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ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS

Note by the Secretary-General

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INTRODUCTION

In his notes A/CN.9/12 and Add.1 and Add.2 the Secretary-General reproduced the substantive portions of twenty-three replies received from Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to his communication of 3 May 1968 concerning the Hague Convention of 1955 on the Law Applicable to International Sale of Goods. The present addendum reproduces the substantive portions of two additional replies which have been received since the circulation of document A/CN.9/12/Add.2.

TEXT OF REPLIES BY STATES

CHINA

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In principle, the Chinese Government supports the general objectives of the Convention on the Law Applicable to the International Sale of Goods of 1955 in promoting harmonization and unification of the law of international sale of goods. At the same time, it is also mindful of the fact that the economy of the Republic of China still remains basically that of a developing country, notwithstanding its rapid economic growth, its fast expansion of international trade and the gradual relaxation of its foreign exchange controls in recent years. As a developing country, it is not yet able to keep itself abreast with the developed countries in free competition in the field of international trade. The measures currently taken by the developed countries, such as the devaluation of currency, the restrictions placed on importation of goods and the tightening of international payments and expenditures abroad, are generally not helpful to the foreign trade of the developing countries. Under these circumstances, the Chinese Government is not ready at present to adhere to the Convention on the Law Applicable to the International Sale of Goods of 1955.

IRAQ

[Original: English]

19 February 1969

The appropriate Iraqi authorities are still considering the possibility of adhering to the Convention on the Law Applicable to International Sale of Goods and hope that they will be in a position to finalize their views on this convention in the near future.