

Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

By

Mr. Thomas Ramopoulos First Secretary, Delegation of the European  
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at the Sixth Committee

on the Agenda item 76:

" Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on  
the work of its fifty -fifth session"

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries North Macedonia, Montenegro and the Republic of Moldova, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Georgia align themselves with this statement.

We thank UNCITRAL for the report covering the fifty-fifth session of the Commission

The European Union and its Member States welcome the adoption of a Model Law on the Use and Cross-border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services by UNCITRAL. The new Model Law is a global standard which takes into account existing EU legislation in the field and will facilitate and enhance cross-border e-commerce. We also look forward to the future work of Working Group IV on the use of artificial intelligence and automation in contracting.

As regards the draft convention on the international effects of judicial sales of ships, we were actively involved in its negotiation and support its objectives. We recommend that the General Assembly adopts the draft convention as approved by UNCITRAL and hope that the signing ceremony is authorized to be held as soon as feasible in 2023.

The European Union and its Member States would like to take this opportunity to stress once

Considering the significant advantages that UNCITRAL presents in terms of transparency, openness and accessibility, we encourage all countries, international organisations and observers to actively take part in the discussions. In this regard, in 2022 the European Union and France have continued to contribute to the UNCITRAL Travel Fund to seek to ensure that the process in Working Group III is as genuinely inclusive as possible. The European Union encourages other actors to make similar contributions. The European Union and its Member States continue to hope that, with the active engagement of all delegations and interested organisations, the discussions will deliver a satisfactory outcome as soon as possible.

Thank you.