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Dear representatives,

At its fifty-fourth session, the Commission agreed 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. Accordingly, Mr. Takashi Takashima (Japan) and I have the honour of continuing our roles respectively as the rapporteur and the chair at the upcoming 75th session of Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) from 28 March to 1 April 2022.

The provisional agenda for the session (A/CN.9/WG.II/WP 221) is available on the Working Group II webpage. As indicated in the provisional agenda, a colloquium will be held throughout the session to explore possible future work in the area of the dispute settlement. The first two days of the colloquium will touch upon legal issues relating to dispute resolution in the digital economy, including online platforms for dispute resolution. The following two days will touch upon issues relating to adjudication and technology-related dispute resolution. The last day is reserved for any additional discussion and a round-table, where a summary of the deliberations during the first four days would be provided. A detailed programme will soon be available on a web page dedicate to the Colloquium. If I do not receive any objections or alternative proposals on the above-mentioned agenda by 18 March 2022, it will be considered adopted at the beginning of the session on 28 March.

As to the organization of the session, the Secretariat has informed me that arrangements are being made to allow for in-person and remote participation subject to the following:

- Two two-hour meetings per day will be held from Monday, 28 March to Friday, 1 April.
- The meeting hours will be 11:00–13:00 and 15:00–17:00 New York time (Eastern **Daylight** Time).
- Due to the limitations in conference capacity at the United Nations Headquarters, the meeting on Monday from 15:00 to 17:00 and both meetings on Thursday will be held online only.
- In-person participation at the United Nations Headquarters in New York is possible **only for State representatives**, who should be in touch with their respective Permanent Missions as soon as possible to be issued a pass to enter the premises. States are encouraged to limit their in-person participation to one (1) to ensure that all member States can be present in the room.
- For online participation, delegations will need to have a Zoom account to access the platform.

Please note that these arrangements may change depending on the situation at Headquarters in the coming weeks. Additional information about the session will be available on the Working Group II webpage and circulated to registered participants.

As the session is organised in form of a colloquium, the Secretariat will prepare a summary, which will be presented to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session. Please feel free to convey your comments on the above to the secretary of the Working Group (Mr. Jae Sung Lee, jaesung.lee@un.org) copying myself

(ajana@bmaj.cl) and the rapporteur (ttakashima@eagle.ocn.ne.jp). I count on your constructive feedback and on your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrés Jana', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Andrés Jana
Chair
UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)