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## I. Introduction

1. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission requested the secretariat to replace an oral report by the secretariat to the Commission on relevant General Assembly resolutions with a written report to be issued before the session.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to that request, the secretariat submits the present note summarizing the content of General Assembly resolution [79/117](#) on the report of United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-seventh session, [79/118](#) on the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts, and [79/119](#) on the Model Law on Automated Contracting, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2024 on the report of the Sixth Committee ([A/79/467](#)).

## II. Summary

### A. Resolution [79/117](#)

2. In contrast to the past General Assembly resolutions on the work of the Commission, resolution [79/117](#) is organized under thematic headings. This reflects the initial outcome of the ongoing development of guiding principles on streamlining and simplifying the text of future resolutions on the work of the Commission (see para. 27 of the resolution).

3. With respect to legislative activities, the General Assembly:

(a) Commended the Commission for the finalization and adoption of the UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts, the Model Clauses on Specialized Express Dispute Resolution and the Model Law on Automated Contracting (para. 2) and for adoption in principle of the statute of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution (para. 3). It noted that the establishment and operationalization of the Advisory Centre would require further preparatory work and recommended that interested Governments and regional economic integration organizations actively take part in the process (para. 4);

(b) Took note of (i) progress made by UNCITRAL in other areas of its legislative work, (ii) the mandate given by the Commission to its Working Group II to commence work on the recognition and enforcement of electronic arbitral awards and, subsequently, on electronic notices of arbitration, (iii) ongoing exploratory work by the UNCITRAL secretariat on international trade law aspects of voluntary carbon credits, dispute resolution in the digital economy and the use of distributed ledger systems, and (iv) the Commission's requests to its secretariat to conduct a stocktaking of Commission texts that refer to electronic aspects and organize a colloquium on secured transactions using new types of assets (paras. 5–7).

4. Under other headings, the General Assembly:

(a) Recalled the importance of adherence to the rules of procedure and methods of work of the Commission and relevant requests to the secretariat (para. 8) and its decision on the rotation scheme of UNCITRAL meetings between New York and Vienna (para. 9);

(b) Appealed for voluntary contributions to the travel assistance trust fund and decided to continue its consideration of granting travel assistance to the least developed countries in its relevant Main Committee (paras. 10 and 11);

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to continue to operate the repository of published information in accordance with article 8 of the Rules on Transparency in a Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration until the end of 2027 and requested the

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, para. 480.

Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the funding and budgetary situation of the transparency repository (para. 12);

(d) Endorsed the efforts and initiatives of the Commission aimed at increasing coordination of and cooperation on legal activities of international and regional organizations active in the field of international trade law, a core element of the mandate of UNCITRAL, and at promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels in this field, and appealed to relevant international and regional organizations to coordinate their activities with those of the Commission (para. 13);

(e) Stressed the importance of promoting UNCITRAL texts and urged States to use them (para. 14);

(f) Reaffirmed the importance of the Commission's work concerned with technical cooperation and assistance in the field of international trade law reform and development, and welcomed relevant activities, initiatives and efforts, including the organization of the "UNCITRAL Days" and appealed to all relevant stakeholders to support the Commission in those efforts and initiatives, including by making voluntary contributions to the relevant trust fund (para. 15);

(g) Welcomed the activities of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, expressed its appreciation to States whose contributions enabled continuing operation of the Regional Centre, and requested the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the establishment of regional centres, in particular their funding and budgetary situation (para. 16);

(h) Noted with appreciation the work of the secretariat on the CLOUT system, acknowledged the need for further resources to sustain and expand it and welcomed relevant efforts (para. 17), including the preparation and wide dissemination of digests and the increase in the number of CLOUT abstracts (para. 18);

(i) Recalled the applicability of its multilingualism policies to UNCITRAL documentation, publications and meetings (para. 19) and reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to bear in mind the particular characteristics of the mandate and functions of the Commission when implementing page limits with respect to the documentation of the Commission (para. 20) and to continue the publication of Commission standards and the provision of summary records (para. 21);

(j) Commended the UNCITRAL website, including that it is available on a mobile device-friendly platform, and welcomed the continuous efforts to maintain and improve it and to utilize social media features (para. 22);

(k) Recalled the role of the Commission in the broader agenda of the United Nations, especially in the promotion of the rule of law and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (paras. 23–26); and

(l) Took note of the ongoing development of guiding principles on streamlining and simplifying the text of future General Assembly resolutions on the work of the Commission (para. 27).

## **B. Resolutions 79/118 and 79/119**

5. By resolution 79/118, the General Assembly: expressed its appreciation to the Commission for the adoption of the UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT Model law on Warehouse Receipts (para. 1); requested the Secretary-General to publish the Model Law together with a guide to the enactment thereof and to disseminate it broadly to Governments and other interested bodies (para. 2); and recommended that all States give favourable consideration to the Model Law when revising or adopting legislation relevant to warehouse receipts, and invited States that have used the Model Law to advise the Commission accordingly (para. 3).

6. By resolution 79/119, the General Assembly: expressed its appreciation to the Commission for the adoption of the Model Law on Automated Contracting (para. 1);

requested the Secretary-General to publish the Model Law together with a guide to the enactment thereof and to disseminate it broadly to Governments and other interested bodies (para. 2); recommended States give favourable consideration to the Model Law when revising or adopting legislation on electronic commerce, and invited States that have used the Model law to advise the Commission accordingly (para. 3); recommended that States continue to consider becoming parties to the United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts and to give favourable consideration to other UNCITRAL model laws in the area of electronic commerce (para. 4); and appealed to the relevant bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant international and regional organizations to coordinate their legal activities in that area with those of the Commission (para. 5).

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