

STATEMENT BY
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN
ON THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW ON THE WORK OF ITS 49th SESSION

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to express gratitude to the Chair of UNCITRAL for the Commission's report on the work conducted during its forty-ninth session. I also appreciate the important role played by the UNCITRAL Secretariat.

Mr. Chair,

I would now like to comment briefly on the work of UNCITRAL during its forty-ninth session.

(1) Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises

Japan understands the importance of reducing legal obstacles faced by Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) throughout their lifecycle, particularly in developing economies. We are pleased with the substantive deliberations taking place in the Working Group, and will continue to contribute to the discussion by sending our corporate experts in this field.

(2) International Arbitration and Conciliation (Dispute Settlement)

I understand that Working Group II is tackling challenging topics relating to the enforceability of settlement agreements. Japan hopes the Working Group will continue to examine these topics, particularly the need to coordinate with existing national legislation in individual States.

I congratulate UNCITRAL on its finalization and adoption of the 2016 UNCITRAL Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings.

(3) Online Dispute Resolution

I also congratulate UNCITRAL on its finalization and adoption of the Technical Notes on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). I hope the Notes will foster the

development of ODR and assist ODR administrators, ODR platforms, neutrals, and the parties to ODR proceedings.

(4) Electronic Commerce

I look forward to the completion of the project by Working Group IV on Electronic Transferable Records during the next commission session and anticipate new model laws will be adopted.

(5) Insolvency Law

Working Group V is considering three very complex and difficult topics. Japan will continue to support the Working Group and looks forward to further progress going forward.

(6) Secured Transaction

I also congratulate UNCITRAL on its finalization and adoption of the Model Law on Secured Transactions. I expect that Working Group VI will complete the Draft Guide to Enactment of the Model Law and that it will be adopted during the next commission session.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the Commission for its promotion of the progressive harmonization and unification of international commercial law. Japan has been a member of the Commission since its inception and will continue to participate actively in its work.

I thank you for your attention.