

Mr. Chair,

My delegation wishes to begin by congratulating Mr. Eric Anderson Machado, as Chair of the fifty-third session of UNCITRAL, on the successful conclusion of the meetings of the fifty-third session in July and September 2020. We also thank Professor Wisit Wisitsara, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of Thailand, the previous Chair of UNCITRAL, for his efforts and arrangements to ensure the smooth organization of the fifty-third session, and thank Madam Secretary, Ms. Anna Joubi Bret, and her team for their hard work as well as for the comprehensive report of the UNCITRAL fifty-third session as contained in document A/75/17.

Thailand commends the UNCITRAL Secretariat for the organization of “UNCITRAL Texts and COVID-19” webinar during the first part of the fifty-third session. This event emphasised the importance and relevance of UNCITRAL works even in extraordinary circumstances, such as in the time of pandemic, as well as allowed Member States to share the best practices in how to address legal issues related to international trade that arises from the COVID-19. The organisation of similar activities should be encouraged in order to address future developments in international trade in a timely manner. In this regard, Thailand supports the use of digital technology to facilitate the work of UNCITRAL, while at the same time the principles of transparency, efficiency and equity should be ensured.

Mr. Chair,

Thailand supports in principle the initiative to enlarge the membership of UNCITRAL. The enlargement would not only increase more experts to participate in UNCITRAL activities, but also increase awareness, visibility and acceptability towards UNCITRAL's works.

the use of artificial intelligence in dispute resolution, as well as the enforcement result from the online dispute resolution in domestic courts.

Mr. Chair,

Having been an active member of UNCITRAL since 1992, Thailand wishes to reaffirm our unwavering support to the work of UNCITRAL. We are confident in UNCITRAL's capacity and its role as a major international mechanism for advancing the harmonization and development of international trade law in all dimensions. With our strong con22(e)-l10()-20(Wy2m) Ih(ns)-8Cktoyih os.