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Mediation 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 the resolutions on instruments on dispute settlement methods referred to by expressions such as mediation, conciliation and expressions of similar import, namely resolution [35/52](#) of 4 December 1980 on the Conciliation Rules of the Commission,¹ and resolutions [73/198](#) and [73/199](#) of 20 December 2018 on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation² and the Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation of the Commission,³ respectively,

Mindful of the value of such dispute settlement methods as a means of amicably settling disputes arising in the context of international commercial relations, and of the fact that such dispute settlement methods are increasingly used in international and domestic commercial practice as an alternative to litigation, to reach a final resolution of the dispute in a cost- and time-effective manner,

Aware that the use of such dispute settlement methods results in significant benefits, such as reducing the instances where a dispute leads to the termination of a commercial relationship, facilitating the administration of international transactions

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/35/17)*, para. 106.

² *Ibid.*, *Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/73/17)*, annex I.

³ *Ibid.*, annex II.



by commercial parties and producing savings in the administration of justice by States,

Recognizing the developments in such dispute settlement methods since the adoption of the Conciliation Rules,

Noting that the preparation of the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules benefited greatly from consultations with Governments and interested intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations,

Noting also that the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules were adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its fifty-fourth session, after due deliberations,⁴

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for having formulated and adopted the Mediation Rules, the text of which is contained in annex III to the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fourth session;⁵

2. *Recommends* the use of the UNCITRAL Mediation 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 Mediation Rules become generally known and available.

⁴ Ibid., *Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/76/17)*, chap. VI, sect. B.

⁵ Ibid., annex III.