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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. 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). It devoted its eleventh to fifteenth sessions to the preparation of the Model Law on Procurement of Goods and Construction (the reports of these

sessions are contained in documents A/CN.9/331, 343, 356, 359, and 371). The Working Group decided that it would be preferable to first finalize provisions for the procurement of goods and construction before elaborating such provisions for the procurement of services (A/CN.9/315, para. 25). A principle reason for this decision was that certain aspects of the procurement of services are governed by different considerations from those that govern the procurement of goods and construction. The UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement of Goods and Construction was adopted by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session (Vienna, 5-23 July 1993).

At that twenty-sixth session, on the basis of a note on possible future work in the procurement of services prepared by the Secretariat (A/CN.9/378/Add.1), the Commission agreed to undertake work in the area and entrusted the preparation of draft model legislative provisions on the procurement of services to the Working Group. The Commission was agreed that the Working Group should finalize its work on draft model provisions on procurement of services in time for consideration by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session.

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

Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.

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. Model legislative provisions on procurement of services

The Working Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing draft model legislative provisions that would extend the scope of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement of Goods and Construction to also deal with the procurement of services (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.38). This note further elaborates possible approaches suggested in the note by the Secretariat on possible future work in the procurement of services (A/CN.9/378/Add.1) presented to the Commission at its twenty-sixth session.

The following documents will be made available at the session:

- (a) The UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement of Goods and Construction;
- (b) The Guide to Enactment of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement of Goods and Construction.

Item 5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group may wish to adopt, at the close of the session, a report for submission to the twenty-seventh session of the Commission (to be held from 31 May to 17 June 1994 in New York).

Meetings

The session of the Working Group will take place from 6 to 17 December 1993 at the Vienna International Centre. There will be 8 working days available for consideration of the agenda items at the session. No meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, 16 December, 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 14:00 to 17:00, except on Monday, 6 December 1993, when the session will commence at 10:00.