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OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON AGENDA ITEM 77,
ON THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW ON THE WORK
OF ITS FORTY-FIFTH SESSION,
SIXTH COMMITTEE,
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1 Mr Chairman
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2 Singapore would like to thank the Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for his report on the 45
“Recommendations to assist arbitral institutions and other interested bodies with regard to arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (as revised in 2010)”. Both of these would help to promote the objectives of UNCITRAL. In particular, the Guide to enactment of the model law on public procurement would be of valuable assistance not only to states that have and promote international trade. The increasing output of the Commission

accessible to all, this would promote arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules as a preferred mode of resolving international commercial disputes.

7 Singapore is happy to be able to support this project and we stand ready to do more to further the objectives of UNCITRAL. To this end, Singapore has offered to host an UNCITRAL Centre in Singapore and has proposed a level of funding and administrative support. This offer was made at the last session of UNCITRAL. It was warmly received and the Secretariat was requested by the Commission to further pursue administrative arrangements for the establishment of this centre. In line with the Commission's directions, this centre will maintain close coordination and cooperation with other regional offices of UNCITRAL.

8 Singapore has been a member of UNCITRAL since 1971. We reiterate our support for UNCITRAL and will continue to strongly support the work of UNCITRAL and participate actively in its work. In August this year, the Asia-Pacific Group endorsed the candidature of 6 states in the Asia-Pacific region, including Singapore, for election to UNCITRAL. Singapore looks forward to continuing to contribute to UNCITRAL as an active participant in UNCITRAL's deliberations and in supporting the many initiatives of UNCITRAL to promote international trade by removing the legal obstacles that presently exist in this area. We therefore look forward to continuing our UNCITRAL membership and hope to enjoy the support of the international community to do so.

9 Thank you Mr Chairman.

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