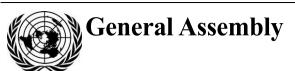
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## I. Introduction

- 1. This note addresses the technical cooperation and assistance activities of the secretariat from 1 January to 31 December 2024. Only selected activities are specifically reported in this note. A comprehensive list of technical cooperation and assistance activities undertaken by the secretariat during the reporting period is available on the UNCITRAL website as an informal document. Technical cooperation and assistance activities carried out by the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia, and the Pacific (RCAP) are reported separately (A/CN.9/1209/Add.2).
- 2. Most of the secretariat activities were held online or in a hybrid format, allowing participation of secretariat staff in more events, and expanding the reach of the events. Particular attention was given to ensuring gender balance in the composition of the panels at the events co-organised by the secretariat.

# II. Key technical cooperation and assistance activities undertaken by the secretariat in the reporting period

- 3. The secretariat's technical cooperation and assistance activities are grouped into three areas:
- (a) Raising awareness and promoting effective understanding, adoption and use of UNCITRAL texts;
- (b) Providing advice and assistance to States on adoption and use of those texts, such as through a review of draft legislation; and
- (c) Building capacity to support the effective use, implementation and uniform interpretation of those texts, such as through training activities for judges and legal practitioners.

## A. Partnerships

4. In the reporting period, the secretariat has continued to deliver technical cooperation and assistance in collaboration with partners (States and organizations) under both formal and other forms of partnerships. Below are examples of activities undertaken under formal partnerships with States.<sup>1</sup>

#### 1. Singapore

5. Under the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Singapore dated 7 August 2019, the 2024 edition of the UNCITRAL Academy, jointly organized by the secretariat and the Singapore Ministry of Law, was held over three days during, and as an integral part of, the Singapore Convention Week 2024 (Singapore, 26–30 August 2024). The UNCITRAL Academy, which discussed matters relating to mediation, comprised a conference and three capacity-building workshops, the latter being co-organized with, respectively, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy and the Singapore International Mediation Centre. The 2024 edition of the Singapore Convention Week brought together participants from more than 100 countries, representing the legal, business and government sectors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The activities are presented under the relevant partnership agreements in the chronological order of the conclusion of those agreements. Only partnership agreements with activity in the relevant period are reported. The activities held under the partnership agreement with the Republic of Korea are reported in document A/CN.9/1209/Add.2.

#### 2. China

- 6. Under the MOU dated 7 August 2019 with the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM), four activities were sponsored by MOFCOM and organized by UNCITRAL in collaboration with domestic institutions in China, to raise awareness of UNCITRAL texts in prioritized areas:
- (a) The seminar "Digital Platforms: Legal and Policy Challenges", co-organized with the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (Guangzhou, China, 1 March 2024);
- (b) The seminar "The Future Impact of Negotiable Cargo Documents in the Railway Sector and Beyond", co-organized with the Administrative Committee of China (Zhejiang) Pilot Free Trade Zone Jinyi Area and Zhejiang Normal University (Jinhua, China, 19 April 2024);
- (c) The International Symposium on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (MLETR) and the Law Relating to Electronic Bills of Lading in Transition, co-organized with the Dalian Maritime University (Dalian, China, 31 May 2024); and
- (d) The International Symposium on the Judicial Sale of Ships in Commemoration of the First Anniversary of the Signing Ceremony of the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships, co-organized with the Shanghai Maritime University and the Shanghai Arbitration Commission (Shanghai, China, 4 September 2024).

#### 3. Saudi Arabia

- 7. Under the Memorandum of Collaboration with Saudi Arabia, dated 19 May 2020, the secretariat provided support to commercial law reform in Saudi Arabia. The activities held in the reporting period focused on building capacity, including for the judiciary, on texts adopted by Saudi Arabia, namely, the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG"), the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (the "Singapore Convention on Mediation") and the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency.
- 8. A high-level retreat for senior government officials on "Emerging Trends in Digital Trade Law" was held in Vienna, on 19–20 December 2024 to discuss legal aspects of the use of artificial intelligence, of transactions in data and of payments.

#### 4. Viet Nam

- 9. Under the MOU with Viet Nam dated 24 July 2023, the secretariat took part in a Workshop on Smart Contracts and Digital Economy (Hanoi, 28 February 2024) discussing the implementation of the Law 20/2023/QH15 on Electronic Transactions and the ongoing consideration by Viet Nam of the work of UNCITRAL on electronic commerce.
- 10. As reported in other addendums to document A/CN.9/1209, these partnerships had a positive impact across not only technical cooperation and assistance activities, but all non-legislative activities of the secretariat, including the development of UNCITRAL e-learning programme modules, geographic diversification of cases reported in the Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT) database, more effective public outreach and introduction of modern solutions to support non-legislative activities.

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## B. Technical cooperation and assistance activities by subject

## 1. Dispute settlement (arbitration and mediation)

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 8, 9, 16 and 17

- 11. The secretariat continued its efforts to raise awareness and promote the effective understanding, adoption, and use of UNCITRAL texts on international dispute resolution through dedicated events and presentations at broader thematic forums. Particular emphasis was placed on recent instruments, including dispute resolution elements specific to Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) and the Model Clauses on Specialized Express Dispute Resolution (SPEDR).
- 12. Where appropriate, the secretariat adopted a holistic approach to promoting dispute resolution texts, ensuring that stakeholders gained a comprehensive understanding of the full range of available dispute resolution mechanisms and their complementarity. For example, mediation and arbitration texts had been presented as complementary instruments. Additionally, explanatory texts had been introduced alongside related legislative and contractual instruments to facilitate a more integrated implementation.
- 13. At the same time, recognizing that the promotion of certain UNCITRAL texts caters to a specific audience and requires engagement of specific groups, the secretariat tailored its outreach strategies to different stakeholders. These efforts included addressing the specific needs of States wishing to enact UNCITRAL texts on arbitration or mediation, of institutions seeking to use the UNCITRAL Arbitration and Mediation Rules as the basis for their institutional rules, and of investment treaty negotiators seeking to incorporate ISDS reform elements into their treaties. Furthermore, dedicated initiatives were undertaken to engage students and academia.

#### 2. Electronic commerce

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 5, 8, 9 and 16

- 14. The secretariat continued providing support towards the adoption, implementation and uniform interpretation of UNCITRAL e-commerce texts, including in partnership with other intergovernmental organizations, with a view to supporting end-to-end trade digitalization through the adoption of an enabling legal framework. In particular, the secretariat cooperated with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in several events held in the framework of APEC Peru 2024 discussing matters such as identity management and trust services, the use of electronic transferable records in supply chain management and on paperless trade facilitation and the role of customs.
- 15. The secretariat conducted joint activities with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the International Chamber of Commerce Digital Standards Initiative promoting awareness and adoption of the MLETR. In addition, the secretariat focused on promoting awareness of the UNCITRAL Model Law on the Use and Cross-border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services (MLIT) and the recently adopted UNCITRAL Model Law on Automated Contracting.
- 16. In the framework of the ongoing cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the secretariat participated in the third session of the Standing Committee and of the Paperless Trade Council of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 3–7 June 2024), in the eleventh Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum (Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 1–5 April 2024) and in webinars organized by ESCAP on "Trends in Digital Identity Management for Cross-Border Paperless Trade" (Bangkok, 8 August 2024) and on "Trust Services for Cross-Border Paperless Trade" (Bangkok, 3 October 2024) discussing the relevance of the MLIT for paperless trade facilitation.

- 17. Other joint activities aimed at supporting the adoption and implementation of UNCITRAL texts on electronic commerce included cooperation with United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in the framework of the "eTrade for all" initiative, with the Commonwealth Secretariat, and with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.
- 18. At the regional level, the secretariat was actively engaged in Central Asia in response to requests from States and international organizations. Relevant activities included participation in the Second Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Digital Trade Forum and in the Sixth Meeting and Special Session of the CAREC Regional Trade Group (Astana, 17–18 April 2024), organized by the ADB CAREC Program, and in the inaugural event of the project "Turkmenistan: Enhancing Trade Resilience and Integration", managed by the International Trade Centre (Ashgabat, 21–26 July 2024).

## 3. Insolvency

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 8, 10 and 17

- 19. The secretariat continued reviewing draft insolvency laws and providing, upon request, assistance with aligning the drafts with the UNCITRAL insolvency framework. In addition, during the reporting period, the secretariat:
- (a) Launched an online module on "Introduction to UNCITRAL Insolvency Texts";<sup>2</sup>
- (b) Together with the INSOL International and the World Bank Group, organized the Fourteenth Multinational Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency (San Diego, United States of America, 21–22 May 2024);<sup>3</sup>
- (c) Participated in the Africa Round Table, organized by the INSOL International and the World Bank Group (Gaborone, 7–8 November 2024), presenting on the interaction of UNCITRAL alternative dispute resolution and insolvency texts, and discussing insolvency law reforms being implemented across the continent on the basis of UNCITRAL insolvency texts, including in the context of the B-Ready assessment and emerging issues;
- (d) Together with EBRD and the Serbian Bankruptcy Law Association, organized a conference on UNCITRAL Insolvency Law in the Balkan Region (Belgrade, 7 June 2024), where economic benefits arising from harmonization of cross-border insolvency frameworks in closely integrated economies, the use of the UNCITRAL cross-border insolvency framework across the region and challenges that the region faces in the area of insolvency law reform, such as with ensuring effective asset tracing and recovery, were discussed; and
- (e) Together with the International Insolvency Institute (III) and the Sigmund Freud University (SFU), organized a panel discussion on "Mediation as an Effective Tool in Enterprise Group Insolvencies" on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency (Vienna, 17 December 2024).
- 20. Other activities included those reported in the RCAP paper (A/CN.9/1209/Add.2) as well as a lecture on UNCITRAL insolvency texts at the 2023–2024 edition of the joint UNCITRAL International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) Master of Laws in International Trade Law (Turin, Italy,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available at https://uncitral.un.org/en/onlinecourses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> About 44 judges attended from 25 States, representing different legal systems, cultures and levels of economic development. Topics of relevance to UNCITRAL included enterprise group insolvencies, MSE insolvencies and the role of the court in restructuring. For further information, see https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/en/uncitral\_insol\_worldbank\_judicial\_colloquium\_2024.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For further information, see C. Bridge-Zoller et al., "Cross-Border Insolvency in the Balkans Region" (2025) 34(1) International Insolvency Review (forthcoming).

- 6 May 2024)<sup>5</sup> and a presentation at the Eighteenth Congress on Insolvency Law organized by the Colombian Institute on Insolvency Law (Cartagena, Colombia, 20 September 2024). Several UNCITRAL Days in 2024 (e.g. in Argentina, Bahrain, Colombia, Jordan, Kenya, Uruguay and United Arab Emirates) (see section C below on UNCITRAL Days 2024) focused on UNCITRAL insolvency texts, with technical assistance requests originating from some of them.
- 21. Further to its report to the Commission (A/CN.9/1174, para. 4), the secretariat concluded the preparation of a curriculum for training judges on cross-border insolvency matters in the English and Spanish languages. The Spanish language curriculum was successfully launched at a cross-border insolvency judicial capacity-building event (Panama City, 18 November 2024). It is planned that the curriculum will be rolled out in Arabic, Chinese and other official languages of the United Nations for use in cross-border insolvency judicial capacity-building side events to be held in conjunction with sessions of Working Group V and the Commission, annual meetings of the Judicial Insolvency Network 6 and other relevant events held by the secretariat and its partners.
- 22. Together with other non-legislative activities in the area of insolvency law, such as those related to CLOUT, those activities have proven their relevance to the ongoing legislative work of UNCITRAL and to a possible future work by UNCITRAL in that area. Among others, they informed the secretariat of emerging issues in the area of insolvency law, economic benefits of enacting UNCITRAL insolvency texts and a need for further empirical research, for example by multilateral development banks, of those benefits, necessary for promoting UNCITRAL insolvency texts in the regions where they are currently not well known or used.

## 4. Micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs)

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 5, 8 and 9

- 23. The secretariat continued raising awareness and promoting understanding of UNCITRAL texts on Micro-, Small-, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs). The secretariat presented on those texts at three UNCITRAL Africa Days events and at the following events:
- (a) A conference on access to credit for MSMEs organized by the Bank of Italy (Rome, 8 March 2024);
- (b) A workshop on sharing experiences and best practices on access to financial services for MSMEs in APEC developing economies, with a focus on women entrepreneurs, organized by the Peruvian Ministry of Production in the context of APEC Peru 2024 (Pucallpa, Peru, 10 September 2024);
- (c) The annual meeting of the Corporate Registers Forum, Innovative Registries Business Enablers of the Future (Doha, 3–7 November 2024); and
- (d) The International Workshop on Strengthening National Capacities for Enhancing the Resilience of MSMEs and Accelerating Sustainable Development in Times of Multiple Crises organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) (Addis Ababa, 11–13 November 2024).
- 24. The secretariat followed up with Rwanda on a request for assistance with building capacity of judges and practitioners to handle simplified insolvency proceedings, which are expected to be addressed in a new law incorporating key elements from the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law for MSMEs, comprising also part five of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law. That Legislative Guide was also referenced in the report of the Fourteenth

Other substantive areas covered in the joint UNCITRAL-ITCILO Master in International Trade Law included electronic commerce, mediation, transparency standards and transport law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For further information see https://jin-global.org/.

Multinational Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency (San Diego, United States, 21–22 May 2024).

## 5. Public procurement and public-private partnerships (PPPs)

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 4, 6–12, 15, 16 and 17

- 25. On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Government Procurement Agreement (2012) (GPA) of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the secretariat presented the UNCITRAL Model Law on Public Procurement (MLPP) at the commemorative high-level event of the WTO Committee on Government Procurement (CGP), organized by Australia and Switzerland. It reminded all participants of the content of the MLPP, its uptake across States and the interaction between MLPP and GPA. The event provided a timely occasion to explore possible updates of both MLPP and GPA, recalling the impact of parallel negotiation processes in WTO and UNCITRAL on the content of both texts when they were being prepared. A continued close cooperation and coordination between the UNCITRAL and WTO GPA secretariats and their partners, such as EBRD, in promoting and monitoring the experience with the use of both texts was considered relevant in that context. Among others, it helped identify topics of mutual interest and coordinate efforts towards achieving harmonized approach to treating them at the international level. Those topics included digitalization and climate change as most recently discussed in CGP and UNCITRAL as well as strengthened good governance safeguards and other provisions included in the MLPP after the substantive part of the 2012 GPA was finalized.8
- 26. The secretariat delivered lectures on the MLPP and the UNCITRAL electronic commerce texts as relevant to electronic government procurement at the 2023–2024 edition of the UNCITRAL ITC-ILO Master in Public Procurement Management for Sustainable Development. In the context of awareness-raising and capacity-building activities on UNCITRAL texts on public procurement and public-private partnerships (PPPs), the UNCITRAL secretariat sought feedback and inputs on the role played by PPPs in the achievement of climate actions goals set by the international community, and on whether and how UNCITRAL texts on PPPs could be refined in that respect.

## 6. Sale of goods

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 8, 12 and 16

- 27. The secretariat continued to promote broader adoption, use and uniform interpretation of the CISG and of related texts, and to build capacity in the use of these texts. In that context, the secretariat co-organised with Prince Sultan University a conference on the use and interpretation of the CISG in light of Saudi Arabia's accession (Riyadh, 5 March 2024) (see para. 7 above).
- 28. Attention was given also to celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods. Among other activities, the secretariat took part in the launch of the Italian language translation of the Legal Guide to Uniform Instruments in the Area of International Commercial Contracts, with a Focus on Sales (Pavia, Italy, 17 October 2024), which discusses also that Convention.

#### 7. Security interests

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 8, 9 and 17

29. The secretariat continued coordinating with partners to support legislative reforms based on UNCITRAL texts in the area of security interests and to monitor the enactment and use of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions. Most of

<sup>7</sup> The GPA entered into force in 2014 after several years of accession negotiations.

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<sup>8</sup> Substantive provisions of the GPA were finalized around 2006–2007 before many new provisions were introduced in the MLPP.

the technical assistance provided related to the overarching framework for movable asset financing and the operation of the general security rights registry.

- 30. The Joint Network for Coordinating and Supporting Secured Transactions Reform (Joint Network)<sup>9</sup> continues to provide a sound platform for coordinating such support. Its composition as well as that of its Executive Committee changed during the period, which included the joining of the World Bank along with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) as well as the ADB and the EBRD. <sup>10</sup> The secretariat functions as the chair of the Executive Committee in 2025. The secretariat participated in the following activities organized in the framework of the Joint Network:
- (a) Annual meetings of the Executive Committee of the Joint Network (Washington, D.C., 15 January 2024 and Istanbul, Türkiye,18 November 2024); and
- (b) Sixth and Seventh Conference on International Coordination of Secured Transactions Reform (Washington, D.C., 16–17 January 2024 and Istanbul, Türkiye, 19–20 November 2024).

## 8. Transparency in treaty-based investor-State arbitration

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 16

31. The secretariat continued its efforts to raise awareness and promote effective understanding, adoption and use of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards. <sup>11</sup> During the reporting period, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards, a series of commemorative "Transparency@10" events were organized worldwide, including in the framework of the UNCITRAL Days (see Section C below). In those and other events, the secretariat partnered with States, regional arbitral institutions, academic institutions and international organizations to raise awareness about the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards and their relevance in different contexts, for instance, with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the contribution of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards to anti-corruption efforts.

#### 9. Transport of goods

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 8, 9 and 16

32. The secretariat continued its efforts to promote the entry into force of the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships. The secretariat supported the holding of a celebratory event (Valletta, 19 June 2024) and co-hosted, with the Shanghai Maritime University and Shanghai Arbitration Commission, an international symposium to mark the first anniversary of the signing ceremony (Shanghai, China, 4 September 2024). The secretariat also continued its cooperation with the secretariat of the International Maritime Organization towards operationalizing the online repository that is established under the convention.

### 10. Multi-subject events

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 16

33. The secretariat participated at the Regional Workshop organized by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs to raise awareness and build capacity on United Nations international law texts (Djibouti, 13–15 February 2024); in several events held in the framework of APEC Peru 2024, as mentioned throughout this paper; and with the World Bank Group on various projects, including the "B-Ready" initiative that aims to measure the business and investment climates in 180 economies annually.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See A/CN.9/1176.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Updated information on the Joint Network is available on the UNCITRAL website at https://uncitral.un.org/en/content/joint-network-coordinating-and-supporting-securedtransactions-reforms.

<sup>11</sup> The UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (the "Rules on Transparency") and the United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (the "Mauritius Convention on Transparency").

## C. UNCITRAL Days 2024

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17

- 34. The following are highlights of the 2024 series of UNCITRAL Days in Africa, in the Arab States and in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). The report on the UNCITRAL Days in Asia and the Pacific is available in document A/CN.9/1209/Add.2. Background information on the UNCITRAL Days may be found in document A/CN.9/1174/Add.1/Rev.1, paras. 45–48. The first edition of the UNCITRAL Days in the Arab States was held in 2024, following a pilot project in 2023. Detailed information on the events held during the UNCITRAL Days 2024 is available in informal reports. 12
- 35. The Secretary of UNCITRAL provided opening remarks at many UNCITRAL Days events, and on occasion presented on some of the topics. In total, the UNCITRAL secretariat delivered 127 presentations at UNCITRAL Days events, <sup>13</sup> as follows:

	Presentations delivered				
Topics	Africa Days	Arab States Days	Asia Pacific Days	LAC Days	Total
Access to credit (including secured transactions)	-	-	-	1	1
Dispute settlement and arbitration (including mediation and transparency standards)	4	6	11	22	43
Electronic commerce	4	2	3	1	10
General presentations on UNCITRAL	5	1	15	20	41
Insolvency for MSEs	1	-	1	1	3
Insolvency (General)	2	2	-	2	6
International Sale of Goods	1	1	4	1	7
International Transport of Goods	-	-	1	1	2
Investor-State Dispute Settlement	1	1	2	8	12
MSMEs	-	-	-	1	1
Public procurement and public-private partnerships	1	-	-	-	1
Total	19	13	37	58	127

- 36. The third edition of the "UNCITRAL Africa Days" comprised 8 events in 8 States. Under the overarching theme "The role of UNCITRAL in setting a supportive business environment in Africa", the series of events covered the current work of UNCITRAL and the implementation of UNCITRAL texts on insolvency, e-commerce, alternative dispute resolution, CISG, public procurement and PPP, in the context of the implementation of sustainable growth strategies in the continent and challenges thereto. 14
- 37. Two UNCITRAL Africa Days events were held with in-person participation of the secretariat, respectively in Botswana (Gaborone, 6 November 2024), on the occasion of the Africa Round Table organized by the INSOL International and the World Bank Group (see para. 19 above), and in the Comoros (Moroni, 25–26 November

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<sup>12</sup> The informal reports are available at www.uncitral.un.org/en/commission (under the fifty-eighth Commission session) and include the schedule and agenda of each series of events, lists of host and partner institutions, a summary of each event, and statistics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The secretariat delivered more than one presentation at several events. For completeness, the table includes also events held in the framework of the UNCITRAL Days in Asia and the Pacific, which are reported in document A/CN.9/1209/Add.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See also UNDESA – UNCTAD, World Economic Situation and Prospects 2024, United Nations publication Sales No. E.24.II.C.1.

- 2024). The latter activity led to a request for technical assistance in electronic commerce law reform.
- 38. The first edition of the "UNCITRAL Days in the Arab States" featured 9 events held in 7 States, under the overarching theme "The role of UNCITRAL in the modernization of international trade law in the Arab States". UNCITRAL texts on alternative dispute resolution, digital economy, insolvency and international sale of goods were among the topics most discussed as references for several commercial law reforms initiatives recently undertaken or ongoing in the region.
- 39. The fifth edition of the "UNCITRAL LAC Days" involved 33 hosting ministries, universities, and training schools for government officials in 15 countries. This series also featured 31 participating institutions, including international and regional organizations, chambers of commerce, business and entrepreneurial associations, think tanks, bar associations and centres of arbitration and mediation. Among others, 27 academic events were held either remotely or in a hybrid format, most of them under the theme "Transparency@10" celebrating the tenth anniversary of the UNCITRAL Transparency Standards.
- 40. Public and teaching institutions also cooperated in organizing academic activities under the "UNCITRAL LAC Days". For example, the Secretary of Foreign Relations of Mexico and the Universidad Iberoamericana co-organized an event to celebrate transparency@10 (Mexico City, 7–8 October 2024); the Diplomatic Institute "Doctor Jose Gustavo Guerrero" and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-organized an event to discuss trade digitalization in El Salvador (San Salvador, 15 November 2024); and the General Prosecutor Office and the National University of Asunción co-organized an event to discuss arbitration as a method for solving disputes in Paraguay (Asunción, 18 November 2024).