

# CISG@40 Conference

Thursday, 2 April 2020

Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice

Palais Trautson

Museumstrasse 7, 1070 Vienna

9.15 – 9.45

## Opening

- José Angelo Estrella Faria, Head, Legislative Branch, UNCITRAL Secretariat
- SC Hon.-Prof. Dr. Georg Kathrein, Director General for Civil Law, BMJ
- Dr. iur. Konrad Bühler, Unite Head, Department of General International Law, BMEIA

9.45 – 10

## Introductory remarks

- János Bóka, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice, Hungary

10 – 11.15

## Panel 1:

### Recent trends in the interpretation of the CISG and views from the judiciary

This panel will discuss the recent developments in the interpretation of the CISG, highlighting common trends as well as issues on which there may be diverging views. It will also discuss tools and strategies to promote uniform interpretation among judges and arbitrators.

- Univ.-Prof. HR Dr. Georg Kodek, LL.M., Austrian Supreme Court of Justice
- Henry Gabriel, Elon University
- Ingeborg Schwenzer, Emerita, University of Basel

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11.45 – 13.00

## **Panel 2:**

### **CISG impact on regional and national contract law reform**

This panel will discuss the use of the CISG as a model for national and regional contract law reform, highlighting common elements and reasons for divergence.

- Professor Alexander Komarov, Head of International Private Law Chair, Russian Academy of Foreign Trade, Moscow
- Ádám Fuglinszky, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest
- Professor Stefan Vogenauer, Director at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Chair of Max Planck Law

BUFFET LUNCH (hosted by Baker McKenzie)

14.00 – 15.15

## **Panel 3:**

### **CISG and the digital economy**

This panel will discuss the use of the CISG in the digital economy, including uniform e-contracting law, smart contracts and transactions in data.

- André Janssen, Radboud University
- Eliza Mik, Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia, SMU
- Christiane Wendehorst, President, European Law Institute

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15.45-16.30

## **Panel 4:**

### **CISG and business practice**

This panel will discuss the use of the CISG in business practice, including in arbitration, possible measures to further increase its acceptance by lawyers and reasons for opting in or out of the CISG.

- Francesca Mazza, Secretary-General, DIS
- Cristina Martinetti, Past Chair, International Sales Committee, IBA
- Joaquim Muniz, Baker McKenzie (Trench Rossi Watanabe)

16.30-17.00

## **Concluding remarks**

17.30

## **Reception**

Reception hosted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs at the Palais Niederösterreich, Herrengasse 1, 1010 Vienna.