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Dear representatives,

I am writing to you regarding the arrangements for the sixty-second session of UNCITRAL Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), which will take place from 22 to 26 November 2021.

At its most recent session, the Commission agreed to extend the arrangements for the sessions of UNCITRAL working groups during the COVID-19 pandemic, as contained in A/CN.9/1078 (see A/76/17, para. 248). The arrangements regarding the format, officers and methods of work which applied to the last session of the Working Group will therefore also apply to the upcoming session. Accordingly, I have the honour to continue serving as Chair of the Working Group at the session. I am also pleased to confirm that Mr. Paul Kuruk (Ghana) will continue serving as Rapporteur.

As with the last session, arrangements are being made by the secretariat to allow delegations to participate in person at the Vienna International Centre and remotely via the online platform Interprefy. Connection details for Interprefy will be communicated by the secretariat to registered participants in due course. The secretariat has informed me that there will be **two** two-hour meetings per day during the session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Vienna time (Central European Time).

The provisional agenda for the session (A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.169) is available on the Working Group IV web page. If I do not receive any objection or alternative proposals on the agenda by 15 November 2021, the agenda will be considered adopted at the beginning of the session (item 2 of the provisional agenda).

At the session, the Working Group is expected to continue, and possibly finalise, its consideration of draft provisions on the use and cross-border recognition of identity management and trust services (as contained in A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.170) and to consider a draft explanatory note to the draft provisions on the use and cross-border recognition of identity management and trust services (as contained in A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.171).

I invite delegations to make written submissions in advance of the session to facilitate the discussions. Submissions should be made to the secretary of the Working Group (Mr. Luca Castellani, luca.castellani@un.org) at least two weeks in advance of the session in order to be translated into the other official languages of the United Nations. I will make efforts to ensure that submissions are adequately reflected in our deliberations and in the summary.

I propose that the Working Group focus its deliberations on the following issues during the session:

Monday 22 November 2021	Chapter I; Chapter II.
Tuesday 23 November 2021	Chapter II, namely liability; Chapter III.
Wednesday 24 November 2021	Chapter III; Chapter IV.
Thursday 25 November 2021	Draft explanatory note.
Friday 26 November 2021	Draft explanatory note.

The Secretariat may arrange informal consultations during the lunch break (13.30 – 14.30).

To facilitate the organization of the session, I invite you to provide any comments on this proposal to the secretary of the Working Group in advance of the session.

As with the last session, the rapporteur and I will prepare a draft summary of the deliberations and any conclusions reached during the session in a format similar to that of previous Working Group reports. The draft summary will be circulated after the session for comments. My hope is that the Working Group will be willing to adopt the summary as its report to the fifty-fifth session of the Commission in 2022.

I look forward to making progress with you towards finalization of the draft provisions despite the constraints that we are facing.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)