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**United Nations Commission on  
International Trade Law  
Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)  
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## Annotated provisional agenda

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Consideration of the topic of recognition and enforcement of electronic awards.
5. Adoption of the report.

### II. Composition of the Working Group

1. The Working Group is composed of all States members of the Commission, which are the following: Afghanistan (2028), Argentina (2028), Armenia (2028), Australia (2028), Austria (2028), Belarus (2028), Belgium (2031), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2031), Brazil (2028), Bulgaria (2028), Burundi (2031), Canada (2031), Chile (2028), China (2031), Colombia (2028), Congo (2031), Côte d'Ivoire (2031), Czechia (2028), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2028), Dominican Republic (2031), El Salvador (2031), France (2031), Germany (2031), Ghana (2031), Greece (2028), Hungary (2031), India (2028), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2028), Iraq (2028), Israel (2028), Italy (2028), Japan (2031), Kenya (2028), Kuwait (2028), Malawi (2028), Malaysia (2031), Mauritania (2031), Mauritius (2028), Mexico (2031), Morocco (2028), Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (2031), Nigeria (2028), Panama (2028), Peru (2031), Philippines (2031), Poland (2028), Republic of Korea (2031), Russian Federation (2031), Saudi Arabia (2028), Sierra Leone (2031), Singapore (2031), Somalia (2028), South Africa (2031), Spain (2028), Sri Lanka (2031), Sweden (2031), Switzerland (2031), Thailand (2028), Türkiye (2028), Turkmenistan (2028), Uganda (2028), Ukraine (2031), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2031), United States of America (2028), Uruguay (2031), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2028), Viet Nam (2031) and Zambia (2031).

2. States not members of the Commission and international governmental organizations may attend the session as observers and participate in the deliberations.



In addition, invited international non-governmental organizations may attend the session as observers and represent the views of their organizations on matters where the organization concerned has expertise or international experience so as to facilitate the deliberations at the session.

### **III. Annotations to agenda items**

#### **Item 1. Opening of the session**

3. The eighty-second session of the Working Group is scheduled to be held at the Vienna International Centre from 13 to 17 October 2025. Meeting hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m., except for the first day of the session, on Monday, 13 October 2025, when the session will be opened at 10 a.m. Other arrangements for the session will be announced on the webpage of Working Group II in due course.

#### **Item 2. Election of officers**

4. In accordance with its previous practice, the Working Group may wish to elect a Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

#### **Item 4. Consideration of the recognition and enforcement of electronic awards**

5. Under this agenda item the Working Group is expected to continue the deliberation on the recognition and enforcement of electronic awards and, time permitting, to deliberate on electronic notices of arbitration.

### **A. Background information**

6. At its fifty-seventh session in 2024, the Commission considered the submission by the Governments of Germany, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea and Spain regarding possible future work on dispute resolution in the digital economy ([A/CN.9/1186](#)) as well as notes by the secretariat on the progress of the stocktaking of developments in that area, including future work proposals ([A/CN.9/1189](#) and [A/CN.9/1190](#)). On that basis, the Commission mandated Working Group II to work on the recognition and enforcement of electronic arbitral awards and, subsequently, on electronic notices.<sup>1</sup>

7. At the eightieth session of Working Group II in 2024, and at the request of the Commission, the secretariat organized a two-day colloquium for obtaining perspectives to further assess issues with respect to electronic arbitral awards as well as further contemplate possible solutions for electronic notices of arbitration.<sup>2</sup> Following the colloquium, the Working Group commenced its consideration of the topic of recognition and enforcement of electronic arbitral awards based on a note prepared by the Secretariat ([A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.238](#)).

8. At its eighty-first session, the Working Group continued its deliberation on the recognition and enforcement of electronic awards based on a note prepared by the secretariat ([A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.240](#)). After discussion, the Working Group requested the secretariat to prepare a revised version of: (i) the recommendation on the interpretation of the New York Convention; (ii) amendments to the relevant articles of the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (including the Explanatory Notes); and (iii) amendments to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the guidance text, reflecting the outcome of the deliberations ([A/CN.9/1200](#), para. 75).

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No.17 (A/79/17)*, para. 265 and paras. 284–285.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 285.

## B. Documentation

9. The Working Group will have before it a note by the secretariat ([A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.242](#)), which will be posted on the webpage of Working Group II upon its issuance in all the official languages of the United Nations. The Working Group may also wish to consider the following texts, available in the “Texts and Status” section of the website of UNCITRAL.

### *Arbitration texts*

- Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (1958);
- Recommendation regarding the interpretation of article II, paragraph 2, and article VII, paragraph 1, of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, done in New York, 10 June 1958 (2006);
- UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (1985), with amendments as adopted in 2006;
- UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (2021);
- UNCITRAL Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings adopted in 2016 (with an additional note on early dismissal and preliminary determination adopted in 2023).

### *Texts on electronic commerce and electronic communication*

- United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts (2005);
- UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (2017);
- UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Signature (2001);
- UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce (1996) with additional article 5 bis as adopted in 1998.

## Item 5. Adoption of the report

10. The Working Group may wish to adopt, at the close of its session, a report for submission to the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, scheduled to be held in New York, from 22 June to 10 July 2025.

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