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Mr. Chair,

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union.

I wish to express Austria's appreciation to the Chair of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) who has provided the

Commission's work. We also sincerely thank the Secretariat of the Commission, based in Vienna, Austria, for its professional and efficient work.

In light of my country's commitment to international law and the rule of law, it is a source of pride to host the Commission and its Secretariat in Vienna. My delegation attaches great value to the work of the Commission and commends the Commission for its achievements in harmonizing and modernizing the legal framework for the facilitation of international trade and investment.

This year, the Commission finalized and adopted Model Legislative Provisions on Public-Private Partnerships with an accompanying legislative guide, the Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency and its Guide to Enactment, as well as other texts. We would like to express appreciation to Singapore for hosting the successful signing ceremony for the Singapore Convention in August.

Austria commends the Commission for progress also in other important areas of work, in particular in its work on the reform of investor-State dispute settlement system, including through regional meetings. Austria attaches great importance to this topic and, as a member state of the EU, Austria supports this process in the framework of UNCITRAL, which has time and time again proven to be a transparent and open forum to meaningfully address challenges and concerns in a consensual manner.

During the past year, we also note that good progress has been made by the Working Group on electronic commerce and note the strengthening of the Micro- Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises work program. Austria also wishes to commend the Commission and its secretariat for revamping the Case Law of Uncitral Texts (CLOUT) program, particularly in light of the impact of CLOUT for structuring technical assistance and capacity-building.

Mr. Chair