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Dear representatives,

I am writing to you regarding the arrangements for the sixty-third session of UNCITRAL Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), which will take place from 4 to 8 April 2022.

As agreed by the Commission at its fifty-fourth session last year (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 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.

Arrangements are being made by the UNCITRAL secretariat to allow delegations to participate in person at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and remotely via the online platform Zoom (not the Interprefy platform, as used for previous sessions). Connection details for Zoom will be communicated by the secretariat to registered participants by email on 1 April 2022. There will be two 2-hour meetings per day during the session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. New York time (Eastern Daylight Time, UTC -4).

The provisional agenda for the session (A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.172) is available on the Working Group IV web page: https://uncitral.un.org/working_groups/4/electronic_commerce. If I do not receive any objection or alternative proposals on the agenda by 28 March 2022, the agenda will be considered adopted at the beginning of the session (item 2 of the provisional agenda).

According to the provisional agenda, the Working Group is expected to deliberate on pending issues concerning the draft model law on the use and cross-border recognition of identity management and trust services (A/CN.9/1112) based on an oral report by the secretariat of informal intersessional consultations, and to host a focused conceptual discussion on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation in contracting based on a note by the secretariat (A/CN.9/WG.IV/WP.173). Time permitting, the Working Group may wish to consider the secretariat's related work on data transactions. The secretariat has informed me that the separate note on data transactions contemplated in the provisional agenda (para. 12) will not be circulated as a pre-sessional working paper, but may be circulated at the beginning of the session as a conference room paper. The note will essentially build on the preparatory work carried out by the secretariat as reported to the Commission last year (see A/CN.9/1064, paras. 15-23).

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.

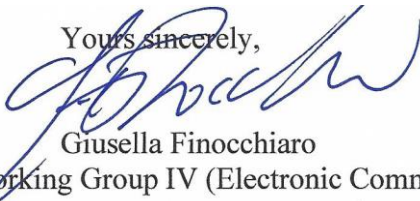
I propose the following schedule to address the agenda items during the session:

Monday 4 April 2022	Identity management and trust services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Oral report of informal consultations</i>• <i>Pending issues concerning the draft model law</i>
Tuesday 5 April 2022	Identity management and trust services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Comments on the explanatory note</i>
Wednesday 6 April 2022	AI/automated contracting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Introduction to the topic</i>• <i>Discussion of concepts and issues identified in WP.173</i>
Thursday 7 April 2022	AI/automated contracting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Discussion of concepts and issues identified in WP.173</i>
Friday 8 April 2022	Data transactions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Introduction to preparatory work carried out by secretariat</i>

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.

I hope that we will be able to finalize our work on identity management and trust services at the session, and that our deliberations on AI/automated contracting will allow the Commission to take a decision at its forthcoming session on the scope and nature of future work to be conducted on the topic.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)