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## Relevant General Assembly resolutions

### Note by the Secretariat

1. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission requested the Secretariat to replace an oral report by the Secretariat to the Commission on relevant General Assembly resolutions with a written report to be issued before the session.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to that request, the Secretariat submits the present note summarizing the content of operative paragraphs of General Assembly resolutions [74/182](#), [74/183](#) and [74/184](#) on the report of UNCITRAL on the work of its fifty-second session, on the UNCITRAL Model Legislative Provisions on Public-Private Partnerships, and on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency, respectively. All resolutions were adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 2019 on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee ([A/74/423](#)).
2. By paragraphs 2 and 3 of **resolution 74/182**, the General Assembly commended the Commission for the texts finalized at its fifty-second session. By paragraph 4 of the same resolution, the General Assembly welcomed the signing ceremony for the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (Singapore Convention on Mediation) and invited Governments and regional economic integration organizations to consider becoming a party to the Convention.
3. Provisions of the General Assembly on the transparency repository and contributions from the Fund for International Development of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and the European Commission, which allowed the continued operation of the transparency repository, remained substantively the same as in the resolution of the last year (paras. 5 and 6).
4. By other paragraphs of that resolution, the General Assembly took note of progress made by UNCITRAL in all areas of its legislative and non-legislative work (including coordination, cooperation and technical assistance activities, CLOUT, digests and the UNCITRAL website) and plans for future legislative work (paras. 7–10, 13, 18 and 25–27).
5. As usual, the General Assembly recognized and endorsed the role, efforts and initiatives of the Commission aimed at increasing coordination in the field of

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, para. 480.



international trade law (para. 9), providing technical cooperation and assistance to States with international trade law reform (para. 10), promoting the rule of law and implementing the international development agenda (paras. 17–20). It appealed to all relevant stakeholders to support the Commission in those efforts and initiatives, including by making voluntary contributions to the UNCITRAL Trust Fund for Symposia and to the Trust Fund established to provide travel assistance to developing countries that are members of UNCITRAL to attend Commission sessions (paras. 9, 10, 14 and 15).

6. The General Assembly welcomed the activities of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, expressed its appreciation to the Republic of Korea and China whose contributions enabled continuing operation of the Regional Centre, welcomed expressions of interest from other States in hosting regional centres of the Commission and requested the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the establishment of regional centres, in particular their funding and budgetary situation (para. 13).

7. The General Assembly noted a proposal for the enlargement of the membership of the Commission submitted by Israel and Japan and that the Commission encouraged its member States to consult with each other and other interested States on the proposal during the intersessional period and requested the Secretariat to facilitate those intersessional consultations (para. 16).

8. The General Assembly recalled the importance of adherence to the rules of procedure and methods of work of the Commission and relevant requests to the Secretariat (para. 11) and noted that the Commission welcomed improvements made by the Secretariat in the organization of the fifty-second session of the Commission and confirmed its understanding that two-week sessions would generally be sufficient and that the duration of each session was to be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the expected workload (para. 12).

9. The General Assembly recalled relevant requests to the Secretariat as regards the length of Commission documentation (para. 21) and continued publication of Commission standards and provision of summary records (para. 22). It also recalled its decision on the rotation scheme of Commission meetings between New York and Vienna (para. 23).

10. The General Assembly stressed the importance of promoting UNCITRAL texts and to this end urged States to use them (para. 24).

11. By **resolutions 74/183** and **74/184**, on the UNCITRAL Model Legislative Provisions on Public-Private Partnerships, and on the Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency, respectively, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Commission for the adoption of the texts named in those resolutions, requested the Secretary-General to transmit those texts to Governments and other interested bodies, recommended the texts for use by States, and invited States that have used them to advise the Commission accordingly.

12. By resolution **74/184**, the General Assembly also recommended that all States make use of other relevant texts of UNCITRAL related to enterprise group insolvency (para. 4) and continue to consider the implementation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency and the UNCITRAL Model Law on Recognition and Enforcement of Insolvency-related Judgments (para. 5). By the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretariat to ensure close cooperation and coordination with international organizations active in the field of insolvency law reform to ensure the consistency and alignment of that work with all texts of UNCITRAL in the area of insolvency law (para. 6).

13. **The Commission may wish to take note of those resolutions.**