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GENERAL ASSEMBLY Sixth Committee

Item 170: “Observer status for the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law in the General Assembly”

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Mr. Chairman,

Thank you very much for giving me the floor.

I thank Italy for introducing the draft resolution under Agenda item n. 170, entitled "Observer status for the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law in the General Assembly".

UNIDROIT has a long and fruitful legacy. Re-established by a multilateral treaty in 1940, the Institute has since studied the needs and methods for modernizing, harmonizing and coordinating private and commercial law between States. Its activities are not only legislative (by means of developing and adopting international conventions, model laws, guides and other instruments), but may also include legal cooperation activities. UNIDROIT has a solid record of cooperation with other bodies of the United Nations (such as the UN Commission on International Trade Law) and also specialized agencies (such as UNESCO).

Granting observer status in the General Assembly for an Institute that clearly fulfills the relevant criteria will be mutually beneficial and open new possibilities of cooperation between the two institutions.

For all these reasons, Brazil supports the draft resolution on the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law draft resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.