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outreach activities

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I. Introduction

1. As explained in the introductory document [A/CN.9/1174](#), as of 2024 the secretariat will report on its non-legislative activities to the Commission following a calendar year cycle. This document, [A/CN.9/1174/Add.6](#), provides information related to the UNCITRAL Law Library (the “Library”), publications, press releases and other outreach activities from 1 April 2023 until 31 December 2023, taking into account the new calendar-year reporting period and considering that the report from the last Commission session, [A/CN.9/1139](#), covered the period from 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2023.

II. UNCITRAL Law Library

2. In the reporting period, the Library staff responded to approximately 276 reference requests originating from 43 countries. The number of visitors to the Library has continued to increase. The Library received 115 visitors other than meeting participants, staff and interns, including researchers from 18 countries during the current reporting cycle. This is in comparison to 83 visitors in the last reporting period.

3. The Library continues to maintain its online public access catalogue (OPAC) jointly with the other United Nations libraries in Vienna.¹

4. The “Bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL” is available to the Commission ([A/CN.9/1171](#)), and monthly updates from the date of the latest annual bibliography and a consolidated bibliography remain available on the UNCITRAL website. As at the date of submission of this note, the consolidated bibliography contains 12,405 entries, reproduced in English and in the original language versions.

5. In 2023, donations of books were received from the following publishers: Brill, Bruylant/Larcier, Cambridge University Press, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Dalloz, Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit, Edward Elgar, Juris Legal Information, LexisNexis, Maldives Law Institute, Oxford University Press, Qatar University Press, Thomson Reuters and Wolters Kluwer.

III. Outreach activities

A. Press releases

6. The secretariat issued 10 press releases during the reporting period: to mark treaty actions relating to UNCITRAL; to advise about the adoption of an UNCITRAL model law or other relevant text; and to communicate other information of particular importance and direct relevance to UNCITRAL.² The Commission may wish to repeat its regular request to States to advise the secretariat when enacting legislation implementing an UNCITRAL model law or other relevant texts.

¹ <https://unov.tind.io/>.

² <https://uncitral.un.org/about/pressreleases>.

B. UNCITRAL publications

7. The following publications were released, primarily in electronic form, in the reporting period:

(a) UNCITRAL Recommendations to Assist Mediation Centres and Other Interested Bodies with regard to Mediation Under the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules (2021);³

(b) UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Dispute Resolution (as of the date of this note, in English only);⁴ and

(c) UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Judges in International Investment Dispute Resolution (as of the date of this note, in English only).⁵

C. Contributions to periodicals, reports and other writings relevant to the work of UNCITRAL

8. During the reporting period, the secretariat has contributed to the following writings relevant to the work of UNCITRAL:

On the work of UNCITRAL in general

A contribution to the book “Elgar Encyclopedia of Comparative Law Convergence” entitled “UNIDROIT and UNCITRAL”;

A contribution to the book “Elgar Companion to UNCITRAL” entitled “UNCITRAL: The Organization”.

In the area of arbitration and mediation

A contribution to the book “The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention” entitled “International commercial arbitration and judicial cooperation in civil matters: towards an integrated approach”;

A contribution to the book “Elgar Companion to UNCITRAL” entitled “Judicial support of international commercial arbitration under the Model Law: a précis of available options for judges”;

A contribution to the book “Handbook of UNCITRAL Arbitration”.

In the area of transport law

An article entitled “Vers Pékin via Vienne et New York: le voyage commun CNUDCI/CMI vers la toute nouvelle convention de droit maritime sur les effets internationaux des ventes judiciaires de navires”, for *Droit maritime français*, Issue 857, 2023.

In the area of electronic commerce

An article entitled “The legal status of electronic bills of lading: a panorama”, for *Logistik & Recht*, Volume II, Issue 3, 2023;

An article entitled “CNUDCI, cinquante ans de travaux pour un commerce électronique normalisé et sécurisé”, for *Échanges internationaux*, Issue 124, 2023;

An article entitled “Driving digitalization of global trade: UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records”, for *ADB Briefs*, Issue 280, 2023;

³ <https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/en/2223585e.pdf>.

⁴ https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/en/2318944_coc_arbitrators_e-book_eng.pdf.

⁵ https://uncitral.un.org/sites/uncitral.un.org/files/media-documents/uncitral/en/2318824_coc_judges_e-book_eng.pdf.

A contribution to the book “Elgar Companion to UNCITRAL” entitled “UNCITRAL texts on electronic commerce”;

A contribution to the book “Elgar Companion to the World Trade Organization” entitled “UNCITRAL texts on electronic commerce”.

In the area of insolvency law

A contribution to the book “Insolvency Law in UNCITRAL: Instruments and comments” (bilingual in English and Spanish);

An interview with a telegram channel on cross-border insolvency (<https://t.me/internationalinsolvency>) in Russian, entitled “On trends in cross-border insolvency and the work of UNCITRAL”;

An article entitled “The current work by UNCITRAL in the area of insolvency law”, for the International Insolvency and Restructuring Report 2023/24.

In the area of investor-State dispute settlement

A contribution to the book, “Investment arbitration and climate change”;

A contribution to the book, “Reflections on International arbitration: essays in honour of Professor George Bermann” entitled “The UNCITRAL ISDS reform: mandate, working methods and the way forward”.

D. Information lectures

9. Upon request, the secretariat provides in-house lectures on the work of UNCITRAL to visiting university students and academics, members of the bar and Government officials, including judges. During this reporting period, the secretariat offered seven lectures to a total of 139 students. The UNCITRAL e-learning program (see [A/CN.9/1174/Add.5](#), paras. 16–25) is also now available to those who are interested in learning more about the work of the Commission but are unable to visit the Vienna International Centre.⁶

⁶ <https://uncitral.un.org/en/onlinecourses>.