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Statement of Italy

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Thank you, Madam Chair,

Madam Chair,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union. We would like to provide some additional remarks in our national capacity.

Madam Chair,

Italy welcomes the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its fifty-fourth session (document A/76/17) and the progress made at the present session, notwithstanding the many difficulties created by the Covid-19 pandemic. In this regard Italy thanks the UNCITRAL Secretariat for all the efforts

made to allow the various working sessions to take place and congratulates the Chairperson(s) of the Working Groups for the profitable work carried out also during the informal meetings. We appreciate the results achieved by the Working Groups and by the Secretariat in this difficult period and we look forward to returning soon to attend the sessions in person, while taking advantage of the experience acquired so far in the online meetings. 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.

Madam Chair,

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. Italy is particularly satisfied with the finalization of texts elaborated by Working Groups I and II. In this regard, we are proud that under the chair of Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti both a Legislative Guide on Key Principles of a Business Registry and a Legislative Guide on a Limited Liability Entity have been adopted. Both these instruments will concretely help countries to offer to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises a more inclusive legal environment, conducive of sustainable development.

Madam Chair,

Italy also welcomes the new topics taken into consideration by the Commission such as the early dismissal of claims in international arbitration, the use of artificial intelligence and automation in contracting and the adaptation of UNCITRAL texts to climate change adaptation and mitigation policies. UNCITRAL must be able to address effectively issues that are critical to the future governance of international trade law, such as ISDS reform, which is involving a high number of delegations from every region of the world, and observers, including legal practitioners and academics.

We also commend the quality of the working groups' discussions, as well as the effective way in which meetings have been conducted in Vienna. In this regard, we would like to congratulate the Secretariat of UNCITRAL, its Director, Madame Joubin-Bret, and her entire staff, and thank them for their invaluable work.

Madam Chair,

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.

Italy will continue to make every effort to arrive at shared solutions, broaden the basis for consensus and support their implementation.

Thank you Madam Chair.