (5 to 16 February 1990). The Working Group requested the Secretariat to revise the text of the model law taking into account the discussion and decisions at the session. It was agreed that the revision need not attempt to perfect the structure or drafting of the text. It was also agreed that the commentary

would not be revised until after the text of the model law had been settled, and that no revision of the commentary would be prepared for the twelfth session of the Working Group. In addition, the Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare for the twelfth session draft provisions on the review of acts and decisions of, and procedures followed by, the procuring entity (A/CN.9/331, para. 222).

At its twenty-third session (25 June to 6 July 1990), the Commission expressed appreciation for the work performed by the Working Group so far and requested it to proceed with its work expeditiously (A/45/17, para. 29).

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 twelfth session will have before it reports of the Secretary-General containing draft articles of the model law on procurement dealing with review of acts and decisions of, and procedures followed by, the procuring entity (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.27), and the second draft of the model law on procurement (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.28).

Item 5. Adoption of the report

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

Meetings

The session of the Working Group will take place at the Vienna International Centre. Meetings are scheduled from 8 to 12 October, and on 15, 16, 17 and 19 October. No meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, 18 October, in order to allow for the preparation of the draft report of the session. Meeting hours will be from 9.30 to 12.30 and from 2.00 to 5.00, except on Monday, 8 October, when the session will commence at 10.30.