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Observer status for the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly at the request of Italy.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 22nd meetings, on 16 October and 1 November 2013. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/68/SR.11 and 22).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 15 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/68/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/68/L.5

5. At the 11th meeting, on 16 October, the representative of Italy, on behalf of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International





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Institute for the Unification of Private Law in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/68/L.5). Subsequently, Cuba, Indonesia, Montenegro, Tunisia and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 22nd meeting, on 1 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/68/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.