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Dear representatives to Working Group I,

After the adoption of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Limited Liability Enterprises at its last session (28 June – 16 July 2021), the Commission expects Working Group I commence deliberations on the topic of access to credit for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Some of you may be new to the Working Group since the change of topic may have resulted in States changing the composition of their delegations in order to draw on subject-matter expertise or experience relevant to this new subject matter.

Further, the Chair who led the Working Group from its 22<sup>nd</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> session is unavailable to continue in that role and the Secretariat is working on her replacement. We are gathering expressions of interest while aiming at ensuring an even regional representation. Since this process is not concluded yet and the dates of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group are fast approaching, the Secretariat is sharing the following information, which the Chair would have provided, to allow you to prepare for the session.

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. The Secretariat is thus making arrangements to allow delegations that wish to participate in person to attend the session at the Vienna International Centre (Board Room D) as well as, similar to the previous session, to allow for remote participation via the online platform, Interprefy.

An advance copy in English of the note by the Secretariat on the topic of access to credit for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises ([A/CN.9/WG.I/WP.124](#)) is available [here](#). The final version of the note and the translation in the other five official languages of the United Nations shall be posted on the same webpage shortly.

The Secretariat would urge delegations to make written submissions in advance of the session to facilitate the discussion. Such submissions will be made available on the Working Group I webpage in the format and the language received.

As to the organization of the session, the Secretariat has made the following arrangements:

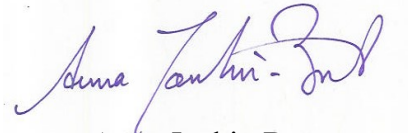
- Two two-hour meetings per day will be held from Monday 4 to Friday 8 October.
- The meeting hours will be 11:00–13:00 and 15:00–17:00 Vienna time (CEST).

As had been the case at the previous sessions of the Working Group, the rapporteur and the chair 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 by the delegations of the Working Group. Based on the comments received, the chairperson and the rapporteur will revise the summary and present it as such to the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, unless the report gets adopted by the Working

Group as its report.

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](mailto:monica.canafoglia@un.org)) copying myself ([anna.joubin-bret@un.org](mailto:anna.joubin-bret@un.org)). I look forward to meeting you on the occasion of the forthcoming Working Group session either in person or online and thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anna Joubin-Bret". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Anna Joubin-Bret  
The Secretary  
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International Trade Law