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**Agenda Item 76: Report of the United Nations Commission on International  
Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fifth session**

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Mr. Chair,

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union and I would like to convey the following remarks in our national capacity.

I wish to express Austria's appreciation to the Chair of the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Ivan Šimonović of Croatia, who guided the Commission's work in the last session. We also sincerely thank the Secretariat of the Commission, based in Vienna, Austria, for its professional and efficient work as well as its tireless efforts to advance the Commission's work as reflected in report A/77/17. In light of Austria's commitment to international law and the rule of law, it is a source of great pride to host the Secretariat of UNCITRAL in Vienna.

Austria very much values and commends the Commission for its work in the past session. The Commission finalized and approved the text of the draft convention on the international effects of judicial sale of ships. Austria particularly welcomes the finalization and adoption of the Model Law on the Use and Cross-border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services. Austria also notes with interest the progress reports of the different working groups, for example of WG III on the reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS). We welcome the progress made towards a rejuvenation of the Case Law on UNCITRAL texts (also known as CLOUT system) and hope further efforts will be made in this regard.

Thank you.