

107th meeting (19 April 1972)

Article 29 (continued)

Mr. BURGUCHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had the most serious reservations with regard to article 29. The adoption of article 29 would mean that ratification or accession would have different effects for different States according to whether a unitary State or a federal State was involved.

The CHAIRMAN noted that the majority of delegations which had spoken on article 29 had expressed a wish that consideration of it should be deferred until the sphere of application of the draft Convention was clearly defined and he suggested that the Commission should postpone further consideration of that article.

It was so decided.

Article 30

The CHAIRMAN noted that no delegation appeared to wish to speak on article 30 and he suggested that that article should be considered adopted.

It was so decided.

Part III: Declarations and reservations

Mr. ROGNLIEN (Norway) said that the Working Group had before it proposed amendments which would limit the application of the draft convention to relations between nationals of Contracting States. The Working Group proposed to draft a provision to that effect which would take the form either of an express stipulation which would be general in scope, or of an optional reservation.

Article 31

Mr. MATTEUCCI (International Institute for the Unification of Private Law) said that he had doubts regarding the advisability of the provisions of article 31, which had been modelled on those of article II of the 1964 Convention where they had been introduced to reserve the application of the Uniform Law