



G-77 meeting on UNCITRAL matters



**Talking Points for the briefing by Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret Secretary of
UNCITRAL
delivered by H.E. Ambassador Azzeddine Farhane, Permanent
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First of all, I would like to warmly thank **Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret Secretary of UNCITRAL** for addressing the G77 for the first time in a meeting person and to interact with your excellencies about the main topics on the agenda of the 55th Commission session of UNICITRAL and its future work
In my capacity as the Chair of the Group of 77, productive dialogue and close interaction between the Group and Heads of the Vienna-based Organizations and other groups still remain my priority. Today's meeting is the fourth of its kind a part of these efforts.

Mme Secretary of UNCITRAL

Before giving you the floor, let me just share **with you the main priorities and the position of G77 and China regarding the important Commission of UNICITRAL.**

1-The Group underlines that the 55th session is going to carry on with the work undertaken during the 54th session and particularly looks forward to the updates concerning working Group II (***Dispute settlement***) and working Group III (***Investor State Dispute Settlement***).

2-The group takes note of the progress made with respect to the model law on identity management and Trust services and look forward to the adoption of the model law in that area given the importance of digitalization in international trade and commerce especially within the context of Covid 19.

3-the Group appreciates the work done so far by working group IV and would urge the Commission to devote ample time and resources to the work of the Working Group to expedite the work being undertaken in the area of e-commerce. the Group acknowledges the good work being done by the Secretariat and urges Member States to support the Secretariat to undertake the tasks assigned to it by the Commission.

4- The Group takes note of the adoption at the 54th session of the proposal to increase the membership of the Commission from the current 60 to 70 and wishes to state that in as much as the expansion is welcome due consideration must be given to equitable geographical distribution in the future expansion to relect the right composition of the membership of the Commission.

5-The Group welcomes the successful launch of the **UNCITRAL days in Africa in Accra, Ghana** and is optimistic that the actual events to be held in Autumn would be as successful as the precursors in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as in Asia and the pacific.

I believe that such events would provide the platform for the sharing of ideas and also foster the inclusion of participants from Africa in the Work of the Commission whilst generating interest among Academics, students and practitioners.

Today, Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret Secretary of UNCITRAL will talk about the main topic of the upcoming session of UNCITRAL and methods of work in greater detail and share updates on their implementation. I am confident that this briefing will enhance the Group's collective understating of new challenges of ***Investor State Dispute Settlement***, in particular on how members of the Group can both contribute to and interact on this timely issue.

May first invite Madam Anna Joubin to make her presentation and then open the floor for comments and questions.

Thank you.