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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE  
RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL  
AWARDS (ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA)

Sweden: amendments to the draft Convention

The Swedish delegation proposes:

I. that an article reading as follows should be inserted in the  
Convention:

"Every Contracting State shall recognize as valid any agreement in writing, concerning existing or future disputes, under which the parties agree to submit to arbitration all or some of such disputes as may arise between them on any matter susceptible of arbitration."

II. that article III should read as follows:

"To obtain the recognition and enforcement mentioned in the preceding article, it is necessary:

"(a) That the award shall have been made pursuant to a special arbitral agreement or to an arbitral clause which is valid under the law applicable to it and which has been drawn up in writing by the parties named in the award;

"(b) That, in the country where the award was made, it shall have become final and operative and, in particular, that its enforcement shall not have been suspended."

III. that the words "the recognition or enforcement of which is sought," should be deleted from article IV, paragraph (e), of the draft Convention.

IV. that article IV, paragraph (f), should be deleted from the draft Convention.

V. that the words ", or the subject matter thereof," should be deleted from article IV, paragraph (h).

VI. that a new paragraph reading as follows should be added to article IV of the draft Convention:

"The circumstances referred to in article IV, paragraphs (b), (c), (e) and (g), shall not constitute a bar to recognition or enforcement by the party against whom the award has been made unless the said party raises an objection based on those circumstances."

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