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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, for allowing us to speak on this issue at this time, and to the secretariat and the bureau for showing the flexible and inclusive nature of this committee, by allowing us to speak after our holiday yesterday.

Mr. Chair,

This past year, UNCITRAL has resumed full in-person meetings of the working groups and the Commission after two years. Israel welcomes this return to regular working methods and would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the UNCITRAL Secretariat for the smooth transition back to in-person engagement between delegates - which greatly benefits the discussions and outcomes of work.

Mr. Chair,

Israel congratulates the Commission for completing the work on the Recommendation to Assist Mediation Centers under the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules. This important work will hopefully facilitate increased use of the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules as a universal framework, alongside the 2019 Singapore Convention on International Commercial Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, concerning supporting mediation as a useful tool for resolving cross-border disputes.

We especially welcome the decision by the Commission to entrust Working Group II with considering the topics of technology-related dispute resolution and adjudication jointly and to taking these issues as a topic for future work by UNCITRAL. In 2019, Israel and Japan submitted a proposal to develop tools to better facilitate dispute resolution in the field of high-tech. Following many efforts by the Secretariat, together with

Israel and likeminded states, the project has finally, after three years, made the next important step from preparatory work to the working group stage.

Israel looks forward to working together with UNCITRAL members and observers on this important project. We remain committed to continuing our ongoing dialogue with relevant counterparts in industry to design a tool to address the need to efficiently resolve technology related disputes. We are confident that work on this issue in the next few sessions of UNCITRAL Working Group II will result in an innovative outcome reflecting the leadership of UNCITRAL as the global leading organization in promoting legal frameworks to support international trade law actors, ranging from the smallest startup companies to the largest corporate actors.

Mr. Chairperson

In 2022, Israel was elected to serve in its fourth consecutive term as an UNCITRAL member state. We look forward for another six years of membership in the Commission and to working closely with all UNCITRAL counterparts to further respond to the needs of the international community in fields such as dispute resolution, including in the context of investor-state disputes, insolvency and climate change, should the Commission decide in favor of taking further work on this latter important issue.

Mr. Chair,

In 2022, UNCITRAL played an important role in supporting the international community as it faces increasing economic challenges following the COVID-19 pandemic and global economic developments. We have no doubt that in 2023, UNCITRAL will continue to be an important source of legal tools to promote economic prosperity by developing appropriate responses to remove obstacles to enhanced global trade of goods.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.