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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

The thirteenth session will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14 to 25 July 1980. The session will be opened on Monday, 14 July 1980, at 10.30 a.m. by the representative of the Secretary-General, who will also preside over the election of a Chairman.

Item 2. Election of officers

Pursuant to a decision taken by the Commission at its first session, the Commission elects, for each session, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda; tentative schedule of meetings

The Commission, at its twelfth session, decided that the thirteenth session should be of two weeks' duration. No provision was made for the establishment of a Committee of the Whole and it does not seem necessary that one be established. Accordingly, it is suggested that all items be considered in plenary. Part III of this note sets forth a tentative schedule of meetings.

Item 4. International sale of goods

The General Assembly at its thirty-third session decided that an international conference of plenipotentiaries should be convened in 1980 at the location of the International Trade Law Branch. This Conference was held from 10 March to 11 April 1980 in Vienna. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the results of that Conference (A/CN.9/183)

Item 5. International contract practices

The Commission, at its twelfth session, decided that work should be undertaken directed to the formulation of uniform rules regulating liquidated damages and penalty clauses, and entrusted this work to the Working Group on International Contract Practices.

The Working Group held its first session at Vienna from 24 to 28 September 1979. At that session the Working Group considered the feasibility of formulating uniform rules on liquidated damages and penalty clauses applicable to a wide range of international trade contracts.

The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group on the work of its first session (A/CN.9/177).

Also placed before the Commission are two reports, one on international trade contracts (A/CN.9/184), and another on termination clauses (A/CN.9/185).

Item 6. International payments

(a) Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes, and draft uniform rules applicable to international cheques

The Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments held its eighth session at Geneva from 3 to 14 September 1979. At that session the Working Group continued its second reading of the draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes.

The Working Group held its ninth session at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 3 to 11 January 1980. At that session the Working Group continued its consideration of the draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes, and also had a preliminary exchange of views on articles 1-30 of the uniform rules applicable to international cheques as drafted by the Secretariat.

The Commission will have before it the reports of the Working Group on the work of its eighth (A/CN.9/178) and ninth sessions (A/CN.9/181).

(b) Security interests in goods

The Commission, at its twelfth session, requested its Secretariat to prepare a report setting out the issues to be considered in the preparation of uniform rules on security interests and to propose the manner in which those issues might be resolved. In response to this request, there is placed before the Commission a report of the Secretary-General on security interests (A/CN.9/186).

Item 7. International commercial arbitration

(a) UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules

The Commission, at its twelfth session, considered the preliminary draft UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules. It requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with interested international organizations and arbitral institutions, a revised draft of the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules and to transmit these, together with a commentary, to Governments and interested international organizations and institutions for their observations. The Commission will have before it a revised draft of the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (A/CN.9/179), a commentary on these Rules (A/CN.9/180), the observations of Governments and international organizations (A/CN.9/187), and an analysis of these (A/CN.9/188).

(b) UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules

The Commission, at its twelfth session, considered issues relating to the use of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules in administered arbitration and to the designation of an appointing authority. In response to a decision taken at its twelfth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/CN.9/189).

(c) Model Arbitration Law

The Commission, at its twelfth session, requested the Secretary-General to prepare (a) an analytical compilation of provisions of national laws pertaining to arbitration procedure, and (b) a preliminary draft of a model law on arbitral procedure. The Commission will have before it a Progress Report on a Model Arbitration Law (A/CN.9/190).

Item 8. New international economic order

The Commission, at its twelfth session, requested the Working Group on the New International Economic Order to examine the report of the Secretary-General on the new international economic order in order to make recommendations as to specific topics which could appropriately form part of the programme of work of the Commission and to report to the Commission at its thirteenth session.

The Working Group held its session at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14 to 25 January 1980. At that session the Working Group examined the report of the Secretary-General and reached consensus on a list of topics which it proposes to the Commission for possible inclusion in its programme of work.

The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group on the work of its session (A/CN.9/176).

The Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare a study on international contracts in the field of industrial development so that the Commission may take its decisions on the priority to be given to the topics proposed by the Working Group in full knowledge of the issues involved. The Commission will have before it a study of the Secretary-General on this item (A/CN.9/191).

Item 9. Co-ordination of work

The Commission, at its twelfth session, decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a resolution on co-ordination in the field of international trade law. This resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session (A/RES/34/142).

The Commission will have before it a report on current activities of international organizations related to the harmonization and unification of international trade law (A/CN.9/192).

Item 10. Training and assistance in the field of international trade law

Pro memoria.

Item 11. Future work

(a) Sessions of working groups

The Commission may wish to agree upon a schedule of sessions for its working groups for the period between its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions.

(i) Working Group on International Negotiable Instruments

In its report on the work of the ninth session, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Commission that the next (tenth) session of the Working Group be held in Vienna from 5 to 16 January 1981. It is suggested that the Commission should accept this recommendation. In view of the considerable amount of work which the Working Group has still to complete in regard to the Uniform Rules on International Cheques, and the need to complete the work expeditiously, it is also suggested that the Commission authorize the holding of a further session of the Working Group in 1981.

(ii) Working Group on Contract Practices

In its report on the work of its first session the Working Group recommended to the Commission the holding of a further session of the Working Group, leaving the date of this session to be decided by the Commission at its thirteenth session.

(iii) Working Group on the New International Economic Order

Whether this Working Group holds a further session will depend on decisions taken by the Commission at its present session.

(b) Working methods of the Commission

Item 12. Other business

The Commission may, under this item, wish to take note of General Assembly Resolution 34/143 of 17 December 1979 on the Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twelfth session (adopted without a vote). Copies of this resolution and the report of the Sixth Committee (A/34/780) will be made available at the present session.

Item 13. Date and place of the fourteenth session

The fourteenth session will be held in Vienna. Information regarding dates available for that session will be supplied by the Secretariat.

Item 14. Adoption of the report of the Commission

The General Assembly, in paragraph 10 of resolution 2205 (XXI), decided that the Commission should submit an annual report to the General Assembly, and that the report should be submitted simultaneously to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for comments. Under a decision of the Sixth Committee (A/7408, para. 3), the report of the Commission is introduced to the General Assembly by the Chairman of the Commission or by another officer of the Bureau designated by him.

III. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- Monday, 14 July
- a.m. Opening of the session (item 1).
Election of the Chairman (item 2).
Adoption of the agenda; tentative schedule of meetings (item 3).
International sale of goods (item 4).
International contract practices (item 5).
 - p.m. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur (item 2).
UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (item 7(a)).
- Tuesday, 15 July
- a.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
 - p.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
- Wednesday, 16 July
- a.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
 - p.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
- Thursday, 17 July
- a.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
 - p.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
- Friday, 18 July
- a.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
 - p.m. UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules (continued).
UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (item 7(b)).
Model arbitration law (item 7(c)).
- Monday, 21 July
- a.m. Security interests in goods (item 6(b)).
New international economic order (item 8).
 - p.m. New international economic order (continued).
- Tuesday, 22 July
- a.m. New international economic order (continued).
 - p.m. New international economic order (continued).
Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes (item 6(a)).
- Wednesday, 23 July
- a.m. Co-ordination of work (item 9).
 - p.m. Training and assistance in the field of international trade law (item 10).
Future work (item 11).
Other business (item 12).
Date and place of the fourteenth session (item 13).
- Thursday, 24 July
- No meeting unless required.
(Preparation of the Commission's report)
- Friday, 25 July
- a.m.) Adoption of the report of the Commission (item 14).
 - p.m.)