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DRAFT FINAL ACT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

1. The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, by resolution 604 (XXI) adopted on 3 May 1956, decided to convene a Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the purpose of concluding a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards, and to consider other possible measures for increasing the effectiveness of arbitration in the settlement of private law disputes.
2. In accordance with the terms of that resolution the Secretary-General invited to the Conference all States Members of the United Nations, those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies or Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, interested specialized agencies, The Hague Conference on Private International Law, the International Institute for Unification of Private Law, and interested inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Council.
3. The Conference met at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York from 20 May to 10 June 1958.
4. The Governments of the following forty-five States were represented at the Conference:

Albania
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Brazil
Bulgaria
Byelorussian Soviet
Socialist Republic
Ceylon
Colombia

Costa Rica
Czechoslovakia
Ecuador
El Salvador
Finland
France
Federal Republic of Germany
Guatemala
Holy See
India
Iran

Israel	Sweden
Italy	Switzerland
Japan	Thailand
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Tunisia
Laos	Turkey
Monaco	Ukrainian Soviet
Netherlands	Socialist Republic
Norway	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Pakistan	United Arab Republic
Panama	United Kingdom of Great Britain
Peru	and Northern Ireland
Philippines	United States of America
Poland	Yugoslavia

5. The Governments of the following three States were represented at the Conference by observers:

Federation of Malaya
Indonesia
Mexico

6. The following inter-governmental organizations had observers at the Conference:

Hague Conference on Private International Law
International Institute for Unification of Private Law
Organization of American States.

7. The following non-governmental organizations also had observers at the Conference:

International Chamber of Commerce
American Foreign Insurance Association
Chamber of Commerce of the United States
Consejo Inter-Americano de Comercio y Producción
International Association of Legal Science
International Bar Association
International Federation of Women Lawyers
International Law Association
Junior Chamber International
Société de Législation Comparée.

8. The Conference elected H.E. M. C.W.A. Schurmann of the Netherlands as President of the Conference.

9. The Conference elected Mr. C.K. Daphtary of India as First Vice-President, Sr. Constantino Ramos of Argentina as Second Vice-President and Mr. Jaroslav Pscolka of Czechoslovakia as Third Vice-President.

10. The Conference established the following committees and working parties:

Committee on Other Measures for Increasing the Effectiveness
of Arbitration in the Settlement of Private Law Disputes

Chairman	- Sr. Constantino Ramos (Argentina)
Vice-Chairman	- Mr. Toshio Urabe (Japan)
Rapporteur	- Mr. Edmund F. Becker, Jr. (United States of America)

Credentials Committee

Chairman	-
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Working Party No. 1 - (Preparation of drafts of Articles I and II)

Chairman	- Mr. C.K. Daphtary (India)
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Working Party No. 2 - (Preparation of draft provisions on validity
of arbitration agreements)

Chairman	- Mr. Albert Herment (Belgium)
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Working Party No. 3 - (Preparation of drafts of Articles III, IV and V)

Chairman	- Mr. Gunnar de Sydow (Sweden)
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Drafting Committee

Chairman	- Sr. Constantino Ramos (Argentina)
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11. The Secretary-General was represented by Mr. C.A. Stavropoulos, the Legal Counsel. Mr. Oscar Schachter, Director of the General Legal Division of the Legal Office of the United Nations, was appointed Executive Secretary.

12. The Economic and Social Council, by its resolution convening the Conference, requested it to conclude a convention on the basis of the draft convention prepared by the Committee on the Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards, taking into account the comments and suggestions made by Governments and non-governmental organizations, as well as the discussion at the twenty-first session of the Council.

13. On the basis of the deliberations, as recorded in the reports of the working parties and in the records of the plenary meetings, the Conference prepared and opened for signature the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards which is annexed to this Final Act.

14. The Conference decided that, without prejudice to the provisions of its Articles I(3), X and XI, no reservations shall be admissible to the "Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards".

15. In addition the Conference adopted, on the basis of proposals made by the Committee on Other Measures as recorded in its report, the following Recommendation(s):

[Text of any recommendations that may be adopted
by the Conference.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned representatives and observers have signed this Final Act on behalf of their respective States.

DONE at New York, this tenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic. The original texts shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations Secretariat:

President

Executive Secretary
