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The United Nations Convention of 1958 on the Recognition
and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its first session held in 1968 decided to draw the attention of Member States of the United Nations to the existence of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards of 1958 and to invite States to consider the possibility of adhering to it. The responses of the States that replied to a communication by the Secretary-General informing them of the decision of the Commission have been reproduced in documents A/CN.9/22 and Add.1 and 2.
2. The Commission at its second session expressed the opinion that the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards of 1958 should be adhered to by the largest possible number of States. The Secretary-General brought this opinion of the Commission to the attention of the Member States of the United Nations which have not previously ratified, or adhered to, the said Convention.

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3. No State has ratified or adhered to the Convention since the second session. The list of States which are at present parties to the Convention appears in paragraph 4 of document A/CN.9/22.
