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Provisional agenda, annotations thereto and scheduling of meetings of the fifty-eighth session

I. Provisional agenda, scheduling of meetings and documentation

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3. Adoption of the agenda		
4. Consideration of draft convention on negotiable cargo documents	Monday, 7 July– Friday 11 July	Draft convention on negotiable cargo documents: A/CN.9/1213 Compilation of comments on the draft convention: A/CN.9/1214 and addenda A note by the Secretariat on the interaction between the draft convention on negotiable cargo documents and existing international transport law conventions: A/CN.9/WG.VI/WP.115 Reports of Working Group VI (Negotiable Cargo Documents) on the work of its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions: A/CN.9/1199 and A/CN.9/1205
5. Consideration of draft model organization rules for Limited Liability Enterprises	Friday, 11 July	Draft model organization rules for Limited Liability Enterprises: A/CN.9/1228
6. Consideration of draft toolkit and background notes on asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings	Monday, 14 July	Draft asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings: toolkit and background notes: A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.201 Reports of Working Group V (Insolvency Law) on the work of its sixty-sixth session: A/CN.9/1203 Compilation of comments on the draft asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings: toolkit and background notes: A/CN.9/1221 and addenda
7. Consideration of draft UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT study on the legal nature of verified carbon credits issued by independent carbon standard setters	Tuesday, 15 July	UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT study on the legal nature of verified carbon credits issued by independent carbon standard setters: A/CN.9/1191/Rev.1 Compilation of comments on the UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT study on the legal nature of



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8. Consideration of the guidance document on legal issues relating to the use of distributed ledger technology in trade	Thursday, 17 July	Guidance document on legal issues relating to the use of distributed ledger technology in trade: A/CN.9/1222
9. Consideration of draft toolkit on dispute prevention and mitigation	Monday, 21 July	Draft toolkit on dispute prevention and mitigation of international investment disputes: A/CN.9/1220
10. Progress report of working groups	Friday, 11 July	Reports of Working Group VI (Negotiable Cargo Documents) on the work of its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions: A/CN.9/1199 and A/CN.9/1205
	Monday, 14 July	Reports of Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) on the work of its eightieth and eighty-first sessions: A/CN.9/1193 and A/CN.9/1200 Reports of Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce) on the work of its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions: A/CN.9/1197 and A/CN.9/1202 Reports of Working Group V (Insolvency Law) on the work of its sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions: A/CN.9/1198 and A/CN.9/1203
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11. Operationalization of the Advisory Centre	Monday, 21 July– Tuesday, 22 July	Summary of the meetings on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre: A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.251 and A/CN.9/1218 Report of Working Group III (Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform) on the work of its fifty-first session (first part): A/CN.9/1196
12. Work programme of the Commission:	Monday, 14 July	A note by the Secretariat giving a general overview of the work programme of the Commission and of its working groups and secretariat: A/CN.9/1210
(a) Possible future work in the area of insolvency law;		A note by the Secretariat on possible future work in the area of insolvency law: A/CN.9/1219 A proposal by the delegation of Australia for preparation of an updated Guide to Enactment and Interpretation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency: A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.199 Report of Working Group V (Insolvency Law) on the work of its sixty-fifth session: A/CN.9/1198
(b) Resource requirements to implement investor-State dispute settlement reform;	Tuesday, 22 July	Resources to implement the work programme with respect to investor-State dispute settlement reform: A/CN.9/1217
(c) Climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience;	Tuesday, 15 July	Report of the Colloquium on the Law of International Trade for a Greener Future: A/CN.9/1204 A note by the Secretariat on possible future work in the area of public procurement – Updating the Model Law on Public Procurement and related texts: A/CN.9/1230
(d) Secured transactions using new types of assets and their treatment under the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions;		Report of the Colloquium on Navigating the New Era of Digital Finance: A/CN.9/1201
(e) Dispute resolution in the digital economy;	Thursday, 17 July	Stocktaking of developments in dispute resolution in the digital economy: A/CN.9/1215 Submission from the Inclusive Global Legal Innovation Platform on online dispute resolution: A/CN.9/1224
(f) Electronic commerce and paperless trade;		Legal Issues relating to the use of distributed autonomous organizations in trade: A/CN.9/1225

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		A note by the Secretariat on the use of UNCITRAL e-commerce texts for end-to-end trade digitalization and paperless trade, with a view to their consolidation and to preparing a guidance document and based on the stocktaking exercise: A/CN.9/1226
(g) Other topics for future work; and		Possible future work on legal aspects of digital trade: A/CN.9/1227 Possible future work in the area of payments – Digital payments: A/CN.9/1229
(h) Working methods of UNCITRAL, including streamlining GA omnibus resolutions.	Friday, 18 July	A note by the Secretariat giving a general overview of the work programme of the Commission and of its working groups and secretariat: A/CN.9/1210
13. Coordination and cooperation	Wednesday, 16 July	A note by the Secretariat on coordination activities: A/CN.9/1211 A note by the Secretariat on invited organizations: A/CN.9/1212 [Oral reports by invited international organizations may be expected at the session under this item]
14. Non-legislative activities and other matters:		A note by the Secretariat on non-legislative activities (A/CN.9/1209) and its agenda:
(a) Overview of non-legislative activities;		Technical cooperation and assistance: A/CN.9/1209/Add.1 Activities of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific: A/CN.9/1209/Add.2 Ways and means of ensuring a uniform interpretation and application of international conventions and uniform laws in the field of the law of international trade – CLOUT, digests and other materials: A/CN.9/1209/Add.3 Operation of the transparency repository: A/CN.9/1209/Add.4 The online and social media presence of UNCITRAL: A/CN.9/1209/Add.5 UNCITRAL Law Library, publications, press releases and other outreach activities: A/CN.9/1209/Add.6 Internship programme and moots: A/CN.9/1209/Add.7 Planned activities for the period 1 January 2025 onwards: A/CN.9/1209/Add.8 Resources and funding: A/CN.9/1209/Add.9
(b) Status and promotion of UNCITRAL legal texts;		A note by the Secretariat on the status of conventions and model laws and other UNCITRAL texts: A/CN.9/1207
(c) Relevant General Assembly resolutions;		A note by the Secretariat on relevant General Assembly resolutions: A/CN.9/1208
(d) Current role of UNCITRAL in promoting the rule of law; and		A note by the Secretariat on the role of UNCITRAL in promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels: A/CN.9/1223
(e) Bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL.		Bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL: A/CN.9/1206
15. Date and place of future meetings	Friday, 18 July	Provisional agenda, annotations thereto and scheduling of meetings of the fifty-eighth session: A/CN.9/1192
16. Other business:		–
(a) UNCITRAL@60 celebrations; and		
(b) Other matters.		
17. CLOUT Networking Meeting	Wednesday, 16 July	–

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18. Adoption of the report	Friday, 11 July Friday, 18 July Wednesday, 23 July	–

II. Annotations to agenda items provisionally scheduled for the fifty-eighth session

1. Opening of the session

1. The fifty-eighth session of the Commission will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in Vienna, from 7 to 23 July 2025. The session will be opened on Monday, 7 July 2025, at 10 a.m. (see below, section III, for more details about the schedule of meetings). The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations, Ms. Elinor Hammar skjöld is expected to open the session.

2. As at 7 July 2025, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law will be composed of the following member States: Afghanistan (2028), Argentina (2028), Armenia (2028), Australia (2028), Austria (2028), Belarus (2028), Belgium (2031), Brazil (2028), Bulgaria (2028), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2031), 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), 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), 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).¹

3. Member States not members of the Commission, non-Member States having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, 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.

2. Election of officers

4. Pursuant to a decision taken by the Commission at its first session, the Commission elects, for each session, a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

¹ The membership of the Commission was increased from 60 to 70 States by resolution [A/RES/76/109](#) of 9 December 2021. Five additional members are expected to be elected during the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly. As of 11 April 2025, one seat in the Western European and other States group remains vacant and three seats in the Eastern European States group remain vacant.

4. Consideration of draft convention on negotiable cargo documents

5. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-second session, in 2019, having considered a proposal by China on possible future work towards the development of a negotiable transport document to facilitate multimodal carriage of goods,² it agreed that the topic should be added to the work programme.³ At the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, the topic was referred to Working Group VI,⁴ which has considered it over six sessions, from its forty-first session to its forty-sixth session. The Commission may also wish to recall that, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2024, it was informed that significant progress had been made on the draft instrument on negotiable cargo documents and that Working Group VI might be in a position to transmit the draft instrument to the Commission for its review and possible adoption at its next session, in 2025.

6. At its forty-sixth session (New York, 17–21 March 2025), the Working Group completed a further article-by-article review of the substantive provisions of a draft convention and considered the final clauses of the draft convention. The Working Group requested the secretariat to revise the draft convention to reflect its deliberations and decisions and to transmit the revised draft to the Commission for consideration and possible approval at its fifty-eighth session. The Working Group also requested the secretariat to circulate the revised draft to all Governments and relevant international organizations for comment, and to compile the comments received for the consideration of the Commission (A/CN.9/1205, para. 107).

7. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the draft convention on negotiable cargo documents (A/CN.9/1213) and any comments on the draft convention that the secretariat will receive before the fifty-eighth session (A/CN.9/1214 and addenda). The Commission may wish to take into account a note by the secretariat on the interaction between draft convention on negotiable cargo documents and existing international transport law conventions presented to the Working Group during its forty-sixth session (A/CN.9/WG.VI/WP.115). The Commission may also wish to take into consideration the deliberations and decisions made by Working Group VI at its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions (A/CN.9/1199 and A/CN.9/1205).

5. Consideration of draft model organization rules for Limited Liability Enterprises

8. The Commission may wish to recall that in 2021, it adopted the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Limited Liability Enterprises (LLE) to simplify the legal form for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, facilitating their formation and operation. To support smaller or less-experienced businesses, the Guide encourages States to provide model organization rules that LLE members can use to manage their enterprises effectively, and transparently. In this respect, the Commission agreed to mandate its secretariat to draft guidance, with the assistance of experts, to assist States in preparing such model organization rules.

9. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the draft model organization rules for Limited Liability Enterprises (A/CN.9/1228).

6. Consideration of draft toolkit and background notes on asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings

10. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-fourth session, in 2021, having considered proposals by the United States⁵ and results of the Colloquium on

² A/CN.9/998.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/74/17)*, para. 219.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/77/17)*, paras. 22 (h) and 202. At the fifty-sixth session, the title of the Working Group was changed to negotiable cargo documents to clarify that its work covered both the multimodal and unimodal transport contexts: *ibid.*, *Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/78/17)*, para. 174 (f).

⁵ A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.154 and A/CN.9/996.

Civil Asset Tracing and Recovery,⁶ it referred the topic on civil asset tracing and recovery to Working Group V.⁷ The Working Group worked on that topic from its fifty-ninth to sixty-sixth session, presenting its progress reports⁸ for consideration by the Commission at its fifty-fifth to fifty-seventh sessions, in 2022 to 2024 respectively.⁹ The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-seventh session, it was informed that the Working Group should be ready to transmit the results of its work on the topic (the draft toolkit for expedited asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings and the draft background notes on asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings) for finalization and adoption by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session, in 2025.¹⁰

11. At its sixty-fifth session (Vienna, 16–20 December 2024), the Working Group agreed to present to the Commission the toolkit and background notes as one publication, with the toolkit placed first (A/CN.9/1198, para. 21). The Working Group also agreed at that session to circulate the drafts emanating from its sixty-fifth session to States for comment before their consideration by the Working Group at its sixty-sixth session and by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session (A/CN.9/1198, para. 25).

12. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it for consideration and approval document A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.201 containing the draft toolkit for expedited asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings and draft background notes on asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings considered by the Working Group at its sixty-sixth session, together with any amendments that the Working Group may decide to introduce in those texts as will be reflected in the report of that session (A/CN.9/1203).¹¹ Any comments on the drafts that the secretariat will receive before the fifty-eighth session of the Commission will be before the Commission in document A/CN.9/1221 and addenda.

7. Consideration of draft UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT study on the legal nature of verified carbon credits issued by independent carbon standard setters

13. At its fifty-seventh session, in 2024, the Commission had before it the draft UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT study on the legal nature of verified carbon credits issued by independent carbon standard setters. Among other things, the Commission stressed the usefulness of the study, including for countries that were currently considering enacting legislation in the area, but noted that the stringent timeline for preparing the study and processing its translation had not permitted its circulation for comments by all Member States ahead of the present session.¹² The Commission requested the secretariat to circulate it to all States Members of the United Nations and give them sufficient time to provide the secretariat with their technical and editorial comments, with a view to compiling those comments and submitting them, together with the study, in its current form, for consideration at its fifty-eighth session, in 2025. The Commission agreed to hold a further discussion during that session on the findings of the study, as well as the issues highlighted by States in their comments, and to consider at that stage whether to request the secretariat to prepare a revised version

⁶ A/CN.9/1008.

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/76/17)*, paras. 215–217.

⁸ A/CN.9/1088, A/CN.9/1094, A/CN.9/1126, A/CN.9/1133, A/CN.9/1163 and A/CN.9/1169.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/78/17)*, para. 163.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/79/17)*, para. 253.

¹¹ Due to little time available between the sixty-sixth session of the Working Group and the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, it was not possible for the Secretariat to proceed with the revision of the texts and their translation for their issuance sufficiently in advance of the Commission session.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/79/17)*, para. 274.

of the study, taking into account the Commission's deliberations and the comments received, for publication after that session.¹³

14. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the draft UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT study on the legal nature of verified carbon credits issued by independent carbon standard setters (A/CN.9/1191/Rev.1) as well as the compilation of comments on that study (A/CN.9/1216).

8. Consideration of the draft guidance note on legal issues relating to the use of distributed ledger technology in trade

15. At its fifty-fifth session, in 2022, the Commission requested the secretariat to prepare a guidance document on legal issues relating to the use of distributed ledger systems in trade¹⁴ that would provide explanations useful to commercial operators, especially micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises and operators located in developing countries, in assessing whether distributed ledger technology-enabled services addressed their needs, and the impact of the use of such services on their business.¹⁵ At its fifty-sixth session, in 2023, the Commission considered a note by the secretariat (A/CN.9/1146) that discussed the scope of the work to be conducted, and at its fifty-seventh session, in 2024, it considered a note by the secretariat (A/CN.9/1175) outlining those legal issues and requested the secretariat to continue and finalize its work.¹⁶

16. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it a draft guidance document on legal issues relating to the use of distributed ledger technology in trade (A/CN.9/1222) as well as a paper on considerations related to the use of distributed autonomous organizations in trade (A/CN.9/1225).

9. Consideration of the draft toolkit on dispute prevention and mitigation

17. At its fifty-seventh session, the Commission considered the previous version of the draft toolkit on dispute prevention and mitigation (A/CN.9/1185) and requested the secretariat to circulate the draft toolkit for comments and feedback by States,¹⁷ on the basis of which an updated version of the toolkit could be prepared.¹⁸ The secretariat was further requested to report on the progress made and inform the Commission when the toolkit was ready for finalization.¹⁹

18. Accordingly, at its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it a revised draft toolkit on dispute prevention of international investment disputes (A/CN.9/1220) for its consideration and adoption. The draft toolkit is a descriptive document setting out various strategies and measures that have been adopted by States to prevent and mitigate investment disputes involving foreign investors.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Ibid., *Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/77/17), paras. 22 (f) and 169.

¹⁵ Ibid., para. 167.

¹⁶ Ibid., *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/79/17), paras. 18 (e) and 290.

¹⁷ Comments received from States are available at <https://uncitral.un.org/en/investmentmediationanddispute prevention> in the language they were received.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/79/17), para. 168.

¹⁹ Ibid., para. 169.

10. Progress report of working groups**(a) Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)**

19. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-seventh session in 2024, it mandated Working Group II to work on the recognition and enforcement of electronic arbitral awards and, subsequently, on electronic notices.²⁰

20. The Commission may also wish to take note of the progress made by the Working Group pursuant to that mandate. During the eightieth session of the Working Group, at the Commission's request,²¹ the Secretariat organized a two-day colloquium to obtain perspectives to further assess the issues on electronic arbitral awards. Following the colloquium, the Working Group considered the topic of recognition and enforcement of electronic arbitral awards during the remainder of that session and at its eighty-first session.

21. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of the Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) on the work of its eightieth and eighty-first sessions (A/CN.9/1193 and A/CN.9/1200).

(b) Working Group III (ISDS Reform)

22. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission entrusted Working Group III with a broad mandate to work on the possible reform of investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS).²² The Working Group is continuing its work to develop reforms, particularly with regard to the draft provisions on procedural and cross-cutting issues, the draft statute of a standing mechanism for the resolution of international investment disputes and the multilateral instrument on ISDS reform.

23. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of Working Group III (ISDS) on the work of its forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions (A/CN.9/1194, A/CN.9/1195, A/CN.9/1196 and A/CN.9/1196/Add.1).

(c) Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)

24. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-fifth session, in 2022, it mandated Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce) to proceed with work on data provision contracts in tandem with work on the use of artificial intelligence and automation in contracting.²³ It may also wish to recall that, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2024, having adopted the Model Law on Automated Contracting that was prepared by the Working Group, it approved in principle a draft guide to enactment of the Model Law that had been prepared by the secretariat, and authorized the Working Group to review the guide.²⁴

25. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce) on the work of its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions (A/CN.9/1197 and A/CN.9/1202).

26. The Commission may wish to note that the Working Group, at its sixty-seventh session, reviewed the draft guide to enactment, thereby completing its work on the topic of the use of artificial intelligence and automation in contracting (A/CN.9/1197, paras. 10–28). Further to its request at its fifty-seventh session,²⁵ an UNCITRAL publication on the Model Law, containing its text and guide to enactment, as well as the relevant resolution of the General Assembly (A/RES/79/119) and decision of the Commission, is in production, which will be made available in e-book format in due

²⁰ Ibid., paras. 17 (b), 265 (b) and 285.

²¹ Ibid., para. 285.

²² Ibid., *Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/72/17), paras. 264.

²³ Ibid., *Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/77/17), para. 163.

²⁴ Ibid., *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/79/17), paras. 239 and 365(d).

²⁵ Ibid., para. 239.

course in all six official languages of the United Nations on a new page of the UNCITRAL website dedicated to the Model Law.²⁶

27. The Commission may also wish to note the progress made by the Working Group, at both its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions, on formulating default rules for data provision contracts, which is now the sole topic on the agenda of the Working Group (A/CN.9/1197, paras. 29–72; A/CN.9/1202, paras. 10–79).

(d) Working Group V (Insolvency Law)

28. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-fourth session, in 2021, it referred two topics to its Working Group V (Insolvency Law): civil asset tracing and recovery and applicable law in insolvency proceedings.²⁷ Under provisional agenda item 6 (see paras. 10–12 above), the Commission is expected to finalize and adopt at the session the draft toolkit for expedited asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings and the draft background notes on asset tracing and recovery in insolvency proceedings. As regards the topic of applicable law in insolvency proceedings, the Commission is expected to take note of progress made by the Working Group in its continued work on that topic as reflected in the reports of its sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions. The Commission may wish to note in particular that the Working Group, pursuant to the request of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session,²⁸ endeavoured to resolve issues related to secured creditors, avoidance, set-off, arbitration-related aspects, close-out netting arrangements and other outstanding matters and agreed to consider further alternative options and safeguards. Consistent with the request of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session,²⁹ coordination on arbitration-related aspects of the project was ensured at the secretariat level.

29. At its sixty-fifth session, the Working Group also considered proposals for a possible future work by UNCITRAL in the area of insolvency law. It referred them to the Commission with a recommendation to consider them at its next session, in 2025, including possible organization of colloquium(s) to delineate issues relevant to those proposals (see provisional agenda item 12).

30. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of Working Group V (Insolvency Law) on the work of its sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions (A/CN.9/1198 and A/CN.9/1203).

(e) Working Group VI (Negotiable Cargo Documents)

31. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-fifth session, it referred the topic to Working Group VI.³⁰ Under provisional agenda item 4 (see paras. 5–7 above), the Commission is expected to finalize and adopt at the session the draft convention on negotiable cargo documents.

32. At its forty-sixth session (New York, 17–21 March 2025), the Working Group requested the secretariat to prepare an explanatory note on the draft convention for consideration at its next session.³¹

33. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the reports of Working Group VI (Negotiable Cargo Documents) on the work of its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions (A/CN.9/1199 and A/CN.9/1205).

²⁶ The new web page is available at <https://uncitral.un.org/mlac>.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/76/17)*, para. 217.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/79/17)*, para. 254.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 255.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, *Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/77/17)*, paras. 22 (h) and 202.

³¹ A/CN.9/1205, para. 107.

11. Operationalization of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution

34. At its fifty-seventh session, the Commission finalized and adopted in principle the Statute of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution (the “Advisory Centre”).³²

35. When adopting the Statute in principle, the Commission agreed that the operationalization of the Advisory Centre would require further preparatory work.³³ The Commission agreed that in order to facilitate the preparatory work, it would utilize an informal process involving all States and regional economic integration organizations.³⁴

36. In that context, the Commission decided to hold an informal meeting in Bangkok from 2 to 4 December 2024 and agreed that a summary of that meeting and of the discussions held during the Working Group session on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre should be presented to the Commission at its session next year.³⁵ Accordingly, at its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it the summary of the Bangkok meeting (A/CN.9/WG.III/WP.251) and the report of Working Group III of its first part of the fifty-first session (A/CN.9/1196, paras. 19–30).

37. At its fifty-seventh session, the Commission also requested the secretariat to consult with Governments that had expressed an interest in hosting additional informal meetings on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre. Accordingly, the second informal meeting is scheduled to take place in Yerevan from 6 to 8 May 2025 (at the time of submission of this note).

38. In accordance with the decision taken by the Working Group during the first part of its fifty-first session (A/CN.9/1196, para. 30), the summary of the Yerevan meeting (A/CN.9/1218) will be before the Commission, where it could also discuss whether the summaries of informal meetings on the operationalization of the Advisory Centre would need to be presented to Working Group III every time for an exchange of views (without needing to take a decision) before the Commission takes any decision related to the possible outcomes of those meetings.

12. Work programme of the Commission

39. At its forty-sixth session, in 2013, the Commission agreed that it should reserve time for discussion of future work as a separate topic at each Commission session. Under this agenda item, the Commission will have before it:

(a) A note by the Secretariat giving a general overview of the work programme of the Commission and of its working groups and secretariat, as well as addressing possible future work and working methods (A/CN.9/1210);

(b) A note by the Secretariat on possible future work by UNCITRAL in the area of insolvency law (A/CN.9/1219), transmitting to the Commission a proposal by the delegation of Australia for preparation of an updated Guide to Enactment and Interpretation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.199) and a proposal for UNCITRAL to address climate change and environment protection aspects arising in insolvency proceedings (A/CN.9/1198, paras. 58–62) (both proposals were before the Working Group at its sixty-fifth session) and listing other topics that the Commission may wish to consider for possible future work in the area of insolvency law;

³² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/79/17)*, para. 167.

³³ *Ibid.*, para. 157.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 159.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, paras. 161 and 163.

(c) A note by the Secretariat on resources to implement the work programme with respect to investor-State dispute settlement reform (A/CN.9/1217) (see paras. 40–41 below);

(d) Report of the Colloquium on the Law of International Trade for a Greener Future (A/CN.9/1204);

(e) A note by the Secretariat on possible future work in the area of public procurement: updating the UNCITRAL Model Law on Public Procurement and related texts (A/CN.9/1230);

(f) Report of the Colloquium on Navigating the New Era of Digital Finance: The UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions on the use of new types of assets for secured financing (A/CN.9/1201);

(g) A note by the Secretariat on stocktaking of developments in dispute resolution in the digital economy (A/CN.9/1215) and a submission from the Inclusive Global Legal Innovation Platform on Online Dispute Resolution (A/CN.9/1224);

(h) A note by the Secretariat on the use of UNCITRAL e-commerce texts for end-to-end trade digitalization and paperless trade, with a view to their consolidation and to preparing a guidance document, and based on the stocktaking exercise (A/CN.9/1226);

(i) A note by the Secretariat on possible future work on legal aspects of digital trade (A/CN.9/1227); and

(j) A note by the Secretariat on possible future work in the area of payments: Digital payments (A/CN.9/1229).

40. At its fifty-fourth session, in 2021, the Commission had decided to recommend to the General Assembly that additional conference (one-week session per year) and human resources be allocated to Working Group III (ISDS Reform) for a single period of four years, from 2022 to 2025, on the condition that the Commission would during its annual session re-evaluate and, if needed, revisit its decision concerning the need for allocating one additional one-week session per year and supporting resources to Working Group III taking into consideration the Working Group's report on the use of its resources.³⁶ On 24 December 2021, the General Assembly decided to allocate one additional one-week session per year to Working Group III (ISDS Reform) and the necessary human resources as recommended by the Commission (A/RES/76/229, para. 15).

41. In this regard, the Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretariat on resources to implement the work programme with respect to investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS) reform (A/CN.9/1217) based on a recommendation by Working Group III made at its fiftieth session (A/CN.9/1195, para. 139) for the Commission to consider requesting the extension of the resources allocated to it by the General Assembly in 2021. These resources pertain to (i) one additional one-week session per year for a period of two years (2026 and 2027), and (ii) additional support to the Commission to allow the Working Group to continue to implement its work with respect to ISDS reform (document resources, secretariat human resources and information and communications technology resources for livestreaming).

13. Coordination and cooperation

42. The Commission will be informed by a note of the Secretariat about activities undertaken by the secretariat during calendar year 2024 to coordinate the work of organizations active in the field of international trade law and encourage cooperation among them, consistent with the mandate of UNCITRAL (A/CN.9/1211).

³⁶ Ibid., *Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/76/17), para. 263.

43. Representatives of international organizations will be given an opportunity to apprise the Commission of their current activities and possible means of strengthening cooperation with UNCITRAL.

44. The Commission may wish to recall that from its forty-fourth to fiftieth session, in 2011 to 2017, it heard oral reports by the secretariat about intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations invited to sessions of UNCITRAL, including comments on the manner in which invited organizations fulfilled the criteria applied by the secretariat in making its decision to invite non-governmental organizations. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission requested the secretariat to provide such information in writing for future sessions. Pursuant to that request, since its fifty-first session the Commission had before it notes by the Secretariat on international governmental and non-governmental organizations invited to sessions of UNCITRAL and its working groups ([A/CN.9/951](#), [A/CN.9/984](#), [A/CN.9/1023](#), [A/CN.9/1072](#), [A/CN.9/1106](#), [A/CN.9/1143](#) and [A/CN.9/1187](#)).³⁷ A similar note will be before the Commission at its fifty-eighth session ([A/CN.9/1212](#)).

14. Non-legislative activities and other matters

45. As requested by the Commission at its fifty-first session, in 2018,³⁸ the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on non-legislative activities ([A/CN.9/1209](#)) and its addenda: (a) technical assistance and cooperation activities ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.1](#)); (b) activities of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.2](#)); (c) ways and means of ensuring a uniform interpretation and application of international conventions and uniform laws in the field of the law of international trade – CLOUT, digests and other materials ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.3](#)); (d) operation of the transparency repository ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.4](#)); (e) UNCITRAL's online and social media presence ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.5](#)); (f) UNCITRAL Law Library, publications, press releases and other outreach activities ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.6](#)); (g) internship programme and moots ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.7](#)); (h) planned activities for the period 1 January 2025 onwards ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.8](#)); and (i) resources and funding ([A/CN.9/1209/Add.9](#)).

46. The Commission will also have it notes by the Secretariat on other matters: (a) a note by the Secretariat on the status of conventions and model laws and other UNCITRAL texts ([A/CN.9/1207](#)); (b) a note by the Secretariat on relevant General Assembly resolutions ([A/CN.9/1208](#)); (c) a note by the Secretariat on the role of UNCITRAL in promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels ([A/CN.9/1223](#)); and (d) bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL ([A/CN.9/1206](#)).

15. Date and place of future meetings

Fifty-ninth session of the Commission

47. The Commission may wish to note that its fifty-ninth session will be held in New York. Tentative arrangements have been made for the session to be held from 22 June to 10 July 2026. The Commission may wish to recall that, at its fifty-second session, it confirmed its understanding that two-week sessions would generally be sufficient and that the duration of each annual session was to be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the expected workload.³⁹

³⁷ Ibid., *Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/73/17](#)), paras. 185–186; *ibid.*, *Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/74/17](#)), paras. 236–238; *ibid.*, *Seventy-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/75/17](#)), part one, paras. 51–53; *ibid.*, *Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/76/17](#)), para. 283; *ibid.*, *Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/77/17](#)), paras. 254–255; *ibid.*, *Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/78/17](#)), para. 232; *ibid.*, *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/79/17](#)), para. 317–318.

³⁸ Ibid., *Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/73/17](#)), paras. 258–267.

³⁹ Ibid., *Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/74/17](#)), para. 331.

Sessions of working groups

48. At its thirty-sixth session, in 2003, the Commission agreed that: (a) working groups should normally meet for a one-week session twice a year; (b) extra time, if required, could be allocated from the unused entitlement of another working group provided that such arrangement would not result in the increase of the total number of 12 weeks of conference services per year currently allotted to sessions of all six working groups of the Commission; and (c) if any request by a working group for extra time would result in the increase of the 12-week allotment, it should be reviewed by the Commission, with proper justification being given by that working group regarding the reasons for which a change in the meeting pattern was needed.⁴⁰

49. At its fifty-second session, in 2019, the Commission decided that extra time for conference services, if required, could also be allocated to working groups from the unused time of the Commission session.⁴¹ It confirmed that requests by working groups for additional time for conference services would be considered by the Commission on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the needs of the requesting working group, the needs of other working groups and the other needs of the Commission at the given time, and taking into account the views of all member States of UNCITRAL. The Commission also confirmed that the request from a working group should not by itself be treated as a sufficient ground for granting the request; in each case, the request had to be properly substantiated.⁴²

50. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission took note of General Assembly resolutions on the pattern of conferences promulgating policies as regards significant holidays, on which the United Nations Headquarters and the Vienna International Centre remained open but United Nations bodies were invited to avoid holding meetings. The Commission agreed to take into account those policies as far as possible when considering the dates of its future meetings.⁴³

51. The Commission is expected to consider conference service requirements in the light of its work programme, reports of its working groups and a note by the Secretariat (A/CN.9/1217, see paras. 40–41 above), taking into account that dates proposed below include the following significant holidays of the United Nations: 1 October 2025 – Yom Kippur (would fall on the third day of the tentative dates of the forty-second session of Working Group I); 21 October 2025 – Diwali (would fall on the second day of the tentative dates of the sixty-ninth session of Working Group IV).

	<i>Second half of 2025 (Vienna)</i>	<i>First half of 2026 (New York)</i>	<i>Second half of 2026 (Vienna) (to be confirmed by the Commission at its fifty-ninth session, in 2026)</i>
Working Group I (To be decided)	Forty-second session 29 September–3 October 2025	Forty-third session 9–13 February 2026	Forty-fourth session 21–25 September 2026
Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)	Eighty-second session 13–17 October 2025	Eighty-third session 16–20 February	Eighty-fourth session 28 September–2 October 2026
Working Group III (ISDS Reform)	Fifty-second session 22–26 September 2025	Fifty-third session 12–16 January 2026 Fifty-fourth session (Vienna) ⁴⁴ 23–27 March 2026	Fifty-fifth session 12–16 October 2026
Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)	Sixty-ninth session 20–24 October 2025	Seventieth session 23–27 March 2026	Seventy-first session 5–9 October 2026
Working Group V (Insolvency Law)	Sixty-seventh session 10–14 November 2025	Sixty-eighth session 6–10 April 2026	Sixty-ninth session 16–20 November 2026

⁴⁰ Ibid., *Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/58/17)*, para. 275.

⁴¹ Ibid., *Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/74/17)*, para. 323.

⁴² Ibid., para. 325.

⁴³ Ibid., *Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, para. 485.

⁴⁴ Subject to additional resources being granted by the General Assembly.

	<i>Second half of 2025 (Vienna)</i>	<i>First half of 2026 (New York)</i>	<i>Second half of 2026 (Vienna) (to be confirmed by the Commission at its fifty-ninth session, in 2026)</i>
Working Group VI (Negotiable Cargo Documents)	Forty-seventh session 15–19 December 2025	Forty-eighth session 20–24 April 2026	Forty-ninth session 9–13 November 2026

16. Other business

Evaluation of the role of the UNCITRAL secretariat in facilitating the work of the Commission

52. At its fifty-second session, the Commission recalled that “facilitating the work of UNCITRAL” had been listed among the expected accomplishments of the UNCITRAL secretariat in the old budgetary framework and the performance metric for that expected accomplishment had been the level of satisfaction of UNCITRAL with the services provided by its secretariat, as evidenced by a rating on a scale ranging from 1 to 5 (5 being the highest rating). At that session, the Commission also recalled that the UNCITRAL secretariat had in the past circulated an evaluation questionnaire to elicit evaluation from States. The Commission was further informed at the session that, although continuing that practice was no longer necessary as a result of changes introduced in the budgetary framework, the UNCITRAL secretariat intended to continue circulating a questionnaire during the sessions of UNCITRAL for self-evaluation.

53. At the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, States will be requested to fill in an online evaluation questionnaire that will be circulated during the session, and the Commission may expect to hear an oral report from the UNCITRAL secretariat on the number of responses received and the level of satisfaction with the services provided to UNCITRAL by the UNCITRAL secretariat indicated in those responses.

(b) Other matters

54. In 2026, UNCITRAL will celebrate six decades of contributions to the progressive harmonization, unification and modernization of international trade law. UNCITRAL’s 60th anniversary presents a unique opportunity. It provides the chance not only to reflect on UNCITRAL’s significant achievements and the role of Member States and stakeholders in the development and implementation of UNCITRAL texts, but also to envision UNCITRAL’s place in the evolving landscape of international trade and the contributions it can make in the coming years to further support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Together, Member States and stakeholders can help ensure that UNCITRAL remains fit for purpose for the coming decades and continues to serve as an inclusive and solution-oriented forum, with even greater participation from developing countries. Governments and relevant stakeholders are called upon to host or support activities to celebrate this significant milestone and further strengthen UNCITRAL and its work.

55. The Commission may wish to consider possible other matters under this agenda item.

17. CLOUT Networking Meeting

56. The UNCITRAL secretariat will organize the meeting of the CLOUT Network during the Commission session in order to take stock of the developments since the last meeting (16 October 2024; see A/CN.9/1209/Add.3 for information about that meeting) and discuss goals and strategies for the coming months. The meeting will primarily be for members of the CLOUT Steering Committee and National Correspondents. CLOUT institutional partners (i.e. universities and research institutes, or other organizations with a special interest in UNCITRAL work) and voluntary contributors will also be invited to join. While an agenda is not yet available, the secretariat anticipates that the discussion will build on the outcomes of

the 2024 October meeting with a particular focus on expanding the CLOUT collection and fostering partnerships with other online platforms.

57. Due to the secretariat's limited resources, the meeting is expected to be held in person only, in English with simultaneous interpretation to the other five official languages of the United Nations. Given its key importance for the management of CLOUT and the continued rejuvenation of the CLOUT system commenced in 2020, the Secretariat strongly encourages the participation of national correspondents and Steering Committee members. Their engagement is essential to ensuring that CLOUT progresses in a way that reflects country-specific experiences and needs. In cases where a national correspondent or Steering Committee member is unable to attend, States are encouraged to request their delegates or observers to the Commission to contribute to the discussion on behalf of the absent national correspondents and Steering Committee members.

18. Adoption of the report of the Commission

58. The General Assembly, in its resolution [2205 \(XXI\)](#) of 17 December 1966, decided that the Commission should submit an annual report to it and that the report should be submitted simultaneously to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for comments. Pursuant to a decision of the Sixth Committee,⁴⁵ the report of the Commission is introduced to the General Assembly by the chairperson of the Commission or by another officer designated by the chairperson.

III. Schedule of meetings and documentation

59. Meetings will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., except on Monday, 7 July, when the morning meeting will commence at 10 a.m. Livestreaming of the session will not be possible.

60. The secretariat regrets to inform that, as part of saving measures made necessary by the deteriorating financial situation of the United Nations, the Commission, as a meeting body with a session of 30 meetings, is requested to reduce the number of its meetings at the session by at least 10 per cent and adjust its programme of work accordingly.

61. UNCITRAL documents are posted on the UNCITRAL website (www.uncitral.un.org) upon their issuance in all the official languages of the United Nations. Delegates may wish to check the availability of the documents for the fifty-eighth session by accessing the page of the Commission in the "Working Documents" section of the UNCITRAL website (www.uncitral.un.org).

62. The recommendations on the scheduling of meetings under each agenda item in section I above are intended to assist States and invited organizations in planning the attendance of their pertinent representatives; the actual scheduling will be determined by the Commission itself.

⁴⁵ Ibid., Twenty-third Session, annexes, agenda item 88, document [A/7408](#), para. 3.