

**Introduction of the draft resolution “Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fourth session” (A/C.6/76/L.10) (agenda item 80)**

18 November 2021

Madam Chair,

I have the honor to introduce the draft resolution, entitled “Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fourth session”, as contained in document A/C.6/76/L.10, on behalf of the following co-sponsors: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America.

I’d like to announce that the following Member States also join in sponsoring the draft resolution: Argentina, Bolivia, Israel, Montenegro, Nigeria, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, and United Republic of Tanzania.

The draft resolution is based on resolution 75/133 adopted last year, and incorporates the developments and recommendations set forth in the latest report of UNCITRAL. I will now address the following major changes:

- OP 2 commends the Commission among other things for the finalization and adoption of the Mediation Rules and Expedited Arbitration Rules
- OP 3 takes note of the contributions by the EU, Germany and the OPEC Fund for International Development to the operation of the transparency repository
- OP 6 welcomes the decision by the Commission to take stock of developments in dispute resolution in the digital economy
- OP 7 and 8 refer to a planned colloquium on legal issues related to dispute resolution in the digital economy
- OP 13 notes with appreciation the organization of UNCITRAL Day events by the secretariat
- OP 15 reflects the language of paragraph 263 of the UNCITRAL report on its fifty-fourth session and follows the recommendation of the Commission to allocate one additional one-week session per year for four years from 2022 to 2025 and additional support to the Commission to allow its Working Group III to continue to implement its work with respect to investor-dispute settlement reform
- OP 20 takes note of the Commission decision to recommend the enlargement of its membership
- OP 25 recalls the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation which was convened in June 2021

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In my view, the text of the draft resolution represents a consensus among delegations. Therefore, I recommend that the Sixth Committee adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

Thank you, Madam Chair.