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Thank you for this opportunity to present Canada's comments on the work of UNCITRAL and its 57<sup>th</sup> session.

First of all, Canada would like to congratulate the Commission on concluding a number of important projects.

It is with great satisfaction that Canada notes the adoption by the Commission of the Model Clauses on Specialised Express Dispute Resolution and the Model Law on Automated Contracting. We are also pleased with the adoption in principle of the Statute of an Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution. We look forward to the Commission's progress on other aspects of its work on reform of investor-state dispute settlement.

Canada would like to take this opportunity to highlight the fruitful collaboration between UNIDROIT and UNCITRAL, which resulted in the adoption of the UNIDROIT/UNCITRAL Model Law on Warehouse Receipts by the Commission and UNIDROIT. We hope that the Commission and UNIDROIT will consider adopting this model of collaboration in their future work, as we believe it has the potential to yield highly commendable outcomes.

Canada notes that UNCITRAL has developed a number of instruments in the area of electronic commerce. Some of these have already been implemented in Canada or have equivalents in Canadian law. Canada is supportive of the stock-taking exercise on these instruments. The exercise will help promote the implementation of UNCITRAL instruments by states and aligns with UNCITRAL's mandate to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade.

Canada is also pleased with the Commission's recommendation of flexible and tentative guiding principles that could be considered incrementally in preparing UNCITRAL omnibus resolutions for the General Assembly. Canada looks forward to contributing to intersessional work on the omnibus resolutions.

In terms of ongoing work, we note the progress of the Commission's work on civil asset tracing and recovery tools and on the law applicable in insolvency proceedings. In a context where insolvency crosses borders with increasing frequency, Canada views UNCITRAL's work in this area to be of great benefit.

In terms of future work, Canada would like to emphasize the importance for UNCITRAL to select topics that have well-defined legal problems that could benefit from a workable solution in a global context. This will ensure that UNCITRAL remains relevant in international commercial law. Canada is therefore looking forward to the colloquia requested by the Commission in the areas of electronic awards and electronic notices of arbitration, climate action, and secured transactions and new types of assets, as their outcome will help further define UNCITRAL's future work.

Canada would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our continued support for UNCITRAL in its mission to develop and harmonize commercial law and looks forward to participating in UNCITRAL's diverse work.

Thank you.