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AUSTRALIAN RESPONSE TO THE MODEL FRANCHISING LAW

Thank you for the Note Verbale and attached documents of 7 February 2001. Australia is pleased to be involved in the process and reaffirms its commitment to UNIDROIT.

2. The Draft Articles for a Model Franchise Disclosure Law bear a number of similarities with the current franchising disclosure regime in Australia, the Franchising Code of Conduct. While the two schemes are not identical, Australia strongly supports the Model Franchise Disclosure Law, in particular, as it relates to pre-contractual disclosure.
3. Australia believes that the Model Law represents a strong positive step forwards in the standardisation of international franchising practice, which will be of enormous benefit to both the global franchising community and participating states.

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