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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to introduce this year's draft resolutions on agenda item 77 entitled „Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its 52nd Session“ on behalf of Ms. Nadia Kalb who facilitated this year's resolutions.

The texts of the draft resolutions have been issued under document numbers A/C.6/74/L.7, L.8 and L.9.

Austria is very pleased to again serve as coordinator for the UNCITRAL resolutions – the yearly omnibus resolution on the report of the Commission as well as this year two additional resolutions.

The first draft resolution, issued under document number A/C.6/73/L.7 is the annual omnibus resolution on the report of UNCITRAL on the work of its 52nd session. As in the past, Austria is pleased to introduce this resolution in the name of a large number of co-sponsors and we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all co-sponsors for their continuing support.

I am pleased to announce that the following States, in addition to those already listed on the L-Document have joined as co-sponsors of the resolution: Malta and Singapore.

The draft resolution is based on the text of last year's resolution but I would like to highlight the following important points, including changes and additions:

With this Resolution the GA would stress again the importance of international trade law and recall the mandate, work and coordinating role of UNCITRAL. It endorses the efforts and initiatives of UNCITRAL as the core legal body within the UN system in the field of international trade law aimed at increasing coordination and cooperation, harmonization and unification of international trade law as well as promoting the rule of law at national and international levels;

This year, we would highlight in OP 2 and 3 important progress which UNCITRAL has achieved this year, in particular by

- finalizing and adopting Model Legislative Provisions on Public-Private Partnerships
- as well as the Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency

In OP 8 the GA would note the future programme of the Commission in various areas of work also notes decisions regarding priorities in its future work.

The GA would reaffirm in OP 10 the importance, of the work of the Commission in respect of technical assistance and cooperation in the field of international trade law reform and development, in particular for developing countries.

In OP 12 the GA would note improvements in the organization the sessions of the Commission as well as the understanding of the Commission its annual sessions would be held, as a general rule, for a duration of two weeks, unless the expected workload for a given session justified holding a session of longer duration

OP 14 and 15 concern the importance of full participation of Member States, including from least developed and developing countries in the sessions of the Commission and its working Groups and a reiteration of the importance of contributing to the trust fund for travel assistance.

OP 18 would note the role UNCTRAL plays in promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels, in the field of international trade law and including in relation to inclusive and sustainable economic growth and sustainable development;

Furthermore, the GA would again stress the importance of promoting the use of texts emanating from the work of the Commission for the global unification and harmonization of international trade law.

And finally, the GA would commend the work of the Secretariat on digests of case law relating to commission texts.

Mr. Chairman,

I also have the honour to introduce today the second draft resolution, on the **Model Legislative Provisions on Public-Private Partnerships** which was issued under document number A/C.6/74/L.8.

By this resolution the GA would commend the Commission for finalizing and adopting the Model Provisions and would recommend that all States give due consideration to the Model Legislative Provisions on Public-Private Partnerships and the Legislative Guide on Public-Private Partnerships

Mr. Chairman,

I also have the honour to introduce a third draft resolution under this agenda item, on the **Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency with its Guide to Enactment** which was issued under document number A/C.6/74/L.9.

By this resolution the GA would express its appreciation to the Commission for finalizing and adopting the Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency with its Guide to Enactment and would recommend that states give favourable consideration to the Model Law when revising or adopting legislation relevant to insolvency.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those delegations who participated actively in the negotiations and who have made very valuable additions to the texts and particularly all co-sponsors of the omnibus resolution for their continuing support, as well as the Secretariat, for its invaluable assistance and advice.

Based on the open informal consultations, discussions with interested delegations and the feedback received, I am confident that the Sixth Committee, as in previous years, will be in a position to adopt these draft resolutions without a vote.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.