

**Address to the Sixth Committee**

**of the General Assembly**

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**Chairperson of the fifty-second session of**

**the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

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**[I. INTRODUCTION]**

Mr. Chairperson, distinguished delegates of the Sixth Committee,

It gives me great pleasure to present the work of the United Nations

In addition, in adopting the texts on public-private partnerships, the Commission

noted the role of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Economic

Commission for Europe to prepare a model law on public-private partnerships. The

Commission highlighted the need to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts and the risk of

issues, in particular climate change concerns. Finally, the texts needed to be aligned with more recent UNCITRAL texts in the area of public procurement.

Key takeaways from the new UNCITRAL texts on public-private partnerships are: first, better preparation and planning of projects; second, improved procedures for contract award and transparency in the selection of the private partners; third, greater attention to addressing

environmental risks and climate change through new mechanisms at project inception and through the lifecycle of the project; and finally, better appraisal of long-term sustainability of public-private partnerships.

Development Goal 9 and its target A that addresses resilient infrastructure as well as

UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions.

The Practice Guide is a non-legislative text. It describes the types of secured transactions that creditors and other businesses can undertake under the Model Law, and

- Working Group I should continue preparing a legislative guide on a limited liability organization that addresses the particular needs of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises;
- that Working Group II should continue its work on expedited arbitration;
- that Working Group III should continue work on reform of investor-State dispute settlement system. The Commission expressed its appreciation for the inclusiveness and transparency in that work and for financial and other support provided by France, Germany, Switzerland and the European Union that allowed the Secretariat to organize intersessional meetings of Working Group III in different regions.

As regards other working groups, the Commission confirmed:

- that Working Group IV should proceed with the preparation of an international instrument on bankruptcy-related to identity management and trust services in the

online environment;

- that Working Group V should continue work towards a text on a simplified

and recovery and the other on applicable law in insolvency proceedings) and requested the Secretariat to commence exploratory work on railway consignment notes

#### [V. NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES]

Mr. Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

As you know, UNCITRAL's work programme consists not only of legislative activities, but also a wide range of non-legislative activities. While a complete status of these activities

was reported to the Commission by the Secretariat, I would like to highlight two: (1) the system for the collection and dissemination of information on case law on UNCITRAL texts (known as CLOUT) and (2) technical assistance activities, including those of the UNCITRAL

expressed its gratitude to States and organizations that made voluntary contributions to the UNCITRAL trust funds:

- Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and the Commercial Finance Association Education Foundation for contributing to the Trust Fund for UNCITRAL Symposia, and
- to Austria, the European Union, the Swiss Development Cooperation and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) for contributing to the Trust

Fund for Granting Travel Assistance to Developing States Members of UNCITRAL.

While encouraging the Secretariat to explore sources of extrabudgetary funding for the


delivery of non-legislative activities, the Commission emphasized the need for the Secretariat to remain neutral and independent.

As with the session in 2018, the fifty-second session featured a technical assistance roundtable, during which States and international organizations discussed their practical experience with the use and implementation of UNCITRAL texts.



modernization of international trade law. When such modernization does not occur or it occurs in a disharmonized way, international trade suffers.

International trade is often referred to as an engine for development. Indeed, as the Secretary-General noted earlier this year, the contribution of international trade to economic growth and sustainable development is undeniable.<sup>1</sup> The engine of international trade needs proper care. UNCITRAL makes an important contribution to this end but it also needs good



With that, I would like to conclude my address to you on the work carried by UNCITRAL during its fifty-second session.

I thank you for your attention!