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Dear representatives,

I have the honour to write to you regarding the decision by the Commission during its fifty-fourth session to extend the arrangements for the sessions of UNCITRAL working groups during the COVID-19 pandemic as contained in documents [A/CN.9/1078](#) and [A/CN.9/1038](#) (annex I) until its fifty-fifth session.

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the decision dated 19 August 2020 (the “Decision”) ([A/CN.9/1038](#) (annex I)), I would like to inform you that the provisional agenda for the session ([A/CN.9/WG.I/WP.123](#)) is available on the UNCITRAL website at https://uncitral.un.org/en/working_groups/1/msmes for your comments. The item on “Election of officers” has not been included in the provisional agenda given that paragraph 3 of the Decision allows the officers of the working groups elected at the last sessions of the working groups to continue their offices, subject to their availability, at the session(s), intersessionally, and until they are replaced by newly elected officers.

I am pleased to confirm that Ms. Beulah LI (Singapore) will accordingly carry on as the rapporteur at the upcoming 36th session of Working Group I (Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, or MSMEs) from 4 to 8 October 2021. Unfortunately, I will not be available to continue my role as the chair as of the starting of the 36th session of the Working Group, for which thus a new chair will have to be elected.

In that connection, I have been informed by the UNCITRAL secretariat that the delegate of the Republic of Croatia, Professor Siniša PETROVIĆ, has been proposed to take up the role as the new chair. Professor Petrović has actively participated in Working Group I deliberations since its twenty-third session and has represented his country at sessions of the Commission. He would bring a wealth of experience to the role. I am delighted to submit this proposal to your consideration.

If I do not receive any objection or alternative proposals from member States of UNCITRAL by **30 September 2021**, the agenda will be considered adopted and the proposed candidate for the chair will be considered elected at the beginning of the session on 4 October 2021.

Please feel free to convey all your comments on the above to the secretary of the Working Group (Ms. Monica Canafoglia, monica.canafoglia@un.org) copying myself (mmalaguti@gattai.it) and the rapporteur (Beulah_LI@agc.gov.sg). I count on your constructive feedback despite such a short notice and on your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Malaguti'.

Maria Chiara Malaguti
Chair

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