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Chairman:

At the outset, I would like to express my gratitude to the Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for his presentation of report A/67/17 on the work of its 17th session. I appreciate the important role played by the Secretariat

As a representative of Japan, I would like to

modernization of national laws and regulations based on *the UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement of Goods, Construction and Services*. Japan appreciates the completion of the adoption of the Guide since it should be widely used in order to make international procurement practices more and more transparent.

I also congratulate UNCITRAL on its adoption of *the Recommendations to Assist Arbitral Institutions and Other Interested Bodies with Regard to Arbitration Under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as Revised in 2010*. Japan believes these recommendations will be useful to improving international arbitration practices.

With regard to the treaty-based investor-State arbitration,



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