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Chairperson,

Zambia wishes to acknowledge the important role of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) texts for States looking to modernise their international trade law regimes and therefore supports UNCITRAL's efforts in the

where technological development and diversification of business activities have increased the volume and characteristics of global trade.

My delegation wishes to highlight some recent developments in Zambia, particularly following the recently amended *Constitution of the Republic of Zambia (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2016*, which provides for alternative forms of dispute resolution under Article 118 (2) (d). It obliges our courts, in their exercise of judicial authority, to be guided by principles that seek to promote alternative forms of dispute resolution, including traditional dispute resolution mechanisms.

Chairperson,

The Zambian Government recognises that a conducive legal order is an essential requirement for the speedy and fair resolution of commercial disputes and for enhanced foreign direct investment into its economy.

present no stand-alone legislation on Mediation, though the High Court Rules on court-annexed mediation were formally introduced through an amendment in 2007.

In 2012, a further amendment was made, which required parties to be referred to court-annexed mediation during the scheduling conference. Recently, the *Subordinate Court (Amendment) Rules of 2018 (Statutory Instrument No. 73 of 2018)*, was passed to introduce court-annexed mediation in the Subordinate Court. Further, Statutory Instrument No. 76 of 2018...

Chairperson,

The Zambian Government has worked closely with cooperating partners to train Arbitrators and Court-Annexed Mediators as a means of enhancing access to justice and decongesting the heavy caseloads in its justice system. Accordingly, the Government is collaborating with the Institute for Arbitration and Mediation in Zambia.