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## Relevant General Assembly resolutions

### Note by the Secretariat

1. At its fiftieth session, in 2017, the Commission requested the Secretariat to replace an oral report by the Secretariat to the Commission on relevant General Assembly resolutions with written reports to be issued before the session.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to that request, the Secretariat submits the present note summarizing the content of operative paragraphs of General Assembly resolutions [73/197](#), [73/198](#), [73/199](#) and [73/200](#) on the report of UNCITRAL on the work of its fifty-first session, on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, and on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Recognition and Enforcement of Insolvency-Related Judgments, respectively. All resolutions were adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2018 on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee ([A/73/496](#)). No resolution was adopted on the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Key Principles of a Business Registry.
2. By paragraphs 2 and 3 of **resolution 73/197**, the General Assembly commended the Commission for the texts finalized at its fifty-first session. By paragraph 4 of the same resolution, the General Assembly noted with appreciation the New York Convention event held at the fifty-first session of the Commission.
3. Provisions of the General Assembly on the transparency repository and contributions from the Fund for International Development of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and the European Commission, which allowed the continued operation of the transparency repository, remained substantively the same as in the resolution of the last year (paras. 5 and 6).
4. By other paragraphs of that resolution, the General Assembly took note of progress made by UNCITRAL in all areas of its legislative and non-legislative work (including coordination, cooperation and technical assistance activities, CLOUT, digests and the UNCITRAL website) and plans for future legislative work (paras. 7–8 and 24–26).
5. As usual, the General Assembly recognized and endorsed the role, efforts and initiatives of the Commission aimed at increasing coordination in the field of

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, para. 480.



international trade law (para. 9), providing technical cooperation and assistance to States with international trade law reform (para.10), promoting the rule of law and implementing the international development agenda (paras. 16–19). It appealed to all relevant stakeholders to support the Commission in those efforts and initiatives, including by making voluntary contributions to the UNCITRAL Trust Fund for Symposia and to the Trust Fund established to provide travel assistance to developing countries that are members of UNCITRAL to attend Commission sessions (paras. 9, 10, 14 and 15). The General Assembly noted developments related to UNCITRAL regional presence and requested the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly further informed about that matter (paras. 12–13).

6. The General Assembly recalled the importance of adherence to the rules of procedure and methods of work of the Commission and relevant requests to the Secretariat, including as regards general parameters for preparing UNCITRAL's future annual sessions (para. 11), the length of Commission documentation (para. 20), continued publication of Commission standards and provision of summary and digital records (para. 21). It recalled its decision on the rotation scheme of Commission meetings between New York and Vienna (para. 22).

7. The General Assembly stressed the importance of promoting UNCITRAL texts and to this end urged States to use them (para. 23).

8. By **resolution 73/198**, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation annexed to that resolution, authorized a ceremony for the opening for signature of the Convention to be held in Singapore on 7 August 2019, recommended that the Convention be known as the "Singapore Convention on Mediation" and called upon those Governments and regional economic integration organizations that wished to strengthen the legal framework on international dispute settlement to consider becoming a party to the Convention.

9. By **resolutions 73/199 and 73/200**, on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, and on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Recognition and Enforcement of Insolvency-Related Judgments, respectively, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Commission for the adoption of the texts named in those resolutions, requested the Secretary-General to transmit those texts to Governments and other interested bodies, recommended the texts for use by States, and invited States that have used them to advise the Commission accordingly.

10. **The Commission may wish to take note of those resolutions.**

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