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Mr. Chairman,

Israel, an UNCITRAL Member State since 2004 and whose membership was recently renewed until 2022, remains highly appreciative of the work of the Commission. Such work contributes invaluable to facilitating and encouraging the development of international trade law.

We congratulate the Commission on the adoption of the updated 2016 Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings, and wish to reiterate our commitment to the work currently being undertaken by Working Group II, which will hopefully result in a Convention for the enforcement of international commercial settlement agreements resulting from conciliation. We believe that such an instrument can provide a mechanism for a significantly less costly dispute resolution process for cross-border transactions, and thus promote the use of conciliation as a useful and practical alternate dispute resolution mechanism on a global scale. We look forward to working with other States to further that goal.

Israel welcomes the Commission's adoption of the Technical Notes on Online Dispute Resolution. The Notes are the product of lengthy and challenging deliberations within Working Group III, and, we appreciate the efforts expended at the Working Group by the States and other relevant stakeholders to finalize a comprehensive text within the two-session timeframe that had been allotted. The Notes provide a meaningful contribution to the world of cross-border online trade and signify an important starting point in the facilitation of global dispute resolution of high-volume, low-value transactions. However, given the Commission's decision to end its work in the field of online dispute resolution at this stage, Israel believes it important to endow the Notes with additional visibility so that merchants and buyers – and especially consumers – can benefit from them. For this reason, we believe that the Notes should be formally endorsed by the General Assembly, with States and private parties being encouraged to promote their use. To that effect, we strongly support the draft resolution that has been circulated, which calls upon States and stakeholders to make use of the Notes.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate the UNCITRAL Secretariat for its excellent work, and for the dedication and professionalism of its

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staff. We look forward to celebrating UNCITRAL's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Vienna in 2017 and continuing our work with the Secretariat and fellow UNCITRAL delegations in the year to come.

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