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Annotated provisional agenda

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Consideration of issues relating to expedited arbitration.
5. Adoption of the report.

II. Composition of the Working Group

1. The Working Group is composed of all States members of the Commission, which are the following: Algeria (2025), Argentina (2022), Australia (2022), Austria (2022), Belarus (2022), Belgium (2025), Brazil (2022), Burundi (2022), Cameroon (2025), Canada (2025), Chile (2022), China (2025), Colombia (2022), Côte d'Ivoire (2025), Croatia (2025), Czechia (2022), Dominican Republic (2025), Ecuador (2025), Finland (2025), France (2025), Germany (2025), Ghana (2025), Honduras (2025), Hungary (2025), India (2022), Indonesia (2025), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2022), Israel (2022), Italy (2022), Japan (2025), Kenya (2022), Lebanon (2022), Lesotho (2022), Libya (2022), Malaysia (2025), Mali (2025), Mauritius (2022), Mexico (2025), Nigeria (2022), Pakistan (2022), Peru (2025), Philippines (2022), Poland (2022), Republic of Korea (2025), Romania (2022), Russian Federation (2025), Singapore (2025), South Africa (2025), Spain (2022), Sri Lanka (2022), Switzerland (2025), Thailand (2022), Turkey (2022), Uganda (2022), Ukraine (2025), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2025), United States of America (2022), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2022), Viet Nam (2025) and Zimbabwe (2025).

2. States not members of the Commission and international governmental organizations may attend the session as observers and participate in the deliberations. In addition, invited international non-governmental organizations may attend the session as observers and represent the views of their organizations on matters where the organization concerned has expertise or international experience so as to facilitate the deliberations at the session.



III. Annotations to agenda items

Item 1. Opening of the session

3. The seventy-second session of the Working Group will be held in Vienna from 21 to 25 September 2020 (see para. 13 below).

Item 2. Election of officers

4. In accordance with its practice at previous sessions, the Working Group may wish to elect a Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

Item 4. Consideration of issues relating to expedited arbitration

(a) Previous deliberations

5. The Commission, at its fifty-first session in 2018, agreed that Working Group II should be mandated to take up issues relating to expedited arbitration.¹ Accordingly, the Working Group commenced its consideration of issues relating to expedited arbitration at its sixty-ninth session (New York, 4–8 February 2019) and had a preliminary discussion on the scope of its work, characteristics of expedited arbitration, and possible form of the work.

6. The Commission, at its fifty-second session in 2019, considered the report of the Working Group on the work of its sixty-ninth session ([A/CN.9/969](#)) and expressed its satisfaction with the progress made by the Working Group and the support provided by the Secretariat.²

7. The Working Group, at its seventieth (Vienna, 23–27 September 2019) and seventy-first (New York, 3–7 February 2020) sessions, considered the draft provisions on expedited arbitration prepared by the Secretariat, respectively document [A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.209](#) and documents [A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.212](#) and [A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.212/Add.1](#). At the end of the seventy-first session, the Secretariat was requested to prepare a revised draft of the expedited arbitration provisions as they would appear as an appendix to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. In addition, the Secretariat was requested to address the interaction between the expedited arbitration provisions and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and to provide an overview of the different time frames that would be applicable in expedited arbitration ([A/CN.9/1010](#), para. 14).

8. As of the date of this note, the Commission is expected to consider the reports of the Working Group on the work of its seventieth and seventy-first sessions (respectively [A/CN.9/1003](#) and [A/CN.9/1010](#)) during its resumed fifty-third session scheduled to take place in Vienna from 14 to 18 September 2020.

(b) Documentation

9. At its seventy-second session, the Working Group is expected to continue its work on the preparation of the expedited arbitration provisions, on the basis of a note by the Secretariat ([A/CN.9/WG.II/WP.214](#) and addendum). The Working Group may wish to take note of the responses received by the Secretariat from arbitral institutions on their role in administering expedited arbitration and an overview of selected expedited arbitration provisions prepared by ICCA, both available on the UNCITRAL website.

10. The following background documents are available on the UNCITRAL website:

- Report of Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) on the work of its sixty-ninth session ([A/CN.9/969](#)), of its seventieth session ([A/CN.9/1003](#)) and of its seventy-first session ([A/CN.9/1010](#));

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, *Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/73/17](#)), para. 252.

² *Ibid.*, *Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/74/17](#)), paras. 156–158.

- Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-first session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/73/17](#))), of its fifty-second session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/74/17](#))), and of its fifty-third session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/75/17](#)));
- UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (2013);
- UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (2006);
- UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (2014); and
- UNCITRAL Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings (2016).

11. UNCITRAL documents are posted on the UNCITRAL website upon their issuance in all the official languages of the United Nations. Delegates may wish to check the availability of the documents by accessing the Working Group II page.

Item 5. Adoption of the report

12. The Working Group may wish to adopt, at the close of its session, a report for submission to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, scheduled to be held in Vienna, tentatively from 28 June to 16 July 2021 (see para. 13 below).

IV. Format and scheduling of meetings

13. As of the date of this note, the format and the scheduling of the meetings are subject to further determination by the Commission. Detailed information about the duration of the meetings, the meeting hours as well as the decision-taking process including the adoption of the report would be announced on the UNCITRAL website once the Commission has made those determinations.
