GENERAL ASSEMBLY
64th session
Rome, 18 June 2009

ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda


   (a) Proposal for a Convention on the netting of financial instruments
   (b) Study for an international legislative project on (contractual) counterparty classification
   (c) Principles and rules capable of enhancing trading in securities in emerging markets
   (d) Possible future work on civil liability for satellite-based services
   (e) Proposal for a model law on the protection of cultural property
   (f) Possible future work in the area of private law and development

4. Consultations on rotation pattern for the presidency of the General Assembly

5. Date and venue of the 65th session of the General Assembly

6. Any other business
Annotations to the Draft Agenda

Item No. 2 – Report on the 88th session of the Governing Council (Rome, 20-23 April 2009) and outlook for 2009

1. The Secretariat will present the conclusions reached by the Governing Council at its 88th session (Rome, 20-23 April 2009), in particular as they relate to the relations with member States and the functions of the General Assembly. The Secretariat will further outline the upcoming activities of the Secretariat for the remainder of the year 2009 in respect of the main ongoing projects in the light of the directions given by the Governing Council.


2. At its 63rd session (Rome, 11 December 2008), the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations that the Governing Council had made at its 87th session (Rome, 21-23 April 2008) concerning the Work Programme for the years 2009-2011 and assigned the highest priority to “the finalisation of the draft Convention on intermediated securities, the additional chapters of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts currently under preparation and the Space Protocol to the Cape Town Convention.” The General Assembly also agreed to “reconsider the Work Programme at its next session in the light of any recommendations to that effect that the incoming Governing Council and the Secretary-General may then submit” (UNIDROIT 2008 – A.G. (63) 10, para. 31).

3. At its 88th session, the Governing Council considered various proposals for the Triennial Work Programme and formulated specific recommendations to the General Assembly. The General Assembly is expected to consider those recommendations with a view to adopting the Triennial Work Programme at its 65th session, which will take place in the last quarter of 2009. For the purpose of facilitating the internal consultation process that member States will conduct in preparation for the adoption of the Triennial Work Programme, at the 64th session the Secretariat will provide background information on the various topics considered for inclusion in the UNIDROIT Triennial Work Programme by the Governing Council and present the recommendations submitted to the General assembly by the Council.

Item No. 4 – Consultations on rotation pattern for the presidency of the General Assembly

4. According to its established practice, the annual presidency of the General Assembly rotates among the regional groups represented at UNIDROIT. The current President of the General Assembly is H.E. Ambassador Tasnim Aslam (Pakistan), representing the Asia-Pacific group of member States. Ambassador Aslam was elected at the 63rd session of the General Assembly.

Item No. 5 – Date and venue of the 65th session of the General Assembly

5. Following the tradition of holding General Assembly sessions in the last quarter of the year, the General Assembly may wish to consider holding its 65th session on 2 December 2009.