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[*on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/76/471, para. 13)*]

76/108. Expedited Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law with a mandate to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade and in that respect to bear in mind the interests of all peoples, in particular those of developing countries, in the extensive development of international trade,

Recalling also its resolution 31/98 of 15 December 1976 recommending the use of the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law¹ and its resolution 65/22 of 6 December 2010 recommending the use of the Arbitration Rules as revised in 2010,²

Mindful of the value of arbitration as a method of settling disputes that may arise in the context of international commercial relations,

Noting the value of expedited arbitration as a streamlined and simplified procedure for settling disputes that arise in the context of international commercial relations within a shortened time frame, and its increased use in international and domestic commercial practice for parties to reach a final resolution of the dispute in a cost- and time-effective manner,

Aware of the need to balance the efficiency of the arbitral proceedings and the rights of the disputing parties to due process and fair treatment,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/31/17),* chap. V, sect. C.

² *Ibid., Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/65/17), annex I.*



Noting that the preparation of the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules and the accompanying explanatory note benefited greatly from consultations with Governments and interested intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations,

Noting also that the Expedited Arbitration Rules were adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its fifty-fourth session, after due deliberations,³

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for having formulated and adopted the Expedited Arbitration Rules, the text of which is contained in annex IV to the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fourth session⁴ and which came into effect on 19 September 2021;
2. *Recommends* the use of the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules in the settlement of disputes arising in the context of international commercial relations;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all efforts to ensure that the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules become generally known and available.

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9 December 2021*

³ Ibid., *Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17* ([A/76/17](#)), chap. VII.

⁴ Ibid., annex IV.