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Statement of Italy

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Thank you, Mr Chairman,

Mr Chairman,

At the very outset let me say that Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegate of the European Union on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We would like to provide some additional remarks in our national capacity.

Mr Chairman,

Italy welcomes the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its fifty-second session (document A/74/17) and the progress made at the present session. Italy has always attached great importance to the work of the Commission and its working groups, and we are pleased with the way they have

worked in all the past years producing seminal legal texts. We are pleased to continue to see UNCITRAL as a forum for effective deliberations to identify mutually agreed tools that improve the rules and regulations of international trade law.

Mr Chairman,

We would like to emphasize the expanding role of UNCITRAL in assisting Member States to adapt their legislations to the changing needs of our times, including taking into account new technologies and dedicating special attention to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as the Commission's concrete contribution to sustainable development. UNCITRAL has risen to the challenge of navigating the continuous changes in today's world, and offer tools to domestic lawmakers to converge towards common tools and solutions. Expert *fora* such as UNCITRAL ensure dialogue and inclusive cooperation, taking into account the voice of all stakeholders, and they work for the common good. UNCITRAL is able to address issues that are critical to future governance, such as ISDS reform, involving a high number of delegations from every region of the world, and observers, including legal practitioners and academics.

This is why we commend the expert quality of the working groups' discussions, as well as the effective way in which meetings are conducted in Vienna and New York. In this regard, let me congratulate, also on behalf of our delegates to the various working groups, the Secretariat of UNCITRAL, its Director, Madame Joubin-Bret, and her entire staff, and thank them for their invaluable work.

Mr Chairman,

Positive results have been achieved also at this session, and Italy is confident that the same will hold true in the near future, when challenging topics are addressed. We will continue to make every effort to arrive at shared solutions, broaden the basis for consensus, and support the implementation of UNCITRAL instruments through domestic legislation.