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2014: Consolidation and Renewal

UNIDROIT has worked at high speed in 2014. The Legal Guide to Contract Farming – the largest project currently on the UNIDROIT Work-Programme and the first ever project carried out by UNIDROIT in cooperation with the Rome-based food and agriculture agencies of the United Nations – was substantially completed, after two sessions of the Working Group of experts convened by UNIDROIT and four rounds of consultations with interested stakeholders in Bangkok, Addis Ababa, Buenos Aires and Rome. We are deeply indebted to our two main partners – the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) – for their financial and expert support to a project that not only underscores the flexibility of UNIDROIT’s working methods, but also its ability to identify subjects in which – in cooperation with others – its particular area of expertise can be of help to address current legal problems. Completed within two years of intense work, the draft Legal Guide will be before the Governing Council for consideration and adoption at its 94th session (Rome, 6-8 May 2015).

UNIDROIT’s openness to cooperation is also evident in the progress achieved in the formulation of rules on transnational civil procedure to implement the ALI/UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure in the European context. UNIDROIT and the European Law Institute organised two meetings to develop these rules in 2014, and the project is well under way towards its completion in 2017.

Remarkable achievements were also made in one of the major areas of work of UNIDROIT: that of Security Interests in Mobile Equipment. The contract with the company selected to carry out the registry functions under the Luxembourg Protocol to the Cape Town Convention was signed on 12 November 2014, bringing several years of intense negotiations to a close. Also, the Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of the Registry under the Space Protocol to the Cape Town Convention held one extremely productive meeting, in which several important points for the future registry regulations were clarified.

Careful financial planning and staff restructuring also made possible for UNIDROIT to strengthen and rejuvenate its workforce through the recruitment of three qualified and highly motivated new staff members. Thus, the work on capital markets law could be resumed and the Study Group on the proposed new Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on agricultural, construction and mining equipment could hold its first meeting.

Needless to say, all the achievements owe far less to the guidance of the Secretary-General, than to the professionalism and dedication of the staff of UNIDROIT who, through the willingness to deliver “more with less”, continue to demonstrate pride in the privilege of serving UNIDROIT’s member States.

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Secretary-General

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I. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION

A. PRESIDENCY, GOVERNING COUNCIL, GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE *

1. Presidency and Governing Council

The 93rd session of the *Governing Council* was held in Rome from 7 to 10 May 2014 under the chairmanship of the President of the Institute, Mr Alberto Mazzoni, with a new composition.¹ The Governing Council, after approving the Secretary-General's report on the activity of the Institute in 2013, renewed Mr Arthur Hartkamp's appointment as First Vice-President, and appointed Professor Lyou Byung-Hwa as Second Vice-President until its 94th session. It also appointed the former members of the Governing Council as members *ad honorem*,² and a new member of the Permanent Committee.³

Having expressed the desirability of involving all member States in the assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the Work Programme, the Governing Council accordingly decided, at its 90th session (Rome, 9-11 May 2011) to make systematic use of the authority given to it by article 16 of the UNIDROIT Regulations to request representatives of member Governments that have no nationals sitting on the Council to attend its meetings in a consultative capacity. 12 such Member States were represented at the 93rd session of the Council.

Being the first session of the Governing Council in its new composition, it was given the opportunity to examine the Work Programme of the Organisation for the triennial period 2014-2016 adopted by the General Assembly at its 72nd session in 2013. The Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the level of priority of two subjects, i.e long term contracts and transnational civil procedure – formulation of regional rules, be increased from low to medium priority.

The Council approved the conclusion of the sub-Committee of the Council on the network of correspondents of the Institute to divide the correspondents into two categories, one being the active correspondents appointed for a three-year period, the other the *emeritus* correspondents, who had contributed greatly to the work of UNIDROIT in past years.

* This report covers the activities of UNIDROIT from 1 January to 31 December 2014.

¹ Current composition of the Governing Council: Stefania Bariatti (Italy), Radu Bogdan Bobei (Romania), Hans-Georg Bollweg (Germany), Nuria Bouza Vidal (Spain), Baiba Broka (Latvia), B. Bahadir Erdem (Turkey), Henry D. Gabriel (United States of America), Arthur S. Hartkamp (Netherlands), Monique Jametti (Switzerland), Hideki Kanda (Japan), Miklós Király (Hungary), Alexander S. Komarov (Russian Federation), Antti T. Leinonen (Finland), Lyou Byung-Hwa (Republic of Korea), Jose Antonio Moreno Rodriguez (Paraguay), Jan Lambert Neels (South Africa), Monika Pauknerova (Czech Republic), Wojciech Popiolek (Poland), Jorge Sanchez Cordero Davila (Mexico), Rachel Sandby-Thomas (United Kingdom), Alvaro Sandoval Bernal (Colombia), Shi Jingxia (People's Republic of China), Daniel Tricot (France), Spyridon Vrellis (Greece) and Roger Wilkins (Australia).

² Members *ad honorem* of the Governing Council: Chief Michael Kaase Aondoakaa (Nigeria), Mr Antonio Paulo Cachapuz de Medeiros (Brazil), Mr Sergio Carbone (Italy), Mr Sergiu Deleanu (Romania), Mr Michael B. Elmer (Denmark), Mr Ian Govey (Australia), Mr Attila Harmathy (Hungary), Mr Ricardo Luis Lorenzetti (Argentina), Mr Mo John Shijian (People's Republic of China), Mr Didier Operti Badan (Uruguay), Ms Kathryn Sabo (Canada), Mr Biswanath Sen (India), Mr Stanislaw Soltysinski (Poland), Mr Itsuro Terada (Japan) and Mr Ioannis Voulgaris (Greece).

³ The Council appointed Mr Henry Gabriel to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Mr Ian Govey and re-appointed Mr Hans-Georg Bollweg, Mr Arthur Hartkamp, Mr Jorge Sánchez Cordero and Ms Rachel Sandby-Thomas as members of the Permanent Committee.

2. General Assembly and Finance Committee

The 73rd session of the General Assembly was held in Rome on 11 December 2014 under the presidency of H.E Mr Giancarlo Kessler, Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland in Italy, and was attended by the diplomatic representatives in Italy of 46 member States and one observer. The Secretary-General outlined the work of the Organisation in 2014. The Assembly reappointed the members of the Finance Committee for three years commencing 1 January 2015, the members of the Administrative Tribunal and the Auditor for a period of five years as of 1 January 2015.

The General Assembly also decided that the review of the classification of the contributions of member States, in accordance with Article 16(4) of the UNIDROIT Statute, would occur once every six years, deferring the next reclassification process to 2017.

During the debate on financial issues, the Assembly approved the Accounts for the 2013 financial year as well as the adjustments to the 2014 budget. The General Assembly also adopted the draft budget for 2015.

The *Finance Committee*⁴ met twice in 2014. The 75th session was held on 3 April 2014 under the chairmanship of Mr Wu Cong (People's Republic of China); the 76th session, which took place on 25 September 2014, appointed Ms Alina Popescu (Romania) as the new Chairperson, upon the departure of Mr Wu Cong. The Committee was requested to give an opinion on certain financial issues submitted for scrutiny by the General Assembly.

3. Secretariat

On 31 December 2014 the Secretariat was made up of 20 members, of which seven professional staff (Category A), nine administrative, Library and secretarial staff (Category B), three technical support staff (Category C) and one consultant.

Ms Valentina Viganò joined the Secretariat in July 2014 as Assistant to the Secretary General.

Mr Neale Bergman (United States of America) and Mr William Brydie-Watson (Australia) joined the Secretariat and were appointed Legal Officers as from October and September 2014 respectively.

B. DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES, STUDY GROUPS AND EXPERT COMMITTEES

The following meetings were organised by the Institute in 2014:

1. Legal Guide on Contract Farming

Third meeting of the UNIDROIT Working Group for the preparation of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming (Rome, 3 to 7 January 2014)

Fourth meeting of the Working Group for the preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming (Rome, 17 to 20 November 2014)

2. Transnational Civil Procedure - Formulation of Regional Rules

First meeting of the Steering Committee ELI – UNIDROIT Rules of Transnational Civil Procedure (Rome, 12 and 13 May 2014)

Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee and of the Working Groups (Rome, 27 and 28 November 2014)

⁴ The Finance Committee is currently (term of three years commencing on 1 January 2012) composed of the following member States: Austria, Canada, France, Germany, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. Those States the contribution of which had increased by more than three units of contribution as a result of the new contributions chart were also invited to consider becoming members.

3. Luxembourg Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock

Meeting with the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) and the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Commission (Rome, 1 July 2014)

Sixth meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Registry, jointly convened by UNIDROIT and OTIF (via email confirmation procedure opened on 9 July and concluded on 31 October 2014)

Seventh meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Registry (Rome, 11 December 2014)

4. Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Space Assets

Second session of the Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry (Rome, 27 and 28 February 2014)

Third session of the Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry (Rome, 11 and 12 September 2014)

5. Preparation of a Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Agricultural, Construction and Mining Equipment

First meeting of the Study Group (Rome, 15 to 17 December 2014)

C. RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS

On 31 December 2014 UNIDROIT had 63 member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Rep. of Korea, Rep. of Serbia, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The Secretariat continues consultations with a few non-member States with a view to their possible accession to the UNIDROIT Statute.

From 20 to 23 January 2014, the Secretary General of UNIDROIT paid a visit to the Department of State in Washington for a consultation meeting on the future Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters specific to Agricultural, Mining and Construction Equipment (MAC Protocol).

On 27 February 2014, the Secretary General had meetings in Madrid at the General Directorate of the Treasury in the Ministry of Economy, and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Those meetings were followed by a seminar for the *Colegio de Registradores* on the ratification of the Cape Town Convention and protocols thereto organised by the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid.

On 22 September 2014, the Secretary General attended various meetings with the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection to discuss the preparation of the first session of the MAC Protocol Study Group. A Seminar was also organised on the Luxembourg Rail Protocol.

On 19 November 2014, the Secretary General attended a meeting organised by the Italian Ministry of Affairs together with the other international legal organisations based in Italy to discuss an agenda on Expo-related activities in 2015.

On 25 November 2014, the Secretary-General participated in a Seminar entitled "Unity of National Laws in the view of 1388 as a year of Renewal - UNIDROIT - Background of the Institute and the ways for mutual collaboration" organised by the University of Tehran with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. While in Iran, the Secretary-General was

also received by H. E. Dr. Masoud Soltanifar, Vice-President and head of Iran's Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (ICHHTO) and by H. E. Dr. Elham Amin Zadeh, Vice-President of Legal Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, with whom he discussed aspects of the work of UNIDROIT of particular interest for the country. The Secretary-General, in addition, visited the University of Judicial and Administrative Sciences in Tehran, and the University of Isfahan.

D. CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN THE FORMULATION OF PRIVATE LAW RULES

The customary co-ordination meeting between the Secretaries-General of the Hague Conference of Private International Law, UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT took place in The Hague on 10 April 2014.

E. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

1. Meetings and conferences

In the course of the period under review, the Institute was represented at several meetings organised by other international organisations including the American Association of Private International Law (ASADIP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Legal Sub-Committee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the World Bank, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UN-OOSA) and the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO).

Members of the Secretariat also participated in various meetings and conferences where they presented the UNIDROIT instruments and the work of the Institute in general. Details of some of these meetings are set out elsewhere in this report.

2. Co-operation agreements

In March 2014, the Institute has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the *European Law Institute* in which the two institutions agree to cooperate towards the formulation of model Rules of Civil Procedure based on and arising from the ALI/UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure and formulated from a European perspective.

In October 2014, UNIDROIT has signed a framework agreement with the *Research Centre for Private International Law in Emerging Countries at the Faculty of Law of the University of Johannesburg* for the implementation of a joint research programme in the field of uniform law. The purpose of this agreement is to grant a UNIDROIT scholarship to research associates of the Research Centre *Private International Law in Emerging Countries* or to students having successfully completed an LLM or LLD degree in International Commercial Law or Private International Law at the University of Johannesburg.

In November 2014, UNIDROIT has entered a similar agreement with the *Universidad Externado de Colombia* to grant a scholarship to professors or associates of the University to research on uniform law, international law and comparative law.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Private law and development

a. Preparation of a UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming

The decision to include the preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming in the Work Programme of UNIDROIT was made by the Governing Council at its 91st session (Rome, 7-9 May 2012) as the first subject to be addressed in the general area of the promotion of investment in agricultural production. The Governing Council recommended that this topic be given high priority in the UNIDROIT Work Programme, which was duly endorsed by the UNIDROIT General Assembly at its 72nd session (2013). Based on their general mandate in the area of agricultural development, the two Rome-based United Nations Organisations *i.e.* the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) have actively participated in the project. FAO will co-author the Guide, an instrument which it could help disseminating and implementing in capacity-building programmes once adopted, while IFAD provided technical and financial support that have been instrumental in implementing activities in 2014.

Third meeting of the UNIDROIT Working Group for the preparation of the Legal Guide

The third meeting of the Working Group was held in Rome on 3-7 March 2014.⁵ The Working Group for this meeting was composed of the following members: Professor Fabrizio Cafaggi (National School of Administration / University of Trento, Italy); Professor Marcel Fontaine (emeritus, Catholic University of Louvain Law School, Belgium); Professor Henry Gabriel (Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, USA); Professor A. Bryan Endres (University of Illinois, USA); Professor Paripurna P. Sugarda (University of Gadjah Mada Faculty of Law, Yogyakarta, Indonesia) and Professor Kassia Watanabe (Fluminense Federal University, Brazil). The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) participated as a partner organisation and co-author of the Guide. The following intergovernmental organisations were also represented: the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Bank / International Finance Corporation. Observers representing professional and trade interests, *i.e.* the World Farmers' Organization (WFO), and one agribusiness association, likewise attended. The meeting was chaired by Professor Henry Gabriel, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

The Group examined draft Chapter II: Contract Form and Formation (prepared by B. Endres); draft Chapter IV: Excuses for Non-performance (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat); draft Chapter V: Remedies for Breach (prepared by F. Cafaggi and P. Iamiceli, University of Trento, Italy); draft Chapter VI: Duration, Renewal and Termination (prepared by M.J. Bonell – UNIDROIT Consultant) and draft Chapter VII: Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution (prepared by P. P. Sugarda and the UNIDROIT Secretariat). In addition, the Group also considered the draft chapters revised by the Rapporteurs after the second Working Group meeting, *i.e.* the draft Introduction and Legal Framework (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat and FAO), draft Chapter I: Parties to the contract (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat) and draft Chapter III: Contractor's obligations (prepared by Prof. Gabriel) and Producer's obligations (prepared by Prof. M. Fontaine).

Based on the discussions at the third meeting of the Working Group, a revised version of the draft chapters was prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to the rapporteurs for their review. The latter version formed the "Zero Draft" which was considered at the consultation events presented below.

⁵ For the report on the third meeting of the UNIDROIT Working Group, see: UNIDROIT 2013, Study 80 A – Doc. 16. All documents referred to in this section are accessible at the webpage on contract farming of the UNIDROIT website, at <http://www.unidroit.org/work-in-progress-studies/current-studies/contract-farming>).

Consultation events

A round of consultations with audiences of farmers' representatives, industry stakeholders, interested Governments, IGOs and NGOs, was organised with the following objectives: promoting awareness and understanding of the economic, social and legal dimensions of contract farming; discussing the diversity of approaches of several countries in the legal framework applicable to contract relations between producers and buyers; sharing stakeholders' experiences, recommendations, and best practices focusing on contract negotiation and conclusion, performance of parties' obligations, as well as non-performance and dispute resolution; informing the content, scope, and purpose of the forthcoming Guide and seeking feedback on the Guide's adequacy to meet practical needs. Two additional important objectives were to explore the future use of the Guide and to build a network within target groups that will participate in the future implementation of the Guide. The following consultations were held:

Buenos Aires, Argentina (25 March 2014): The workshop, entitled "Contract Farming today, the right equilibrium," was held as a thematic workshop in the framework of the General Assembly of the World Farmers Organisation (WFO) in Buenos Aires (25-28 March 2014). Organised jointly by WFO and UNIDROIT, with the cooperation of FAO and IFAD, the workshop offered a unique opportunity to reach out to the global farming community. Taking advantage of their participation in the WFO annual General Assembly meeting, a number of representatives of agricultural producer organisations from countries in other continents – especially Africa – were able to participate in the workshop. A large number of participants from public institutions, the Argentinean academic legal circles and legal practice attended, also as a result of the support given by the Argentinean Institute of Agrarian Law, and through UNIDROIT's institutional network. Altogether, approximately 50 persons participated in the workshop.⁶

Bangkok, Thailand (26 September 2014): The workshop (organised in partnership with FAO and IFAD) focused on the legal aspects of the parties' agreement based on practical experiences and the treatment of contract farming in domestic legislation in the Southeast Asia region. The European Union provided support for simultaneous interpretation in English/Thai of the discussions, as well as funding allowing for the participation of a number of stakeholders' representatives. The workshop was primarily addressed to a broad audience of stakeholders in contract farming relationships in the Southeast Asia region, *i.e.* producer organizations, private sector representatives, IGOs and development agencies, NGOs, public entities and the legal academic circles. Altogether, nearly 70 persons participated in the workshop.⁷

Rome, Italy (10 October 2014): The Rome consultation event (organised in partnership with FAO and IFAD) focused on the perspective of the agribusiness interests, as essential stakeholders in contract farming operations. The event brought together nearly 70 persons, including a large number of representatives from major agribusinesses from Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia. The workshop had the following objectives: considering private sector commitments in promoting good contract practices and discussing lessons learned by professionals in their field; discussing how procurement and sourcing policies influence arrangements between agricultural producers and their buyers; sharing experiences on critical issues, recommendations, and best practices in relation to the various aspects of the farming contract; and informing the content, scope, and purpose of the forthcoming UNIDROIT/FAO Legal Guide on Contract Farming with the inputs and discussions of the workshop.⁸

⁶ See the Report on the Buenos Aires Workshop: UNIDROIT 2014, Study S80A – Doc. 18.

⁷ See the Report on the Bangkok Workshop: UNIDROIT 2014, Study S80A – Doc. 20.

⁸ See the Report on the Rome Workshop: UNIDROIT 2014, Study S80A – Doc. 21.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (31 October 2014): The workshop (organised in partnership with FAO and IFAD) focused on the legal aspects of the parties' agreement based on practical experiences and the treatment of contract farming in domestic legislation in Africa, mainly in Eastern and Southern Africa. Altogether, approximately 35 persons participated in the workshop, representing a broad audience of stakeholders in contract farming relationships i.e. producer organizations, private sector representatives, IGOs and development agencies, NGOs, public government entities and the legal academic circles.⁹

Internet Consultation (24 September – 31 October 2014): UNIDROIT invited interested stakeholders to submit comments on the Zero Draft of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming, which was made available on the UNIDROIT website. Comments were sent by three intergovernmental organisations (the World Bank, UNCITRAL, the Hague Conference on Private International Law), two UNIDROIT members States (Department of Justice, Canada and Ministry of Justice, France), one non-governmental national institution (Fondation de droit continental, France), as well as six individuals, three of whom had participated in earlier works on the project or a regional consultation event.

The reports on the consultation events contain extensive material including all the papers and PowerPoint presentations by speakers and participants as well as a summary of interventions and of the discussions, which all have a significant potential relevance for the drafting of the Guide.

Fourth meeting of the UNIDROIT Working Group for the preparation of the Legal Guide

The fourth meeting of the Working Group was held in Rome from 17 to 20 November 2014.¹⁰ The Working Group for this meeting was composed of the following members: Professor Marcel Fontaine (emeritus, Catholic University of Louvain Law School, Belgium); Professor Henry Gabriel (Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, USA); Professor Paripurna P. Sugarda (University of Gadjah Mada Faculty of Law, Yogyakarta, Indonesia); Professor Kassia Watanabe (São Paulo State University (UNESP), Brazil); Professor A. Bryan Endres (University of Illinois, USA) (participating via teleconference); Professor Paola Iamiceli (University of Trento, Italy) (participating via teleconference). The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) participated as a partner organisation and co-author of the Guide. The following intergovernmental organisations were also represented: the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Bank / International Finance Corporation. Observers representing professional and trade interests likewise attended, i.e. the World Farmers' Organization (WFO), and one agribusiness association. The meeting was chaired by Professor Henry Gabriel, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

At its fourth meeting, the Working Group considered working documents reflecting the proposals for amendment of the Zero Draft, which had been prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat on the basis of the issues and comments raised during the consultation rounds, as well as proposals made by Working Group members and the UNIDROIT Secretariat. The Group agreed on general editorial issues approved a work plan and timeline for the various stages of finalisation of the Guide and its submission to the UNIDROIT Governing Council members in both English and French versions, with a view to its adoption by the Governing Council at its 94th session (6-8 May 2015), and its publication. Exchanges of views took place within the Group on strategies aiming at disseminating and promoting the Guide, and emphasis was put on the objective of operationalizing the Guide so it can be used in field projects.

The Group also agreed that the set of recommendations that were originally intended to be included in the Guide at the end of each Chapter should rather be elaborated as a stand-alone instrument. It was felt that in view of the authoritative character that the recommendations would have and their use in facilitating dissemination of the Guide, it would be justified to devote more time to development and consultation so that they receive a depth of treatment that is similar to the rest of the Guide.

⁹ See the Report on the Addis Ababa Workshop: UNIDROIT 2014, Study S80A – Doc. 22.

¹⁰ See the UNIDROIT Report on the Fourth Meeting of the UNIDROIT Working Group for the preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming (Rome, 3 – 6 March 2014), UNIDROIT 2014 – Study 80A – Doc. 26.

b. Possible future work on private law aspects of agricultural investment and financing

In view of the high level of priority assigned to the preparation of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming, the Secretariat did not engage resources in activities related to possible future work on private law aspects of agricultural investment and financing (potentially including areas such as land investment contracts, land tenure regimes, legal structure of agricultural enterprises and others). At its 92nd session in May 2013, the Governing Council encouraged the Secretariat to revisit these issues once the Legal Guide on Contract Farming is completed.

2. International Interests in Mobile Equipment

a. Space Protocol to the Cape Town Convention

Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Registry

Pursuant to Resolution 1 of the diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Space Assets (Berlin, 27 February - 9 March 2012), a Preparatory Commission was set up to act as Provisional Supervisory Authority for the establishment of the International Registry for Space Assets under the guidance of the UNIDROIT General Assembly. The Commission is chaired by Sergio Marchisio, former Chairman of the Commission of the Whole at the Berlin Conference and the following States agreed to serve as members of the Preparatory Commission: Brazil, the People's Republic of China, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United States of America.

The first session of the Preparatory Commission was held at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome on 6 and 7 May 2013 (see Annual Report 2013, p. 14).

The second session of the Preparatory Commission was held in Rome on 27 and 28 February 2014 and considered the revised draft of the Registry Regulations and the accompanying explanatory report prepared by Sir Roy Goode. It was opened by a visit of the premises of Thales Alenia Space Italia organised with the purpose of gathering useful inputs from the industry. At the outcome of the session, an agreement in principle was reached on the vast majority of the provisions of the draft Registry Regulations. The remaining open questions (in particular the post-launch criteria to identify satellites where no serial number is available as well as the identifiability of separate parts of a space asset such as transponders) were addressed in a further revised document by Sir Roy Goode, which was circulated for comments in May 2014. Members of the Preparatory Commission were encouraged to exchange further thoughts and information during the inter-sessional period, with a view to present a complete draft for final approval by the next Commission meeting.

During the second session of the Preparatory Commission, the representatives of ITU restated the interest of their organisation in the acceptance of the role of Supervisory Authority for the future Registry for space assets. To facilitate the preparation of a report for the ITU Council meeting, the UNIDROIT Secretariat prepared a memorandum clarifying the precise role of the Supervisory Authority, as well as liability issues, in response to the questions posed by the ITU representatives.

During the inter-sessional period, the draft Registry Regulations were revised by Sir Roy Goode in the light of the detailed comments provided by Preparatory Commission members, as well as the input that had been acquired from the industry during a visit to the premises of SES in Luxembourg.

The third session of the Preparatory Commission took place on 11 and 12 September 2014 at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome. The Commission finalised the text of the Regulations except for the issue of the identification criteria for parts of spacecraft, for which a consultation procedure on an agreed draft text was suggested in order to receive further insights from the practical operators in the market. In addition, the Commission discussed the first draft of an "Invitation to participate in the solicitations for the International Registry for space assets" prepared by Working Group II. Following post-sessional consultations with Preparatory Commission members and observers, Sir Roy Goode prepared a Questionnaire that was sent to relevant stakeholders in the industry on 3 December 2014.

The appointment of a Supervisory Authority was discussed during two ITU meetings in 2014 – the Council meeting in May/June 2014 and the meeting of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in October/November 2014. Although a number of ITU Member States expressed their support regarding the idea of the ITU becoming the Supervisory Authority, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in November 2014 – after a thorough discussion – decided that the ITU Council should presently continue to monitor any further developments on ITU’s role as the Supervisory Authority of the International Registration System for Space Assets under the Space Protocol. Until the next Plenipotentiary Conference, the ITU Secretariat should continue to express the ITU’s interest in becoming the Supervisory Authority and respond to any questions raised by the member States.

b. Luxembourg Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention

Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Registry

A Preparatory Commission was established by Resolution of the Luxembourg diplomatic Conference in order to prepare the International Registry under the Luxembourg Protocol. After its last full session in 2011, the Preparatory Commission appointed a team, co-chaired by Peter Bloch (United States of America) and Mervi Kaikkonen (Finland), to conduct negotiations with SITA SA for the conclusion of the contract with the prospective Registrar. The negotiations were successfully concluded in July 2014, with the approval of the draft Registry Contract, Master Services Agreement and their appendixes and annexes.

The sixth session of the Preparatory Commission, convened jointly by UNIDROIT and the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), with the participation of members with voting rights only, took place via the email confirmation procedure under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Preparatory Commission, to approve the draft contracts and their annexed schedules and related documents (software security agreement; deed of business continuity). The Sixth Session of the Preparatory Commission was concluded on 31 October 2014 with the approval of the above-mentioned contractual documents and the appointment of Regulis SA, a SITA company, as Registrar.

On 12 November 2014 Regulis SA, represented by its executive manager Ms Elisabeth Hirst, and the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, on behalf of the Preparatory Commission, signed the Contract for the establishment and operation of the Rail International Registry, which had been approved by the Preparatory Commission.

The seventh session of the Rail Preparatory Commission was held in Rome at the seat of UNIDROIT on 11 December 2014. The meeting, convened again jointly by UNIDROIT and OTIF (represented by its Secretary General François Davenne and Ghousébash Gaffar) and co-chaired by Peter Bloch (USA) and Tuire Simonen (Finland), took note of the positive outcome of the Sixth Session as well as of the signature of the contract between the Preparatory Commission and Regulis SA. The draft baseline Regulations for the International Registry for railway rolling stock were discussed and approved. The planning of future work was also considered. In addition to UNIDROIT, OTIF and the Rail Working Group, representatives of several member States were present, as were SITA and Regulis SA. A representative of the European Commission also attended the meeting. The meeting was followed by an informal session of the Ratification Task Force, where further issues connected with the entry into force of the Registry as well as with the ratification strategy were discussed.

With regard to the issue of the establishment of a Supervisory Authority, it was the subject of repeated contacts between UNIDROIT and OTIF, which will act as Secretariat to the Supervisory Authority. On 1 July 2014 a meeting was held in Rome, at UNIDROIT’s headquarters, with the participation of the Secretary General of OTIF, François Davenne, the Deputy Secretary General of OTIF, Carlo Del Olmo Morand, the co-chairs of the Preparatory Commission Peter Bloch and Mervi Kaikkonen, as well as of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT.

c. Preparation of a future Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on matters specific to agricultural, construction and mining equipment

At its 92nd session in 2013, the Governing Council recommended to proceed with preliminary work on a potential fourth protocol to the Cape Town Convention on agricultural, construction and mining equipment (herein referred to as the “MAC” Protocol) as part of UNIDROIT’s Work Programme for the triennial period 2014 - 2016. The General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Council at its 72nd session in December 2013.

On 22 January 2014 as part of the preliminary work aimed at setting the scope of a possible fourth protocol, the UNIDROIT Secretariat participated in the second of two *Issues Dialogues* organised by the United States Department of State and the International Law Institute (ILI) at the ILI headquarters in Washington D.C. The second Issues Dialogue continued the examination of the economic impact of a fourth protocol, the analysis of methods for determining the scope, and considered whether the current Protocols to the Cape Town Convention provided viable models to follow for a MAC Protocol.

At its 93rd session in 2014 (7 – 10 May 2014), the Governing Council instructed the Secretariat to set up a Study Group to work on the proposed fourth Protocol on agricultural, mining and construction equipment. H.-G. Bollweg was appointed Chairman of the Study Group. The Council recommended that two sessions of the Study Group be held before the next session of the Council.

The first meeting of the Study Group was held at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome from 15 – 17 December 2014. The meeting was attended by the various international experts in secured transactions law comprising the Study Group, as well as observers from the United Nations Commission on Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade. The Study Group discussed various legal issues surrounding the creation of the Protocol, the delineation of the Protocol’s scope and a preliminary first draft of the Protocol. The Study Group also considered how the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) could be utilised to define the scope of the Protocol. The Study Group made good progress in resolving issues that had been raised at the *two Issues Dialogues*. The Study Group did not encounter any issues that rendered the creation of the Protocol unfeasible. The Study Group requested the Secretariat to conduct further research on various issues before the Study Group’s second meeting, which was scheduled for April 2015.

3. Transnational Civil Procedure – Formulation of Regional Rules

The ALI / UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure, prepared by a joint American Law Institute / UNIDROIT Working Group and adopted in 2004 by the UNIDROIT Governing Council, are intended to help reduce the impact of differences between legal systems in lawsuits involving transnational commercial transactions. Their purpose is to propose a model of universal procedure that follows the essential elements of due process of law.

With the aim of resuming work on this project, UNIDROIT decided to focus on regional implementation and on adapting the Principles to the peculiarities of specific legal systems. In this respect, the possibility of a joint project on the development of European rules of civil procedure was discussed within the framework of an institutional co-operation with the newly founded European Law Institute (ELI) the main task of which is to initiate, conduct and facilitate research, make recommendations and provide practical guidance in the field of European legal development.

After the first joint ELI-UNIDROIT Workshop held in Vienna on 18 and 19 October 2013, UNIDROIT continued its cooperation with ELI in 2014 by agreeing on a Memorandum of Understanding specifically related to the project on civil procedure, which clearly identifies the role and responsibility of each party. A Steering Committee was set up, composed of representatives from both organisations and of Reporters for three initial topics (access to information and evidence, provisional and protective measures, and service of documents). A first meeting of the Steering Committee was held on 12 and 13 May 2014 in Rome and focused on the clarification of the purpose of the joint project and of its methodology, in order to achieve a coordinated approach.

A progress report on the joint ELI-UNIDROIT project was presented by a member of the project's Steering Committee, John Sorabji, at the Projects Conference during the ELI General Assembly meeting held in Zagreb on 25 September 2014. The Deputy Secretary-General attended on behalf of UNIDROIT.

A joint meeting of the Steering Committee and Working Groups was held on 27 and 28 November 2014 in Rome. At the joint meeting preliminary reports produced by the first three Working Groups were discussed and two further groups (*lis pendens* and *res judicata* and obligations of the parties and lawyers) were set up. These two Groups are expected to present their first results at the next meeting in Spring, 2015. On that occasion a further two Working Groups will be set up. A number of Observers from Intergovernmental Organisations (Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)), European Institutions (the European Commission, the European Parliament (JURI Committee), and the Court of Justice of the European Union), Professional Associations (the Association for International Arbitration (AIA), the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE), the European Network of the Councils of the Judiciary (ENCJ), the International Bar Association (IBA), the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), the *Union internationale des huissiers de justice* (International Union of Judicial Officers) (UIHJ)), and Research Institutions (the International Association of Procedural Law and the Max-Planck Institute of Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law) attended the meeting, The American Law Institute (ALI), which prepared the ALI/UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure jointly with UNIDROIT, also attended.

At the joint meeting a time-table for the preparation and examination of the texts was agreed, the aim being to finalise the Rules by November 2016.

4. UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

a. Working Group on the UNIDROIT Principles and Long-term contracts

At its 92nd session in May 2013, the Governing Council of UNIDROIT was seized of a Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat concerning possible future work on long-term contracts (cf. UNIDROIT 2013 – C.D. (92) 4(b)). The Memorandum recalled that the UNIDROIT Principles as they now stand already contain a number of provisions which take into account, at least to a certain extent, the special needs of long-term contracts. Yet at the same time the Memorandum pointed out that there are still issues particularly relevant in the context of long-term contracts that the Principles in their present form do not address at all or do so only in part. At its 93rd session in May 2014, the Governing Council was seized by a second Memorandum of the Secretariat containing an analytical survey of the various proposals that had been made concerning specific issues to be addressed in the envisaged work on long-term contracts in the context of the UNIDROIT Principles (cf. UNIDROIT 2014 – C.D. (93) 3). On the basis of this Memorandum the Governing Council instructed the Secretariat to set up a restricted Working Group composed of experts that had shown particular interest in the proposed work on long-term contracts, for the purpose of formulating proposals for possible amendments and additions to the black-letter rules and comments of the current edition of Principles with a view to covering the special needs of long-term contracts.¹¹ The first meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for 19 – 23 January 2015, and M.J. Bonell prepared a position paper on “The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and Long-Term Contracts” (UNIDROIT 2014, Study L - Doc. 126) intended to provide a basis for the discussion by the Working Group.

¹¹ Members of the Working Group are Michael Joachim Bonell (UNIDROIT; University of Rome I), Christine Chappuis (University of Geneva), Neil Cohen (Brooklyn Law School), François Dessemontet (University of Lausanne), Paul Finn (Former Judge, Federal Court of Australia), Paul-A. Gelinas (Avocat aux Barreaux de Paris et de Montréal), Sir Vivian Ramsey (Former Judge, Royal Courts of Justice), Christopher R. Seppälä (Partner, White & Case LLP; Legal Adviser FIDIC), Reinhard Zimmermann (Director at the *Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht*).

b. UNILEX

Monitoring of the use in practice of the UNIDROIT Principles continues on a systematic basis. By the end of December 2014, UNILEX, the database of international case law and bibliography on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and the UNIDROIT Principles <<http://www.unilex.info>> contained 185 arbitral awards and 198 court decisions referring in one way or another to the Principles.

5. Transactions on international and connected capital markets

Legislative Guide on Principles and Rules capable of enhancing trading in securities in emerging markets

The diplomatic Conference that adopted in 2009 the UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities, as part of its activities to promote implementation of the Convention and to promote local application of issues relevant to its subject matter, established a Committee on Emerging Markets Issues, Follow-Up and Implementation ("CEM"). The UNIDROIT General Assembly, in turn, included the drafting of a "legislative guide containing principles and rules capable of enhancing securities trading in emerging markets" in the UNIDROIT Work Programme, and assigned that task to the CEM.

Due to a staffing shortage, delays were experienced on this project, the scope of which had last been discussed in detail at the third post-conference CEM meeting (Istanbul, 11-13 November 2013). The meeting had devoted nearly an entire day to considerations related to the scope and methodology for the preparation of the Legislative Guide on Principles and Rules capable of enhancing trading in securities in emerging markets. At its 93rd session, the Governing Council expressed its appreciation, notwithstanding the staff shortage, for the work conducted so far to develop the Legislative Guide.

Upon the arrival of additional staff during the fall of 2014, work has recommenced, including completion of the Report for the CEM's third meeting and engagement of an expert to prepare an initial draft of the Legislative Guide. The expert began working on the draft, taking as a starting point the "Friends of the Committee" proposal made by a group of States that was accepted by consensus at the CEM's third meeting, with a view to its consideration at a future session of the CEM, on a date yet to be determined with the chairpersons.

6. Third Party Liability for Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Services

Decision on work within UNIDROIT on the proposed project on Third Party Liability for Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Services has been postponed, due to work underway at the EU Commission on the need for a European regulation on the liability of GALILEO. The decision of the Commission on whether or not to proceed with the drafting of a regulation is expected in 2015.

In October 2014 the UNIDROIT Secretariat attended the *Addressing the Liability Impact of Automated Systems (ALIAS) II* Conference in Florence, Italy. The ALIAS II Conference brought together legal, financial, insurance and aviation experts to discuss the ALIAS 'Legal Case'; a methodology designed to allocate determine liability in aviation which takes into account the significant increase in the use of automated systems in both air traffic management systems and aviation.

B. FOLLOW-UP OF INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED BY UNIDROIT

The Secretariat continued to do its utmost, in 2014, to promote the UNIDROIT Conventions and other instruments by presenting them at conferences or by publishing articles focussing on them.

Annex II provides an overview of the instruments drawn up by UNIDROIT as well as the state of implementation of Conventions prepared by UNIDROIT and approved by diplomatic Conferences convened by UNIDROIT member States. For the implementation of instruments based on work conducted within UNIDROIT, see Annex III.

1. UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

a. Promotion of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010

In the course of 2014 the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 were presented at a number of events to interested academic and business circles.

Seminars and conferences

- On 17 March 2014, on the occasion of the presentation to the public of the recently published Russian language version of the integral version of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010, a Conference was held at the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation in Moscow. The Conference, which was attended by some 70 participants, mostly practicing lawyers, was introduced by a general presentation by M.J. Bonell on the origin, content and purpose of the UNIDROIT Principles, followed by several presentations by Russian experts on specific topics, such as the "Legal Framework for an Application of the UNIDROIT Principles in International Commercial Arbitration" (M. Bardina, Senior Research Officer of State and Law Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences); "Salient Features of the Rules contained in the UNIDROIT Principles" (A. Komarov, Head of International Private Law Department, Russian Academy of Foreign Trade, Member of the Council on Civil Law Reform at the President of Russian Federation, ICAC Presidium Member, Member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council); "The Use of the UNIDROIT Principles in the Course of the Reform of Russian Federation Civil Code" (A. Makovskiy, First Deputy of the Chairman of Research Centre on Private Law at the President of the Russian Federation); "The Application of the UNIDROIT Principles in Contract Negotiation and in the Amicable Settlement of Commercial Disputes in the Russian Federation" (A. Muranov, Attorney-at-Law, Associated Professor, Moscow Institute of International Relations, ICAC Presidium Member); "The Application of the UNIDROIT Principles in the Arbitration Practice of ICAC" (M. Savranskiy, Russian Private Law School); "The Application of the UNIDROIT Principles in the Practice of International Arbitration Centres (ICC Arbitration Court, Arbitration Institute of Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, etc.)" (N. Vilkovala, Russian Academy of Foreign Trade, ICC Arbitration Court Member);

- On 23-24 March 2014 a conference launching the Arabic version of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 was held at the Sultan Qaboos University of Muscat, Oman. The conference, which was in both English and Arabic, was supported by the Johns Hopkins University and The Protection Program and organised in collaboration with the Sultan Qaboos University and UNIDROIT. It was opened by M. Mattar of the Johns Hopkins University, A.K. Abdallah of the Sultan Qaboos University of Muscat and A. Veneziano, UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General. Among the speakers were H.D. Gabriel, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, M. Fontaine, member of the UNIDROIT Principles Working Group, E. Omaia, translator of the Arabic version, as well as numerous experts and academics from a variety of jurisdictions, including the Maghreb, Middle East and other Islamic countries (in particular, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Palestine, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and Turkey). In addition, B. Akhalghi presented the integral translation of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 into Persian;

- On 25 April 2014 an international Colloquium was held at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, on "International Contracts and Arbitration: Recent Developments". The Colloquium, organised by the Interdisciplinary Center of Research Law, Business and Society Jean Renaud (CRIDES) of the Catholic University of Louvain, in collaboration with the University of Liège and

under the auspices of the European Law Institute, was attended by numerous eminent experts from all over Europe. Ch. Chappuis (University of Geneva) presented a paper on “The Significance of the UNIDROIT Principles for International Contract Practice”;

- On 9-10 May 2014 an international congress was held in Rome on “20 Years of UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: Experiences and Prospects”. The event was attended by a large number of academics and practitioners from all over the world. The Congress was divided into four sessions. The first session, chaired by the President of UNIDROIT, A. Mazzoni, was devoted to “*The role of the UNIDROIT Principles in international contract practice*”, with presentations by K.P. Berger (University of Cologne), F. Bortolotti (University of Turin) and H. van Houtte (President, US-Iran Claims Tribunal). The second session, chaired by D. Wallace Jr. (Georgetown University, Washington), was devoted to “*The UNIDROIT Principles and international investment contracts*”, with presentations by P. Bernardini (Ughi & Nunziante, Rome), G. Cordero-Moss (University of Oslo), J. Kleinheisterkamp (London School of Economics) and A. Reinisch (University of Vienna). The third session, chaired by M.J. Bonell (University of Rome I), was devoted to “*The application of the UNIDROIT Principles in international commercial arbitration*”, with presentations by J. Bosco Lee (Universidade Positivo, Curitiba), Y. Derains (Derains & Gharavi, Paris), H. Grigera Naon, (Washington College of Law), H. Kronke (US-Iran Claims Tribunal), and F. Mazza (German Arbitration Institution). The fourth session, chaired by J.A. Estrella Faria (Secretary-General of UNIDROIT), was devoted to “*The UNIDROIT Principles as a means of interpreting domestic law*”, with presentations by M. Bridge, (London School of Economics), M. Malaguti (Mazzoni & Associati, Milan), R. Michaels (Duke University School of Law) and Ch. Ramberg (Stockholm University). The Concluding Remarks were by the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT J.A. Estrella Faria. Most of the papers presented at the Congress were published in the Uniform Law Review 2014/4).

Lectures

On 11 June 2014, A. Veneziano, Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, gave an on-line lecture on “UNIDROIT and the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts” as part of the Certificate Program on International Commercial Law and International Alternative Dispute Resolution – Pace Law School (NY, USA).

b. Different language versions of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010

In the course of 2014 the Arabic and Persian versions of the integral text of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 were published. The Indonesian, Romanian, Slovak and Turkish translations of the integral version are underway. The black letter rules of the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 are now also available in Arabic, Chinese, German, Greek, Hungarian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian.

2. International Interests in Mobile Equipment

a. Cape Town Convention and its Protocols

Depositary

UNIDROIT has been designated as the Depositary of the *Cape Town Convention* (pursuant to Article 62(1) of the Convention) and the *Aircraft Protocol* (pursuant to Article XXXVII(1) of the Aircraft Protocol), which both entered into force on 1 March 2006. As at 31 December 2014, there were 64 Contracting States to the Convention and 57 Contracting States to the Aircraft Protocol.

Between 1 January and 31 December 2014, the following 5 States deposited their instruments of ratification or accession to the Convention and Aircraft Protocol: Bhutan, Egypt, Malawi, San Marino and Viet Nam. Also during that period, Burkina Faso deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention (only).

In its capacity as Depositary, UNIDROIT publishes Depositary reports pursuant to Article 61(1) of the Convention¹² and Article XXXVI(1) of the Aircraft Protocol.¹³ The report covering the period 2012-2013¹⁴ was published in 2014 on the basis also of the report submitted by the Supervisory Authority.

UNIDROIT has been designated as the Depositary of the *Luxembourg Protocol* (pursuant to its Article XXXIV(1)). The Luxembourg Protocol was adopted on 23 February 2007 at a diplomatic Conference held in Luxembourg, has 4 Signatory States (Gabon, Germany, Italy and Switzerland), 1 Contracting State (Luxembourg) and one Contracting regional economic integration organisation (European Union). It has not yet entered into force.

On 18 December 2014 the European Union's instrument of approval to the Luxembourg Protocol was deposited with UNIDROIT by H.E. Mrs Laurence Argimon-Pistre, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, to the Holy See, to the Order of Malta and to the United Nations Organisations in Rome. The European Union made a declaration under Article XXII(2) of the Luxembourg Protocol.

Seminars and conferences

The International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) held its XIX quadrennial Congress in Vienna on 20-27 July 2014, during which a specific session was devoted to "Security interests burdening transport vehicles – The Cape Town Convention and its implementation in national law". The session, under the Chairmanship of E. Dirix, was opened by the General Reporter S. Kozuka and featured national reports from twelve countries. A. Veneziano, Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, contributed the Italian national report, which was published in S.I.R.D. (Ed.), "Rapports Nationaux Italiens/Italian National Reports, XIXth International Congress of Comparative Law, Vienna 2014.

On 16 September 2014, a seminar entitled "European Seminar on Cape Town Convention and its Aircraft Protocol: Advancing Ratification and Implementation" was held in Warsaw. The seminar, jointly organised by the Aviation Working Group (AWG), UNIDROIT and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Poland, was addressed to governmental and aviation authorities, officials and professional experts, and designed to advance and assess ratifications and implementation of the Cape Town Convention (CTC). It also had the aim of helping professionals and practitioners in Contracting States. Experts involved in the development and practical implementation of the CTC, including experts from European countries that have ratified the CTC, shared their knowledge and experiences. The seminar hosted, among others, a contribution by the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT.

A European Seminar on the Luxembourg Protocol, organised jointly by the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection and the Rail Working Group, was held on 22 September 2014 in Berlin. It was addressed to governmental and aviation authorities, officials and professional experts, and was designed to promote the implementation of the Rail Protocol. Experts on the Cape Town Convention / Railway Protocol from all over the world contributed to the seminar, which was opened by H.-G. Bollweg of the German Federal Ministry of Justice (and member of UNIDROIT's Governing Council), together with the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT as well as the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for the International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).

¹² Article 61(1) of the Convention provides: "The Depositary shall prepare reports yearly or at such other times as the circumstances may require for the States Parties as to the manner in which the international regimen established in this Convention has operated in practice. In preparing such reports, the Depositary shall take into account the reports of the Supervisory Authority concerning the functioning of the international registration system."

¹³ Article XXXVI(1) of the Aircraft Protocol provides: "The Depositary, in consultation with the Supervisory Authority, shall prepare reports yearly, or at such other times as the circumstances may require, for the States Parties as to the manner in which the international regimen established in this Convention as amended by this Protocol has operated in practice. In preparing such reports, the Depositary shall take into account the reports of the Supervisory Authority concerning the functioning of the international registration system."

¹⁴ See the previous Reports on the UNIDROIT website at the following page:
<http://www.unidroit.org/depositary-2001capetown>

Other activities

On 31 March and 1 April 2014, the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT attended the 53rd session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN/COPUOS) in Vienna as an observer for UNIDROIT, where he presented a statement on the Space Protocol and its possible economic benefits with particular regard to the promotion of private investments in space activities.

On 12 June 2014, a delegation of the Directorate for Legal and Administrative Affairs of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of Indonesia met in Rome with Anna Veneziano and Marina Schneider on behalf of the UNIDROIT Secretariat to discuss issues relating to the implementation of the Aircraft Protocol and the development of a legal framework on aircraft mortgages in Indonesia. The meeting was followed by a written memorandum prepared by the Secretariat in response to the list of issues raised by the Indonesian delegation.

On 3 December 2014, the UNIDROIT Secretariat issued a memorandum on the latest developments concerning the Space Protocol, in response to the invitation received by UNIDROIT as observer to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UN-OOSA) to report to the 54th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN/COPUOS) on activities relating to space law.

b. Cape Town Convention Academic Project

The Cape Town Convention Academic Project held its third annual Conference in Oxford on 9 and 10 September 2014, with the active participation of academics, practicing lawyers and governmental experts. The Deputy Secretary-General attended the conference on behalf of UNIDROIT. A number of highly relevant issues regarding the practical application of the Cape Town Convention system were addressed, in particular an update on the UK ratification process (H. Gowen), the CTC and treaty compliance (J. Wool, with comments by C. Mooney and L. Weber), the relation between Article 31 of EU Regulation No. 44/2001 and the CTC (A. McCarthy, with a comment by A. Veneziano), de-registration and export provisions (D. Walton and D. Gerber, with a comment by D. Grey), the CTC and international research and information systems (R. Bird, K. Brown and P. Hazelton), the relationship between the CTC and national law (B. Havel), the Rail International Registry and national systems of rail registration (H. Rosen, with a comment by M. Fleetwood) and Space Protocol and international space-related law (M. Sundahl, with a comment by S. Kozuka). The papers were published in the third issue of the Cape Town Convention Journal.

3. International Protection of Cultural Property

1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally exported Cultural Objects and UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects

On 31 December 2014, there were 36 Contracting States of the *UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects* (cf. Annex II), Angola being the latest State to accede to the Convention in 2014. Other instruments of accession are to be deposited with the Depositary and ratification or accession procedures are in progress in other countries.

The UNIDROIT Secretariat has pursued its efforts to publicise the Convention and the Model Provisions also thanks to the excellent long-standing collaboration with UNESCO but also partnerships and collaboration with other international organisations on the subject of cultural property, the activities relating to which have known a great upswing.

In 2014, UNIDROIT has developed or continued collaborations with:

- UNESCO – in Cairo (Egypt) for an introductory workshop on prevention and fight against illicit traffic of cultural property in Egypt (March-April); in Paris (UNESCO Headquarters) for an international expert meeting entitled “Rallying the International Community to Safeguard Syria’s Cultural Heritage” in the framework of the project *Emergency Safeguarding of the Syrian Cultural Heritage* (May); in Beirut for a training to fight illicit trafficking of Syrian Cultural Properties also in the framework of the project *Emergency Safeguarding of the Syrian Cultural Heritage*

(November); in Bangkok (Thailand) for a Sub-regional Symposium for the Fight against Illicit Traffic of Cultural Heritage in South-East Asia (November);

- the *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)* – participation in the 3rd meeting of the expert group on protection against trafficking in cultural property (Vienna, January) and in the 23rd session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna, May);

- *INTERPOL* – 11th Meeting of the INTERPOL Expert Group (IEG) on Stolen Cultural Property (Lyon, France, February 2014);

- the *World Customs Organization (WCO)*: UNIDROIT is partner in the ARCHEO network which is a communication tool dedicated to real-time information exchange and cooperation in the field of protection of cultural property;

- the *European Union* – UNIDROIT was invited by the Permanent Representation of Greece to UNESCO, in the framework of the Greek EU Presidency, to a Colloquium on “The proposals of recast of the European Directive on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State – the co-operation with UNESCO and UNIDROIT” (Paris, March); UNIDROIT also participated in the Course 2014/20 “Theft of Cultural Heritage/Artwork” organized by CEPOL in Rome (Italy) in April;

- the *International Council of Museums (ICOM)* – participation in the *International Observatory on Illicit Traffic in Cultural Goods*;

- the *Department of Carabinieri for the Protection of Cultural Heritage (CC TPC)* - Training workshop on the Fight against the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property for policemen and judges from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (October).

Finally, UNIDROIT was invited by national Government for training workshops (Workshop “Building capacities and raising awareness on the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural objects” organized in Masqat, Oman, in May) or international conferences (4th International Conference of Experts on the Return of Cultural Property organized by the State Administration of Cultural Heritage of People’s Republic China in Dunhuang, September).

4. Geneva Securities Convention

The Convention has one Signatory State, Bangladesh.

The Committee on Emerging Markets Issues, Follow-up and Implementation (“CEM”) is responsible for follow-up on the Convention. During the three meetings held thus far (Rome in 2010, Rio de Janeiro in 2012 and Istanbul in 2013), the CEM discussed the way in which the Convention had been received, particularly with respect to its implementation and incorporation into domestic law. Most of the States represented at these meetings indicated that they were working on new legislation in the financial markets field, and that the Convention heavily influenced some of the projected reforms.

In view of the request for technical assistance expressed by some States wishing to incorporate certain matters addressed in the Geneva Securities Convention into their own legislation, and given the quality of the experts making up the Committee, it was suggested that UNIDROIT set up a network of experts willing and able to assist these States regarding possible ratification and accession to the Convention. To do so, UNIDROIT should co-operate with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and the World Bank, so that the expertise developed by each of these organisations and their special resources could collectively be put to good use. The expected departure of the staff member entrusted with these matters in 2013 did not permit the Secretariat to follow up on them throughout 2014. With the arrival of additional staff during the fall of 2014, work is to recommence in this regard.

III. LEGAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME AND NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. LEGAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

The broad aim of the programme of legal co-operation is to promote relations between UNIDROIT and member and non-member States with a view to achieving the statutory aims of the Organisation. The Programme is designed above all for countries lacking sufficient resources to participate in the legal harmonisation process, in particular developing countries and countries in economic transition, and essentially focuses on the efforts undertaken to implement and disseminate the work of the Institute, and provides training and research opportunities for high-level jurists, by means of a Scholarships Programme. For the Organisation's institutional relations with Governments (visits and seminars in member and non-member countries), see *supra* p. 7.

1. Co-operation with partner organisations

The UNIDROIT Secretariat maintains close institutional co-operation links with a broad range of organisations with a universal or regional mandate. This includes the exchange of information and consultations with respect to topics of common interest, in particular in the framework of the Institute's legislative activities (see *supra*).

2. Research Scholarships Programme

Since it was first launched in 1993, the Research Scholarships Programme has enabled the Institute to host nearly 261 researchers from some 61 countries with a view to their conducting in-depth research on their chosen subject, provided it is in line with UNIDROIT's activities or at any rate involves uniform law, in the Institute Library for an average of two months.

In 2014, donations were received from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law, as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council. Some funding received in 2013 has been used for research stays in 2014.

Fifteen researchers from eleven different countries were hosted in 2014 in accordance with the decision taken by Secretariat following the decision of the Governing Council, at its 92th session in 2013 to remove the budgetary line item "Legal Co-operation Programme" from the budget. The following persons were hosted under the Programme:

- Ms BOURAOUI Fatma (Tunisia), Professor, University of Carthage, Tunis – Research on: "The UNIDROIT Principles as a Renewed Source of the Lex Mercatoria, and the Islamic Law as a Part of this Dialectic" – UNIDROIT scholarship (20 Jan. – 24 Mar. 2014)
- Ms MEVOUNGOU ZAMBO Romy Suzanne, (Cameroon), Ph.D Candidate, University of Yaoundé 2 - Soa – Research on: "Les tentatives de codification de la période précontractuelle dans l'œuvre législative contemporaine" – UNIDROIT scholarship (19 Jan. – 14 Mar. 2014)
- Ms XIN Chen (People's Republic of China), Assistant Professor of Law, School of Law, Xiamen University, – Research on: "The Possibility of Introducing Close-Out Netting Provision into China's Legal System" – UNIDROIT scholarship (3 Feb. – 28 Mar. 2014)
- Ms SINGH Vanya, (India), Assistant legal Advisor, Securities and Exchange Board of India - Research on: "The impact of foreign institutional investments on domestic retail participation in the capital markets in India" – UNIDROIT scholarship (3 Feb. – 14 Mar. 2014.)
- Ms BILOUS Oksana (Ukraine), Ph.D Candidate, Department of Private International Law, Institute of International Relations, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv, – Research on: "A comparative Analysis of Contract Law Based on the UNIDROIT Principles" - UNIDROIT scholarship (3 Feb. – 14 Mar. 2014)

- Mr KADAVIL SATHYAPALAN Harisankar (India), Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University, Jodhpur,- Research on: "The Interactions between International Private Law and International Commercial Arbitration – Focusing on the potential relevance of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts " – The Netherlands/UNIDROIT scholarship (17 Mar. – 8 May 2014)
- Ms HOK Siem (Cambodia), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,- Research on: "The Financial Lease in the UNIDROIT Instruments, the UCC and the Cambodian legislation – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (14 Apr. – 23 May 2014)
- Ms YANG Jiuying (People's Republic of China), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,- Research on: "A Comparative Study on Fundamental Breach under the CISG, PICC and Chinese Contract Law" – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (14 Apr. – 23 May 2014)
- Dr FU Wenyi (People's Republic of China), Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Law College of Kunming University of Science and Technology, Kunming,- Research on: "Genetically Modified Crops and Intellectual Property Law Issues in Agricultural Contracts in China and under a Comparative Law Perspective" –UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (2 Jun. – 31 Jul. 2014)
- Mr NGUYEN Huy Hoang (Vietnam), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,- Research on: "Third Party Liability Due to GNSS Malfunction : Liabilities Arising from Third Party States" – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (3 Jun. – 11 Jul 2014)
- Ms NGUYEN Thi Thu Trang (Vietnam), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,- Research on: "Legal Policies and Regulations Governing Contract Farming in Vietnam" – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (3 Jun. – 11 Jul 2014)
- Ms VU Kim Hanh Dung (Vietnam), Master of Laws Graduate, Transnational Law and Business University, Seoul,- Research on: "Intellectual Property Law in Asean Economic Community – A Lesson from EU" – Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) scholarship (3 Jun. – 11 Jul 2014)
- Mr ABUAL-ARJA Ihab (Jordan), Legal Director, Aviation Jurist, Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC),- Research on: "Security Interests and Remedies protecting Creditors under the Cape Town Convention and its Protocol on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment – A Study Applied to the Jordanian Legal System" – UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (20 Jun. – 27 Jul. 2014)
- Ms ADEWUMI A. Afolasade (Nigeria), Ph.D Candidate, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan- Research on: "A Comparative analysis of the 1970 UNESCO and the 1995 UNIDROIT Conventions on Return and Restitution of Cultural Property to their Countries of Origin with Particular Emphasis on Africa" – UNITED KINGDOM Foundation scholarship (2 Oct. – 7 Nov. 2014)
- Mr TOBAR TORRES Jenner Alonso (Colombia), Ph.D Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires – Research on: "The normative self-regulation of private actors in international trade: the case of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts" – UNITED KINGDOM Foundation scholarship (20 Oct. – 20 Dec. 2014)

3. Collaborators, interns and researchers

The following persons were welcomed in 2014 as *interns* under an institutional cooperation with UNIDROIT:

Ms Andrea Piccolo Brandao (Brazil) and Mr Ernesto Vargas (Chile) - *New York University of Law*.

The following students were welcomed as interns in the UNIDROIT Secretariat and in the UNIDROIT Library:

Ms Dunia Abboud (Brazil/Lebanon), Mr Jeremy Boulanger-Bonnely (Canada), Mr Teemu Viinikainen (Finland), Ms Natasha Constantin, Ms Aurore Dorget (France), Mr Klaus Alexander Hoffmann, Ms Anne Marie Hurtz (Germany), Ms Elpida Siamnou (Greece), Mr Riccardo Savona Siemens (Italy), Mr Mitsuhiro Yoshimura (Japan), Ms Cheong Ah Lee, Mr Sungkyu Lee (Rep. of

Korea), Ms Clara Maria Lopez Rodriguez (Spain) Mr José La Riva (Switzerland/Venezuela), Ms Maryna Chaika, Ms Olga Nalvaichenko (Ukraine), Ms Kristin Grotecloss (USA).

The following persons were welcomed as *independent researchers* in the UNIDROIT Library:

Ms Albana Hana (Albania), Mr Sofiane Hadidane, Mr Kara Mouloud (Algeria), Mr Fabio Esborraz (Argentina), Ms Brooke Adele Marshall (Australia/New Zealand), Mr Rodrigo Vaz Sampaio, Mr Hugo Tubone Yamashita, Ms Betina Vargas (Brazil), Mr Mauricio Andrés Inostroza Saez (Chile), Mr Sébastien Vanegas (France), Ms Maia Gogoladze (Georgia), Mr Jakub Krumrey, Mr Philipp Paech (Germany), Ms Martina Ciccarello, Ms Giuditta Cordero-Moss, Mr Lorenzo D'alessio, Mr Filip Fabbio, Ms Carlotta Frattari, Ms Roberta Peleggi, Mr Valerio Romano, Ms Benedetta Sirgiovanni, Mr Matteo Zamboni (Italy), Mr Pong Gui (PRC), Ms Irina Lapetova, Ms Anait Abramyan, Ms Yulia Shabalina (Russian Federation), Mr Jorge Feliu Rey, Ms Sara Martin Salamanca, Mr Juan Pablo Rodriguez Delgado, Ms Lourdes Blanco Perez-Rubio, Mr Juan Pablo Perez Velazquez, Ms Teresa Rodriguez De Las Heras Balell (Spain), Ms Verity Winship (USA).

B. UNIDROIT ON INTERNET – www.unidroit.org

The new UNIDROIT website became operative on 10 January 2014. It is continuously updated and improved, as additional refinements are identified through use. The website has proved to be the best and easiest introduction to the organisation and its almost ninety-year activity. Given the organisation's long and important historical tradition, the organisation is endeavouring to post additional historic materials on the site.

C. DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES FOR UNIDROIT DOCUMENTATION

To date, 52 libraries in 46 member States have been designated depositories for UNIDROIT documentation. For a list of Depository Libraries see Annex IV.

D. UNIDROIT LIBRARY

Library cooperation and networking

In 2014 the UNIDROIT Library continued its cooperation strategy with other Roman and foreign libraries. In 2014, a very fruitful collaboration programme was established with the Library Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany.

The cooperation strategy encourages the sharing of resources, in particular with regard to legal periodicals, which are very costly. Thanks to the sharing of legal periodicals, it is possible to "liberate" a greater part of the budget which has been utilised for the acquisition of monographs.

In 2014, a collaboration programme was also continued with the Library of our sister organisation UNCITRAL, and also with the Library of the Max-Planck-Institute for Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg.

Library management software upgrading

The Library's software management system Aleph500 was upgraded to the latest version Aleph 21.1.2 without any interruption of services for the Institute's professional staff or the researchers in the Library.

Cataloguing

With regard to cataloguing, work continued with regard to the development of a so called "Legal thesaurus", which allows an even more precise search result in all languages. The project is very innovative, as just a few other libraries in the world operate a legal thesaurus in various languages. As such, the unique and innovative nature of the legal thesaurus has made the cataloguing project very challenging.

Data-Bases

UNIDROIT currently subscribes to the following electronic resources: HeinOnline, West Law International and Sistema Pluris On-Line, Beck-Online commercial law modules, LexisNexis Juris Classeur. Those databases cover the civil law, common law and mixed jurisdictions and offer a wide range of research possibility for our researchers.

The databases are accessible on the basis of a multi user agreement, and will therefore be available for UNIDROIT scientific staff and researchers at any time.

Digitisation

At its 93rd session (Rome, May 2014), the Governing Council requested clarification as to whether it was possible to digitise Library materials so as to offer the Library readers an even broader range of research material.

In 2014 the Library examined the key issues involved in the conceptualisation, planning and implementation of a digitisation project. UNIDROIT examined the practical and financial possibilities for the realisation of such a project. The various technical ways of the digitisation of materials were checked. Furthermore, the UNIDROIT Library requested information regarding the digitisation projects conducted by Google Books, regarding library consortia and the various possibilities and costs of an independent solution for the UNIDROIT Library for the realisation of such a challenging project. Digitisation has opened up new audiences and services for libraries, and it should also be integrated into the plans and policies of the UNIDROIT Library to maximise its effectiveness.

Acquisitions, donations, exchanges

In 2014, the Library's holdings increased by 1321 titles, 642 were purchased, 154 obtained on an exchange basis and 525 other titles were received as gifts for a total value of Euro 26.250,00. The Library's acquisition policy has been difficult due to the significant rise in the price of publications.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Library received donations in kind from the Max-Planck-Institute of Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg, and from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG).

Visitors

The Library continues to attract readers from all over the world. Among the 1318 visitors in 2014, the 61 foreign guests came from 30 different countries.

E. PUBLICATIONS

The Uniform Law Review

Published by the Oxford University Press (OUP) since 2013, the Uniform Law Review is available both on paper and online. Subscriptions can be to either or to both. Statistics regarding the sale and distribution of the Review are available as from March/April of the following year. As regards the sales of the Review in the year 2013, these remained at the levels of 2012 but were expected to increase in 2014. The royalties due to UNIDROIT for 2013 were very small (€ 138), once the expenses associated with the production and the launching of the Review had been subtracted.

In 2013, out of a total of 178 subscriptions, 107 were to subscribers in Europe, 51 to subscribers in North America and 20 to subscribers in the rest of the world. The majority were to the paper-based journal (107 out of 178) whereas only 15 were to the online version of the Review only and 14 were to the paper-based and online versions of the Review combined.

In addition, a considerable number of complimentary copies were distributed (38 copies both print and online, 116 print only, 10 online only, 848 online only to developing countries¹⁵), which is part

¹⁵ The 848 complimentary copies were distributed as follows: Afghanistan 2 copies; Bangladesh 59; Benin 1; Bhutan 1; Burkina Faso 6; Cambodia 15; Chad 1; Congo 1; Congo, Dem Rep of 12; Equatorial Guinea

of the promotion strategy of the OUP, but also of UNIDROIT itself. Of the free copies, the 116 indicated above were distributed to recipients indicated by UNIDROIT, mainly for the purposes of exchanges for the Library.

The Accounts for 2013 (the nine months ended 31 December 2013) presented by the OUP demonstrated that the Uniform Law Review in substance broke even. The total income was € 28,889.00 whereas the total expenditure was € 27,967.00. The income included subscriptions, single and back issues, secondary rights and pay per view. The expenditure included copy-editing, the cost of the paper and typesetting, printing and electronic publishing. Also included were the costs of the Editorial, distribution and marketing..

In regards to the contents of the Review in 2014, Issue 2 contained a Special focus with papers, or articles based on papers, presented at the First ELI-UNIDROIT Exploratory Workshop entitled "From Transnational Principles to European Rules of Civil Procedure" held in Vienna in October 2013 and Issue 4 published articles based on or reproducing the papers submitted at the seminar celebrating "Twenty Years of UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: Experiences and Prospects" (Rome, 9-10 May 2014).

Official Commentaries on the UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and its Protocols

The second edition of the Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Luxembourg Protocol thereto on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock, was published early in 2014.

Furthermore, a Chinese translation of the Official Commentaries on the Convention and Aircraft Protocol and the Convention and Rail Protocol were published by *Law Press China* following an agreement between Sir Roy Goode and *Law Press China*.

Booklets with UNIDROIT Instruments

In 2014 the practice continued of publishing a number of booklets containing the text of UNIDROIT instruments that are not for sale but for use at conferences and other events.

The 2014 booklets included those on the Model Clauses for the use of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (English only, re-print), on the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects and UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects (English and French, reprint), the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (English and French) and each of the three Protocols thereto, on Aircraft Equipment (English only), Railway Rolling Stock (English and French) and Space Assets (English and French), and the UNIDROIT Model Franchise Disclosure Law (English). The last quarter of the year also saw the re-printing of the booklets containing the Principles on the Operation of Close-out Netting Provisions (English and French).

F. UNIDROIT FOUNDATION / UK FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM LAW

In 2014 the *UNIDROIT Foundation* contributed the sum of € 31,000.00 to the UNIDROIT Library, € 10,000.00 for the Research Scholarships Programme, and € 4,000.00 for the promotion of UNIDROIT instruments.

The *UK Foundation for International Uniform Law* contributed the sum of € 10,000.00 to the Research Scholarships Programme.

1; Eritrea 4; Ethiopia 63; Gambia 2; Ghana 16; Grenada 1; Guinea-Bissau 1; Haiti 3; Kenya 78; Kirghizstan 7; Laos 1; Liberia 2; Madagascar 13; Malawi 30; Mali 6; Montenegro 1; Mozambique 24; Myanmar 5; Nepal 224; Niger 1; North Korea 1; Rwanda 46; Senegal 1; Sierra Leone 4; Tanzania 66; Togo 1; Uganda 66; Zambia 38; and Zimbabwe 44.

ANNEX I

**LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE UNIDROIT SECRETARIAT IN 2013
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS WORK PROGRAMME**

The following documents relating to the implementation of the Institute's Work Programme were published in 2014, in English and French unless otherwise stated:

STUDY L - PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

Working Group on Long-Term Contracts (Rome, 19-23 January 2015)

Doc. 126 - The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and Long-Term Contracts (Position paper prepared by Professor Michael Joachim Bonell)

Misc. 2 - Annotated draft agenda

STUDY LXV - LEGAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Scholarships: Impl. 25 - Research Scholarships Programme. Implementation report for 2014

**STUDY 72K - PROTOCOL ON MATTERS SPECIFIC TO AGRICULTURAL, CONSTRUCTION AND MINING EQUIPMENT
(MAC PROTOCOL)**

Study Group - First meeting (Rome, 15-17 December 2014)

Doc. 1 - Annotated draft agenda

Doc. 2 - Legal Analysis (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 3 - Preliminary annotated first draft of a fourth protocol to the Cape Town Convention on matters specific to agricultural, construction and mining equipment (MAC Protocol) (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 4 - Practical issues (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Misc. 1 - List of participants

Misc. 2 - Development of the MAC Protocol

Misc. 3 - Summary of Preliminary Industry Consultations

Misc. 4 - Questionnaire MAC Protocol

STUDY 76A - ELI/UNIDROIT TRANSNATIONAL CIVIL PROCEDURE - FORMULATION OF REGIONAL RULES

Steering Committee (Rome, 12-13 May 2014)

Doc. 1 - Draft agenda

Doc. 2 - Report

Steering Committee and Working Groups Joint meeting (Rome, 27-28 November 2014)

Misc. 1 - Draft agenda

Doc. 1 - Working Group on Provisional and Protective Measures - First Report November 2014

Doc. 2 - Working Group on Provisional and Protective Measures - First Report November 2014

Doc. 3 - Working Group on Service - First Report November 2014

Doc. 4 – Candidates for advisers

Doc. 5 – Report (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

STUDY LXXVIII B - EMERGING MARKETS ISSUES, FOLLOW-UP AND IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on emerging markets issues, follow-up and implementation established by the diplomatic Conference to Adopt a Convention on Substantive Rules regarding Intermediated (Third meeting, Istanbul, 11-13 November 2013)

Doc. 3 – Report (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

STUDY LXXXA – CONTRACT FARMING

UNIDROIT Working Group for the preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming

Third meeting (Rome, 3-6 March 2014)

Doc. 8 – Revised draft Introduction (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 9 – Revised draft Chapter I – Parties to the contract (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 10 – Draft Chapter II – Contract form and formation (prepared by Professor Bryan A. Endres)

Doc. 11 – Revised draft Chapter III – Parties' obligations (prepared by Professor Marcel Fontaine and Professor Henry Gabriel)

Doc. 12 – Draft Chapter IV – Part I – Excuses for non-performance (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 13 – Draft Chapter IV – Remedies for breach (prepared by Professor Fabrizio Cafaggi, in collaboration with Professor Paola Iamiceli)

Doc. 14 – Draft Chapter V – Duration, renewal and termination (prepared by Professor M. Joachim Bonell)

Doc. 15 – Draft Chapter VI - Applicable law and dispute resolution (prepared by Prof. Paripurna P. Sugarda and the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 16 - Report on the Third Meeting of the UNIDROIT Working Group for the preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming, Rome, 3-6 March 2014 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 17 - Future UNIDROIT / FAO - Legal Guide on Contract Farming - Abstract

Consultation events

Doc. 18 - Contract Farming Today, *The Right Equilibrium ...* Workshop organized by the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law – UNIDROIT - Buenos Aires, 25 March 2014: Report

Doc. 20 - The Legal Dimension of Contract Farming - Promoting Good Contract Practices between Producers and Buyers in Contract Farming Operations in the Asian Context - Bangkok, 26 September 2014: Report

Doc. 21 - Good Corporate Practices in Contract Farming - Consultation Workshop on the UNIDROIT / FAO Legal Guide on Contract Farming - Rome, Italy – UNIDROIT HQ, Via Panisperna 28, 10 October 2014: Report

Doc. 22 - The Legal Dimension of Contract Farming - Promoting Good Contract Practices between Producers and Buyers in Contract Farming Operations in the African Context – Addis Ababa, 31 October 2014: Report

Fourth meeting (Rome, 17-20 November 2014)

Doc. 1 Add. 17 - Legal policies and regulations governing contract farming in Vietnam (prepared by Ms Nguyen Thi Thu Trang (2013 Master of Laws, Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU), Seoul)

Doc. 1 Add. 18 - Intellectual Property Rights and Contract Farming (prepared by Dr Fu Wenyi, Associate Professor and Associate Dean Law College of Kunming University of Science and Technology)

Doc. 1 Add. 19 - Price mechanisms in agricultural production contracts (prepared by Teemu Viinikainen (Master of Laws, University of Turku, Finland)

Doc. 19 - Consolidated zero draft of the Guide further to the revision by the drafters of the chapters (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Inf. 1 rev. 3 – Annotated draft agenda

Doc. 23 – Preliminary consultation summary: consolidated issues

Doc. 23 Add. - Addendum Consultation summary: consolidated issues

Doc. 23 Add. 2 – Addendum 2 Consultation summary: consolidated issues

Doc. 23 Add. 3 - Consultation Summary: Comments by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and by the Hague Conference on Private International Law

Doc. 24 rev. – Preliminary Working Group Observations on the Zero Draft

Doc. 24 Add. – Addendum Preliminary Working Group Observations on the Zero Draft

Doc. 25 rev. – Chapter recommendations (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 26 - Report on the Fourth Meeting of the UNIDROIT Working Group for the preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming, Rome, 17-20 November 2014 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

CURRENT WORK ON UNIDROIT'S DEPOSITORY FUNCTIONS

Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town, 2001) and Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (Cape Town, 2001)

Doc. 11 - Depository Report: 1 January 2012 - 31 December 2013

DC10/IR – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY FOR RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK

Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry for Railway Rolling Stock pursuant to the Luxembourg (Rail) Protocol

Sixth session (July-October 2014)

Doc. 2 - Brief overview of the contract documents

Doc. 3 - Draft Contract for the Establishment and Operation of the International Registry for International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Railway Rolling Stock)

Doc. 4 – Master Services Agreement

Doc. 5 – Software Security Agreement

Doc. 6 – Deed of business continuity

Doc. 7 - Summary report of the sixth session

Seventh session (Rome, 11 December 2014)

Doc. 1 – Annotated draft agenda

Doc. 2 – Draft Baseline Regulations for the International Registry for railway rolling stock according to the Luxembourg Protocol

Doc. 3 – Summary report of the seventh session

DC12/IR - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY FOR SPACE PROPERTY

Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry for Space Assets pursuant to the Space Protocol

Second session (Rome, 27-28 January 2014)

Doc. 5 – Draft Space Regulations – Comments (submitted by Professor Souichirou Kozuka, Gakushuin University)

Doc. 6 – Summary report of the second session

Third session (Rome, 11-12 September 2014)

Doc. 1 – Annotated draft agenda

Doc. 2 – Explanatory note on draft Space Registry Regulations as revised August 2014

Doc. 3 - Space Registry Regulations – Revised draft (with annotations) (August 2014)

Doc. 4 - Comparative table of the revisions of Sections 3 and 5 of the draft Regulations for the International Registry for space assets (December 2013, June 2014, August 2014) (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 5 - Table of comments received by Preparatory Commission members and observers 30 July 2014 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Doc. 6 – Comments (submitted by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Doc. 7 - Draft Invitation to Participate in the Solicitations for the International Registry for Space Assets (submitted by Dr Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd, Head of Working Group 2 for the Selection of the Registrar for the Space Protocol)

Doc. 8 - Comments (submitted by the delegation of Germany)

Doc. 9 - Comments (submitted by Professor Kozuka)

Doc. 10 - Comments (submitted by the delegation of France)

Doc. 11 - Space Registry Regulations – Revised draft (with annotations) (12 September 2014)

Doc. 12 rev. – Summary report of the third session

INSTRUMENTS DRAWN UP BY UNIDROIT / INSTRUMENTS ELABORES PAR UNIDROIT

- 1964 Convention relating to a Uniform Law on the International Sale of Goods (ULIS) / *Convention portant loi uniforme sur la vente internationale des objets mobiliers corporels (LUVI)* *
- 1964 Convention relating to a Uniform Law on the Formation of Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (ULFIS) / *Convention portant loi uniforme sur la formation des contrats de vente internationale des objets mobiliers corporels (LUFIC)* *
- 1970 International Convention on the Travel Contracts (CCV) / *Convention internationale relative au contrat de voyage (CCV)*
- 1973 Convention providing a Uniform Law on the Form of an International Will / *Convention portant loi uniforme sur la forme d'un testament international*
- 1983 Convention on Agency in the International Sale of Goods / *Convention sur la représentation en matière de vente internationale de marchandises*
- 1988 UNIDROIT Convention on International Financial Leasing / *Convention d'UNIDROIT sur le crédit-bail international*
- 1988 UNIDROIT Convention on International Factoring / *Convention d'UNIDROIT sur l'affacturage international*
- 1994 Principles of International Commercial Contracts / *Principes relatifs aux contrats du commerce international*
- 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects / *Convention d'UNIDROIT sur les biens culturels volés ou illicitement exportés*
- 1998 Guide to International Master Franchise Arrangements / *Guide sur les accords internationaux de franchise principale*
- 2001 Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment / *Convention relative aux garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement mobiles*
- 2001 Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment / *Protocole portant sur les questions spécifiques aux matériels d'équipement aéronautiques à la Convention relative aux garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement mobiles*
- 2002 Master Franchise Disclosure Law / *Loi type sur la divulgation des informations en matière de franchise*
- 2004 Principles of International Commercial Contracts / *Principes relatifs aux contrats du commerce international*
- 2004 ALI/UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure / *Principes ALI/UNIDROIT de procédure civile transnationale*
- 2007 Luxembourg Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock / *Protocole de Luxembourg portant sur les questions spécifiques au matériel roulant ferroviaire à la Convention relative aux garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement mobiles*
- 2007 Guide to International Master Franchise Arrangements, 2nd edition / *Guide sur les accords internationaux de franchise principale, 2ème édition*
- 2008 UNIDROIT Model law on Leasing / *Loi type d'UNIDROIT sur la location et la location-financement*
- 2009 UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities / *Convention d'UNIDROIT sur les règles matérielles relatives aux titres intermédiés*

* The ULIS and ULFIS Conventions have been denounced by Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and San Marino. Under the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties they have not ceased to exist and they are still in force between Gambia, Israel and the United Kingdom / *Les Conventions LUVI et LUFIC ont été dénoncées par l'Allemagne, la Belgique, l'Italie, le Luxembourg, les Pays-Bas et Saint-Marin. En vertu de la Convention de Vienne sur le droit des traités de 1969, elles n'ont pas cessé d'exister et restent en vigueur entre la Gambie, Israël et le Royaume-Uni.*

- 2010 Principles of International Commercial Contracts / *Principes relatifs aux contrats du commerce international*
- 2011 UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects / *Dispositions modèles UNESCO-UNIDROIT définissant la propriété de l'Etat sur les biens culturels non découverts*
- 2012 Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Space Assets / *Protocole portant sur les questions spécifiques aux biens spatiaux à la Convention relative aux garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement mobiles*
- 2013 Principles on the Operation of Close-out Netting Provisions / *Principes concernant l'applicabilité des clauses de résiliation-compensation*
- 2013 Model Clauses for Use by Parties of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts / *Clauses types sur l'utilisation des Principes d'UNIDROIT relatifs aux contrats du commerce international par les parties*

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION (*) OF CONVENTIONS DRAWN UP BY UNIDROIT AND APPROVED AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES CONVENED BY MEMBER STATES OF UNIDROIT /

ETAT DE MISE EN OEUVRE (*) DES CONVENTIONS PREPAREES PAR UNIDROIT ET APPROUVEES A DES CONFERENCES DIPLOMATIQUES CONVOQUEES PAR DES ETATS MEMBRES D'UNIDROIT

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE TRAVEL CONTRACT (CCV)
CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE RELATIVE AU CONTRAT DE VOYAGE (CCV)**

Adoption: Place: Brussels / *Lieu: Bruxelles*
Date: 23-04-1970

Entry into force: Yes / *Oui* ≈ Date: 24-02-1976
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 5 ratifications (art. 36)

**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** 6

Depositary / Dépositaire: Government of Belgium / *Gouvernement belge* (art. 34)

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHESION	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES	EFFECT OF / EFFET DE DENU(O)NCIATION
Argentina / <i>Argentine</i>	-	25-11-76	25-02-77	-	14-01-10
Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	23-04-70	11-04-73	24-02-76	-	04-10-94
Cameroon / <i>Cameroun</i>	-	16-04-75	24-02-76	D: Art. 13(1)	-
Côte d'Ivoire	23-04-70	-	-	-	-
Dahomey	-	28-03-75	24-02-76	-	-
Haute-Volta	27-04-70	-	-	-	-
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	23-04-70	04-07-79	04-10-79	R: Art. 40(1)(a)	-
Lebanon / <i>Liban</i>	23-04-70	-	-	-	-
Morocco / <i>Maroc</i>	23-04-70	-	-	R: Art. 40(1)(a)-(b)	-
Niger	23-04-70	-	-	-	-
Philippines	23-04-70	-	-	-	-
Portugal	23-04-70	-	-	-	-
Rep. of China / <i>Rép. de Chine</i>	30-12-71	16-08-72	24-02-76	-	-
San Marino / <i>Saint-Marin</i>	23-04-70	16-04-09	16-07-09	R: Art. 40(1)(a)	-
Togo	25-03-71	24-11-75	24-02-76	-	-
Vatican City / <i>Cité du Vatican</i>	23-04-70	-	-	-	-

(*) Based on information available to the Secretariat as of 31 December 2014 / *Ce document est basé sur les informations dont dispose le Secrétariat au 31 décembre 2014.*

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**CONVENTION PROVIDING A UNIFORM LAW ON THE FORM OF AN INTERNATIONAL WILL
CONVENTION PORTANT LOI UNIFORME SUR LA FORME D'UN TESTAMENT INTERNATIONAL**

Adoption: Place/Lieu: Washington
Date: 26-10-1973

Entry into force: Yes/Oui ≈ Date: 09-02-1978
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 5 ratifications (Art. XI)

**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** 13

Depositary / Dépositaire: Government of the United States of America /
Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. DECL. ou RESERVES
Australia / <i>Australie</i>	-	10-09-14	10-03-15	-
Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	17-05-74	21-04-83	21-10-83	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina / <i>Bosnie-Herzégovine</i> *	-	15-08-94	15-08-94	-
Canada for / <i>pour</i>	-	24-01-77		D: Art. XIV
Manitoba			09-02-78	
Newfoundland / <i>Terre Neuve</i>			09-02-78	
Ontario			15-09-78	
Alberta			01-12-78	
Saskatchewan			08-10-82	
Prince Edward Island / <i>Ile du Prince Edouard</i>			22-03-95	
New Brunswick / <i>Nouveau Brunswick</i>			05-12-97	
Nova Scotia / <i>Nouvelle Ecosse</i>			27-05-01	
British Columbia / <i>Colombie britannique</i>			31-03-14	
Croatia / <i>Croatie</i> *	-	18-05-94	18-05-94	
Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	-	19-10-82	19-04-83	-
Ecuador / <i>Equateur</i>	26-07-74	03-04-79	03-10-79	D
France	29-11-74	01-06-94	01-12-94	-
Holy See / <i>Saint-Siège</i>	02-11-73	-	-	-
Iran	27-10-73	-	-	-
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	-	16-05-91	16-11-91	D: Arts. I, II, III
Laos	30-10-73	-	-	-
Libya / <i>Libye</i>	-	04-08-77	09-02-78	-
Niger	-	19-05-75	09-02-78	-
Portugal	-	19-11-75	09-02-78	-
Russian Fed. / <i>Féd. de Russie</i>	17-12-74	-	-	D: Art. XIII
Sierra Leone	27-10-73	-	-	-
Slovenia / <i>Slovénie</i> *	-	20-08-92	20-08-92	-
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	10-10-74	-	-	-
United States of America / <i>Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>	27-10-73	-	-	-

* Dates of notification of succession to the Convention by Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia. The former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia deposited an instrument of accession to the Convention on 9 August 1977. / *Dates de notification de succession à la Convention par la Bosnie-Herzégovine, la Croatie et la Slovénie. L'ancienne République fédérale socialiste de Yougoslavie avait déposé un instrument d'adhésion le 9 août 1977.*

**CONVENTION ON AGENCY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS
CONVENTION SUR LA REPRESENTATION EN MATIERE DE VENTE
INTERNATIONALE DE MARCHANDISES**

Adoption: Place: Geneva / *Lieu*: Genève
Date: 17-02-83

Entry into force: No / *Non*
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 10 ratifications (art. 33)

**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** /

Depositary: Government of Switzerland
Dépositaire: *Gouvernement suisse* (art. 21)

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHESION	ENTRY INTO FORCE/ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. DECL. OU RESERVES	observations
Chile / <i>Chili</i>	17-02-83	-	-	-	-
France	25-10-84	07-08-87	-	-	-
Holy See / <i>Saint-Siège</i>	17-02-83	-	-	-	-
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	09-04-84	16-06-86	-	-	-
Mexico / <i>Mexique</i>	-	22-12-87	-	Art. 27, 29	-
Morocco / <i>Maroc</i>	17-02-83	-	-	-	-
Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	-	02-02-94	-	-	02-02-95 (*)
South Africa / <i>Afrique du sud</i>	-	27-01-86	-	-	-
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	17-02-83	-	-	-	-

(*) Application extended to Aruba / *Application étendue à Aruba.*

**UNIDROIT CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL LEASING
CONVENTION D'UNIDROIT SUR LE CREDIT-BAIL INTERNATIONAL**

Adoption: Place / *Lieu*: Ottawa
Date: 28-05-88

Entry into force: Yes / *Oui* ≈ Date: 01-05-95
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 3 ratifications (art. 16.1)

**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** 10

Depositary / Dépositaire: Government of Canada / *Gouvernement du Canada* (art. 25.1)

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHESION	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. DECL. OU RESERVES
Belarus / <i>Bélarus</i>	-	18-08-98	01-03-99	-
Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	21-12-90	-	-	-
Czech Rep. / <i>Rép. tchèque</i>	16-05-90	-	-	-
Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	30-09-90	-	-	-
France	07-11-89	23-09-91	01-05-95	Art. 20
Ghana	28-05-88	-	-	-
Guinea / <i>Guinée</i>	28-05-88	-	-	-
Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	-	07-05-96	01-12-96	-
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	13-12-90	29-11-93	01-05-95	-
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	06-08-97	01-03-98	-
Morocco / <i>Maroc</i>	04-07-88	-	-	-
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	28-05-88	25-10-94	01-05-95	-
Panama	31-12-90	26-05-97	01-10-97	-
Philippines	28-05-88	-	-	-
Russian Federation / <i>Féd. de Russie</i>	-	03-06-98	01-01-99	Art. 20
Slovak Rep. / <i>Rép. slovaque</i>	16-05-90	-	-	-
Tanzania / <i>Tanzanie</i>	28-05-88	-	-	-
Ukraine	-	05-12-06	01-07-07	-
United States of America / <i>Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>	28-12-90	-	-	-
Uzbekistan / <i>Ouzbékistan</i>	-	06-07-00	01-02-01	-

**UNIDROIT CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL FACTORING
CONVENTION D'UNIDROIT SUR L'AFFACTURAGE INTERNATIONAL**

Adoption:	Place / <i>Lieu</i> : Ottawa Date: 28-05-88
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-05-95 Conditions: 3 ratifications (art. 14.1)
Contracting States / Etats contractants	9
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Government of Canada / <i>Gouvernement du Canada</i> (art. 23.1)

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHESION	ENTRY INTO FORCE ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES
Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	21-12-90	18-03-10	01-10-10	Art. 18
Czech Rep. / <i>Rép. tchèque</i>	16-05-90	-	-	-
Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	30-11-90	-	-	-
France	07-11-89	23-09-91	01-05-95	Art. 18
Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	21-12-90	20-05-98	01-12-98	-
Ghana	28-05-88	-	-	-
Guinea / <i>Guinée</i>	28-05-88	-	-	-
Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	-	07-05-96	01-12-96	-
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	13-12-90	29-11-93	01-05-95	-
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	06-08-97	01-03-98	Art. 18
Morocco / <i>Maroc</i>	04-07-88	-	-	-
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	28-05-88	25-10-94	01-05-95	-
Philippines	28-05-88	-	-	-
Russian Fed. / <i>Féd. de Russie</i>	-	22-08-14	01-03-15	-
Slovak Rep. / <i>Rép. slovaque</i>	16-05-90	-	-	-
Tanzania / <i>Tanzanie</i>	28-05-88	-	-	-
Ukraine	-	05-12-06	01-07-07	-
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	31-12-90	-	-	-
United States of America / <i>Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>	28-12-90	-	-	-

**UNIDROIT CONVENTION ON STOLEN OR ILLEGALLY EXPORTED CULTURAL OBJECTS
CONVENTION D'UNIDROIT SUR LES BIENS CULTURELS VOLES OU ILLICITEMENT EXPORTES**

Adoption:	Place / <i>Lieu</i> : Rome Date: 24-06-1995
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-07-1998 Conditions: 5 ratifications (Art. 12)
Contracting States / Etats contractants	36
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Italian Government / <i>Gouvernement italien</i>

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECLARATIONS
Afghanistan	-	23-09-05	01-03-06	Art. 16
Angola	-	19-06-14	01-12-14	Arts. 16, 17
Argentina / <i>Argentine</i>	-	03-08-01	01-02-02	Art. 16
Azerbaijan / <i>Azerbaïdjan</i>	-	06-06-03	01-12-03	Art. 16
Bolivia / <i>Bolivie</i>	29-06-96	13-04-99	01-10-99	Art. 16
Brazil / <i>Brésil</i>	-	23-03-99	01-09-99	Art. 16
Burkina Faso	24-06-95	-	-	-
Cambodia / <i>Cambodge</i>	24-06-95	11-07-02	01-01-03	Arts. 3(5), 16
China / <i>Chine</i>	-	07-05-97	01-07-98	Arts. 3(5), 16
Colombia / <i>Colombie</i>	-	14-06-12	01-12-12	-
Côte d'Ivoire	24-06-95	-	-	-
Croatia / <i>Croatie</i>	24-06-95	20-09-00	01-03-01	Arts. 16, 17
Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	-	02-03-04	01-09-04	-
Denmark / <i>Danemark</i>	-	01-01-11	01-07-11	Arts. 14(1), 16, 17
Ecuador / <i>Equateur</i>	-	26-11-97	01-07-98	Arts. 3(5), 16

El Salvador	-	16-07-99	01-01-00	Art. 16
Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	01-12-95	14-06-99	01-12-99	Arts. 13(3), 16
France	24-06-95	-	-	-
FYROM / <i>ERYM</i>	-	22-08-13	01-02-14	Art. 16
Gabon	-	12-05-04	01-11-04	-
Georgia / <i>Géorgie</i>	27-06-95	-	-	-
Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	-	19-07-07	01-01-08	Arts. 3(5), 13(3), 16
Guinea / <i>Guinée</i>	24-06-95	-	-	-
Guatemala	-	03-09-03	01-03-04	Arts. 3(5), 16
Honduras	-	27-08-13	01-02-14	-
Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	24-06-95	08-05-98	01-11-98	Arts. 3(5), 16
Iran (Islamic Rep. of / <i>Rép. islamique d'</i>)	-	22-06-05	01-12-05	Art. 16
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	24-06-95	11-10-99	01-04-00	Arts. 13(3), 16
Lithuania / <i>Lituanie</i>	24-06-95	04-04-97	01-07-98	Art. 16
Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	28-06-96	-	-	Arts. 3(5), 13(3)
New Zealand / <i>Nouvelle-Zélande</i>	-	16-11-06	01-05-07	Art. 16
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	-	10-12-05	01-06-06	-
Norway / <i>Norvège</i>	-	28-08-01	01-03-02	Arts. 13(3), 14, 16
Pakistan	27-06-96	-	-	-
Panama	-	26-06-09	01-12-09	Arts 3(5), 16
Paraguay	13-06-96	27-05-97	01-07-98	Arts. 16, 17
Peru / <i>Pérou</i>	28-06-96	05-03-98	01-09-98	Art. 16
Portugal	23-04-96	19-07-02	01-01-03	Arts. 16, 17
Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	27-06-96	21-01-98	01-07-98	Arts. 16, 17
Russian Fed. / <i>Féd. de Russie</i>	29-06-96	-	-	-
Senegal / <i>Sénégal</i>	29-06-96	-	-	-
Slovakia / <i>Slovaquie</i>	-	16-06-03	01-12-03	Art 16
Slovenia / <i>Slovénie</i>	-	08-04-04	01-10-04	Art 16
Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	-	21-05-02	01-11-02	Arts. 3 (5),13(3), 16
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	-	28-06-11	01-12-11	Arts. 13(3), 16, 17
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	26-06-96	-	-	-
Zambia / <i>Zambie</i>	24-06-95	-	-	-

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE EQUIPMENT
CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES
PORTANT SUR DES MATERIELS D'EQUIPEMENT MOBILES

Adoption:	Place: Cape Town / <i>Lieu: Le Cap</i> Date: 16-11-2001
Entry into force:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-03-2006
Entrée en vigueur:	Conditions: 3 ratifications (Art. 49(1))
Contracting States / Etats contractants	64
Depositary / Dépositaire:	UNIDROIT

STATE / <i>ETAT</i>	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / <i>ADHES.</i>	ENTRY INTO FORCE / <i>ENTREE EN VIGUEUR</i>	DECL. or RESERV. / <i>DECL. ou RESERVES</i>
Afghanistan	-	25-07-06	01-11-06	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Albania / <i>Albanie</i>	-	30-10-07	01-02-08	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 54(2)
Angola	-	30-04-06	01-08-06	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 40, 54(2)
Bahrain / <i>Bahreïn</i>	-	27-11-12	01-03-13	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 54(2)
Bangladesh	-	15-12-08	01-04-09	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Belarus / <i>Bélarus</i>	-	28-06-11	01-10-11	D: Art. 54(2)
Bhutan	-	04-07-14	01-11-14	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 54(2)
Brazil / <i>Brésil</i>	-	30-11-11	01-03-12	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 53, 54(2)
Burkina Faso	-	12-12-14	01-04-15 ¹	-
Burundi	16-11-01	-	-	-
Cameroon / <i>Cameroun</i>	-	19-04-11	01-08-11	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Canada	31-03-04	21-12-12	01-04-13	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 52*, 53*, 54(2), 60
Cape Verde / <i>Cap Vert</i>	-	29-09-07	01-01-08	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 40, 53, 54(2)
Chile / <i>Chili</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
China / <i>Chine</i>	16-11-01	03-02-09	01-06-09	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 50, 53, 54(1)-(2), 55
Colombia / <i>Colombie</i>	-	19-02-07	01-06-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 54(2)
Congo	16-11-01	-	-	-

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Costa Rica	-	26-08-11	01-12-11 ¹	D: Art. 53
Cuba	16-11-01	28-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. 54(2)
Egypt / <i>Egypte</i>	-	10-12-14	01-04-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 54(2)
Ethiopia / <i>Ethiopie</i>	16-11-01	21-11-03	01-04-04	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 40, 54(2)
European Union / ² <i>Union européenne</i>	-	28-04-09	01-08-09	D: Arts. 48(2), 55
Fiji / <i>Fidji</i>	-	05-09-11	01-01-12	D: Art. 54(2) *
France	16-11-01	-	-	-
Gabon	-	16-04-10	01-08-10	-
Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	16-11-01	-	-	D
Ghana	16-11-01	-	-	-
India / <i>Inde</i>	-	31-03-08	01-07-08	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Indonesia / <i>Indonésie</i>	-	16-03-07	01-07-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	-	29-07-05	01-11-05	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 54(2)
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	06-12-01	-	-	-
Jamaica / <i>Jamaïque</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Jordan / <i>Jordanie</i>	16-11-01	31-08-10	01-12-10	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 54(2)
Kazakhstan	-	21-01-09	01-05-09 ³	D: Arts. 39(1)(a) ⁺ -(b) ⁺ , 39(4) ⁺ , 40 ⁺ , 53 ⁺ , 54(2) ⁺
Kenya	16-11-01	13-10-06	01-02-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a) ⁺ -(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Kuwait / <i>Koweït</i>	-	31-10-13	01-02-14	D: Art. 54(2)
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	08-02-11	01-06-11	D: Art. 54(2)
Lesotho	16-11-01	-	-	-
Luxembourg	-	27-06-08	01-10-08	D: Arts. 53, 54(2)
Madagascar	-	10-04-13	01-08-13	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Malawi	-	16-01-14	01-05-14	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Malaysia / <i>Malaisie</i>	-	02-11-05	01-03-06	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Malta / <i>Malte</i> **	-	01-10-10	01-02-11	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 39(4), 40, 53, 54(2)
Mexico / <i>Mexique</i>	-	31-07-07	01-11-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 50, 53, 54(2), 60
Mongolia / <i>Mongolie</i>	-	19-10-06	01-02-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 53, 54(2)
Mozambique	-	30-01-12	01-05-12	-
Myanmar	-	03-12-12	01-04-13	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i> ⁴	-	17-05-10	-	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 52, 53, 54(2)
Caribbean part/ <i>Partie caraïbe</i>			01-10-10	
Aruba			01-09-10	
Curaçao			01-10-10	
Sint Maarten			01-10-10	
New Zealand / <i>Nouvelle-Zélande</i>	-	20-07-10	01-11-10	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 52, 53, 54(2), 55
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	16-11-01	16-12-03	01-04-04	D: Arts. 39(1)(a) ⁺ , 40 ⁺ , 53 ⁺ , 54(2) ⁺
Norway / <i>Norvège</i>	-	20-12-10	01-04-11	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 54(2), 55
Oman	-	21-03-05	01-07-05	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Pakistan	-	22-01-04	01-05-04	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Panama	11-09-02	28-07-03	01-04-04	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 50, 53, 54(2)
Russian Federation / <i>Fédération de Russie</i>	-	25-05-11	01-09-11	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 53, 54(2)
Rwanda	-	28-01-10	01-05-10	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
San Marino / <i>Saint-Marin</i>	-	09-09-14	01-01-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 40, 53, 54(2)
Saudi Arabia / <i>Arabie saoudite</i>	12-03-03	27-06-08	01-10-08	D: Art. 54(2)
Senegal / <i>Sénégal</i>	02-04-02	09-01-06	01-05-06	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Seychelles	-	13-09-10	01-01-11 ¹	-
Singapore / <i>Singapour</i>	-	28-01-09	01-05-09	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 53, 54(2)
South Africa / <i>Afrique du sud</i>	16-11-01	18-01-07	01-05-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 54(2)
Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	-	28-06-13	01-10-13 ¹	D: Arts. 52, 54(2)
Sudan / <i>Soudan</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i> <i>ref.)</i>	16-11-01 (<i>ad</i> <i>ref.)</i>	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic / <i>République arabe syrienne</i>	-	07-08-07	01-12-07 ¹	-
Tajikistan / <i>Tadjikistan</i>	-	31-05-11	01-09-11	D: Art. 54(2)
Togo	-	25-01-10	01-05-10 ³	D: Arts. 39(1)(a) ⁺ -(b) ⁺ , 40 ⁺ , 53 ⁺ , 54(2)
Tonga	16-11-01	-	-	-
Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	16-11-01	-	-	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 50, 54(2)
Ukraine	09-03-04	31-07-12	01-11-12	D: Arts. 50, 53, 54(2)
United Arab Emirates / <i>Emirats arabes unis</i>	-	29-04-08	01-08-08	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	16-11-01	-	-	D
United Rep. of Tanzania / <i>Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie</i>	16-11-01	30-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. 54(2)
United States of America / <i>Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>	09-05-03	28-10-04	01-02-05	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 54(2)
Viet Nam	-	17-09-14	01-01-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Zimbabwe	-	13-05-08	01-09-08 ¹	-

¹ Subject to Article 49(1) / *Sous réserve de l'article 49(1)*.

² Regional Economic Integration Organisation / *Organisation régionale d'intégration économique* (Art. 48).

³ This State has provided UNIDROIT with information about its laws and policies in relation to the Convention: see www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/informationcontractingstates.htm // *Cet Etat a fourni à UNIDROIT des informations concernant la situation au regard de sa législation et des politiques applicables aux matières couvertes par la Convention: voir www.unidroit.org/french/conventions/mobile-equipment/informationcontractingstates.htm*

⁴ The Kingdom of the Netherlands deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention on 20 July 2010 for the Netherlands Antilles (Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba) and Aruba. As from 10 October 2010, following a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the reference to the "Netherlands Antilles" is to be replaced by "Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius)" / *Le Royaume des Pays-Bas a déposé son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention le 20 juillet 2010 pour les Antilles néerlandaises et Aruba. A compter du 10 octobre 2010, suite à une réforme des relations constitutionnelles au sein du Royaume des Pays-Bas, la référence aux "Antilles néerlandaises" doit être remplacée par "Curaçao, Sint Maarten et la partie caraïbe des Pays-Bas (les îles de Bonaire, Saba et Sint Eustatius)."*

* Affected by withdrawal and/or subsequent declaration / *Fait l'objet d'un retrait ou d'une déclaration subséquente.*

**PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE EQUIPMENT
ON MATTERS SPECIFIC TO AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT**
**PROTOCOLE PORTANT SUR LES QUESTIONS SPECIFIQUES AUX MATERIELS D'EQUIPEMENT
AERONAUTIQUES A LA CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES
PORTANT SUR DES MATERIELS D'EQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

Adoption: Place: Cape Town / *Lieu:* Le Cap – Date: 16-11-2001
Entry into force: Yes / *Oui* ≈ Date: 01-03-2006
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 8 ratifications (Art. XXVIII(1))
**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** 56
Depositary / Dépositaire: UNIDROIT

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. ou RESERVES
Afghanistan	-	25-07-06	01-11-06	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Albania / <i>Albanie</i>	-	30-10-07	01-02-08	D: Arts. XIX, XXX(1)
Angola	-	30-04-06	01-08-06	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Bangladesh	-	15-12-08	01-04-09	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Bahrain / <i>Bahreïn</i>	-	27-11-12	01-03-13	-
Belarus / <i>Bélarus</i>	-	27-09-11	01-01-12	-
Bhutan	-	04-07-14	01-11-14	-
Brazil / <i>Brésil</i>	-	30-11-11	01-03-12	D: Arts. XIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Burundi	16-11-01	-	-	-
Cameroon / <i>Cameroun</i>	-	19-04-11	01-08-11	-
Canada	31-03-04	21-12-12	01-04-13	D: Arts. XXIX*, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Cape Verde / <i>Cap-Vert</i>	-	26-09-07	01-01-08	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Chile / <i>Chili</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
China / <i>Chine</i>	16-11-01	03-02-09	01-06-09	D: Arts. XIX, XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Colombia / <i>Colombie</i>	-	19-02-07	01-06-07	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Congo	16-11-01	-	-	-
Cuba	16-11-01	28-01-09	01-05-09	-
Egypt / <i>Egypte</i>	-	10-12-14	01-04-15	-
Ethiopia / <i>Ethiopie</i>	16-11-01	21-11-03	01-03-06	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
European Union / ¹ <i>Union européenne</i>	-	28-04-09	01-08-09	D: Arts. XXVII(2), XXX(5)
Fiji / <i>Fidji</i>	-	30-05-12	01-09-12	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
France	16-11-01	-	-	-
Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	16-11-01	-	-	D
Ghana	16-11-01	-	-	-
India / <i>Inde</i>	-	31-03-08	01-07-08	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Indonesia / <i>Indonésie</i>	-	16-03-07	01-07-07	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	-	23-08-05	01-03-06	D: Art. XXX(1), (2)
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	06-12-01	-	-	-
Jamaica / <i>Jamaïque</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Jordan / <i>Jordanie</i>	16-11-01	31-08-10	01-12-10	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Kazakhstan	-	01-06-11	01-10-11	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Kenya	16-11-01	13-10-06	01-02-07	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Kuwait / <i>Koweït</i>	-	31-10-13	01-02-14	-
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	08-02-11	01-06-11	-
Lesotho	16-11-01	-	-	-
Luxembourg	-	27-06-08	01-10-08	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)

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Madagascar	-	10-04-13	01-08-13	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Malawi	-	16-01-14	01-05-14	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Malaysia / <i>Malaisie</i>	-	02-11-05	01-03-06	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3) ⁺
Malta / <i>Malte</i> ²	-	01-10-10	01-02-11	D: Art. XXX(1)
Mexico / <i>Mexique</i>	-	31-07-07	01-11-07	D: Arts. XIX(1), XXX(1), (3)
Mongolia / <i>Mongolie</i>	-	19-10-06	01-02-07	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Mozambique	-	18-07-13	01-11-13	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Myanmar	-	03-12-12	01-04-13	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i> ³	-	17-05-10		D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2)
Caribbean part/ <i>Partie caraïbe</i>			01-10-10	
Aruba			01-09-10	
Curaçao			01-10-10	
Sint Maarten			01-10-10	
New Zealand / <i>Nouvelle-Zélande</i>	-	20-07-10	01-11-10	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (3), (5)
Nigeria	16-11-01	16-12-03	01-03-06	D: Art. XXX(1)*, (2)*, (3)*
Norway / <i>Norvège</i>	-	20-12-10	01-04-11	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (5)
Oman	-	21-03-05	01-03-06	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Pakistan	-	22-01-04	01-03-06	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Panama	11-09-02	28-07-03	01-03-06	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Russian Federation / <i>Fédération de Russie</i>	-	25-05-11	01-09-11	D: Arts. XXX(1)*, (3)
Rwanda	-	28-01-10	01-05-10	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
San Marino / <i>Saint-Marin</i>	-	09-09-14	01-01-15	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Saudi Arabia / <i>Arabie saoudite</i>	12-03-03	27-06-08	01-10-08	-
Senegal / <i>Sénégal</i>	02-04-02	09-01-06	01-05-06	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Singapore / <i>Singapour</i>	-	28-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. XXX(1)*, (3)
South Africa / <i>Afrique du sud</i>	16-11-01	18-01-07	01-05-07	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Sudan / <i>Soudan</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	16-11-01 (<i>ad ref.</i>)	-	-	-
Tajikistan / <i>Tadjikistan</i>	-	31-05-11	01-09-11	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Togo	-	01-12-11	01-04-12	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Tonga	16-11-01	-	-	-
Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	16-11-01	-	-	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Ukraine	03-03-04	31-07-12	01-11-12	D: Arts. XIX, XXX(1), XXX(3)
United Arab Emirates / <i>Emirats arabes unis</i>	-	29-04-08	01-08-08	D: Arts. XIX, XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	16-11-01	-	-	D
United Rep. of Tanzania / <i>Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie</i>	16-11-01	30-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. XXX(1)*, (2)*, (3)*
United States of America / <i>Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>	09-05-03	28-10-04	01-03-06	D: Arts. XIX(1), XXX(1)
Viet Nam	-	17-09-14	01-01-15	D: Arts. XIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)

¹ Regional Economic Integration Organisation / *Organisation régionale d'intégration économique* (Art. XXVII).

² This State has provided UNIDROIT with information about its laws and policies in relation to the Aircraft Protocol: see www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/information-contractingstates.htm // *Cet Etat a fourni à UNIDROIT des informations concernant la situation au regard de sa législation et des politiques applicables aux matières couvertes par le Protocole aéronautique: voir www.unidroit.org/french/conventions/mobileequipment/information-contractingstates.htm*

³ The Kingdom of the Netherlands deposited its instrument of accession to the Aircraft Protocol on 20 July 2010 for the Netherlands Antilles (Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba) and Aruba. As from 10 October 2010, following a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the reference to the "Netherlands Antilles" is to be replaced by "Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius)" / *Le Royaume des Pays-Bas a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au Protocole aéronautique le 20 juillet 2010 pour les Antilles néerlandaises et Aruba. A compter du 10 octobre 2010, suite à une réforme des relations constitutionnelles au sein du Royaume des Pays-Bas, la référence aux "Antilles néerlandaises" doit être remplacée par "Curaçao, Sint Maarten et la partie caraïbe des Pays-Bas (les îles de Bonaire, Saba et Sint Eustatius)"*

* Affected by withdrawal and/or subsequent declaration / *Fait l'objet d'un retrait ou d'une déclaration subséquente.*

**LUXEMBOURG PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE
EQUIPMENT ON MATTERS SPECIFIC TO RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK**

**PROTOCOLE DE LUXEMBOURG PORTANT SUR LES QUESTIONS SPECIFIQUES AU MATERIEL ROULANT
FERROVIAIRE A LA CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES
PORTANT SUR DES MATERIELS D'EQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

Adoption: Place / *Lieu*: Luxembourg
Date: 23-02-2007

Entry into force: No / *Non*
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 4 ratifications (Art. XXIII(1))

**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** /

Depositary / Dépositaire: UNIDROIT

STATE / <i>ETAT</i>	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / <i>ADHES.</i>	ENTRY INTO FORCE / <i>ENTREE EN VIGUEUR</i>	DECL. or RESERV. / <i>DECL. OU RESERVES</i>
Gabon	23-02-07	-	-	-
Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	21-11-12	-	-	-
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	23-02-07	-	-	-
Luxembourg	23-02-07	31-01-12	-	-
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	23-02-07	-	-	-
European Union / ¹ <i>Union européenne</i>	10-12-09	18-12-14	-	D

¹ Regional Economic Integration Organisation / *Organisation régionale d'intégration économique*: Protocol(e) Article XXII

**UNIDROIT CONVENTION ON SUBSTANTIVE RULES FOR INTERMEDIATED SECURITIES
CONVENTION D'UNIDROIT SUR LES REGLES MATERIELLES RELATIVES AUX TITRES INTERMEDIÉS**

Adoption: Place: Geneva / *Lieu*: Genève
Date: 09-10-09

Entry into force: No / *Non*
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 3 ratifications (art. 42.1)

**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** /

Depositary / Dépositaire: UNIDROIT

STATE / <i>ETAT</i>	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / <i>ADHESION</i>	ENTRY INTO FORCE <i>ENTREE EN VIGUEUR</i>	DECL. or RESERV. / <i>DECL. OU RESERVES</i>
Bangladesh	09-10-09	-	-	-

**PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE EQUIPMENT ON
MATTERS SPECIFIC TO SPACE ASSETS**

**PROTOCOLE PORTANT SUR LES QUESTIONS SPECIFIQUES AUX BIENS SPATIAUX A LA CONVENTION
RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES PORTANT SUR
DES MATERIELS D'EQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

Adoption: Place / *Lieu*: Berlin
Date: 09-03-2012

Entry into force: No / *Non*
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: Art. XXXVIII

**Contracting States /
Etats contractants** /

Depositary / Dépositaire: UNIDROIT

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. ou RESERVES
Burkina Faso	09-03-12	-	-	-
Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	21-11-12	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia / <i>Arabie saoudite</i>	09-03-12	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	09-03-12	-	-	-

ANNEX III

**IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUMENTS BASED ON
WORK CONDUCTED WITHIN UNIDROIT (*)**

A. INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS IN FORCE ADOPTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND BASED ON UNIDROIT DRAFTS OR CONVENTIONS

1. **Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)**, adopted in Geneva in 1956 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations. The Convention, which entered into force in 1961, is based on the draft Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) which was transmitted by UNIDROIT to the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations in 1952.

States Parties: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.

2. **UNESCO Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict**, which entered into force in 1956. The Convention is based on the draft UNIDROIT completed in 1951.

States Parties: Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

3. **International Convention of 1961 for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations**, adopted under the auspices of ILO, UNESCO and WIPO and which entered into force in 1964. The Convention is very largely based on the preliminary draft Convention for the Protection of Interpreting and Performing Artists, as well as of Manufacturers of Phonographic Records and other phonograms and on the preliminary draft Convention for the Protection of Radio Broadcasts.

States Parties: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, St. Lucia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela and Viet Nam.

(*) Based on information available to the Secretariat as of 31 December 2014.

4. **Hague Convention of 1958 concerning the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions relating to Maintenance Obligations towards Children**, which entered into force in 1962. This Convention was prepared on the basis of the draft Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement abroad of Maintenance Obligations, a first draft of which had been drawn up by UNIDROIT in 1938 and work on which was completed in 1949 when it was transmitted to the Department for Social Affairs of the United Nations. After being revised by a United Nations committee of experts, the draft was recommended to States under a Resolution of the Economic and Social Council at its XVIIth session for use as a model in the drawing up of bilateral conventions or uniform laws for separate adoption by each State.
States Parties: Austria, Belgium, China (for the Special Administrative Region of Macao only), Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.
5. **European Convention of 1962 on the Liability of Hotel-keepers concerning the Property of their Guests**, adopted under the auspices of the Council of Europe and which entered into force in 1967. The Convention is based on the draft uniform law on the hotelkeeper's liability for damage to or destruction or theft of his guests' property, the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1934.
States Parties: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and United Kingdom.
6. **Benelux Treaty of 1955 on Compulsory Insurance against Civil Liability in respect of Motor Vehicles** and **European Convention on Compulsory Insurance against Civil Liability in respect of Motor Vehicles**, adopted in 1959 under the auspices of the Council of Europe, which entered into force in 1969. These two instruments are based on the draft uniform rules on the compulsory insurance of motorists, the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1937.
States Parties to the 1959 Convention: Austria, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Norway, Sweden and Turkey.
7. **European Convention on Establishment of 1955**, adopted under the auspices of the Council of Europe and which entered into force in 1965. The Convention is based on the draft Convention on the reciprocal treatment of nationals as between member States of the Council of Europe, the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1951.
States Parties: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and United Kingdom.
8. **Protocol No. 1 concerning the Rights in rem in Inland Navigation Vessels** annexed to the 1965 Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels which was adopted under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations and to which Austria, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland and Yugoslavia are Contracting Parties. The Protocol is based on the draft Convention concerning rights in rem in boats in inland navigation, the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1960. The Convention and Protocol No. 1 entered into force in 1982.
The States Parties to Protocol No. 1 are Austria, Belarus, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Serbia and Switzerland.
9. **Protocol No. 2 concerning Attachment and Forced Sale of Inland Navigation Vessels** annexed to the 1965 Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels, adopted under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations. The Protocol is based on the draft Protocol on attachment and forced sale of inland navigation vessels, the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1962. Protocol No. 2 entered into force in 1982.
The States Parties to Protocol No. 2 are Austria, Belarus, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Montenegro and Serbia.
10. **United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods**, adopted at Vienna in 1980 and which entered into force in 1988. This Convention is based on the Convention relating to a Uniform Law on the Formation of Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (ULFIS) and the Convention relating to a Uniform Law on the International Sale of Goods (ULIS), adopted at The Hague at a diplomatic Conference in 1964.

Contracting States: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Zambia.

11. **Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR)**, adopted in Geneva in 1973 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations. The Convention is based on the draft Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR), the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1969. The Convention entered into force in 1994.

States Parties: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Latvia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

12. **Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the electronic consignment note (e-CMR)**, adopted in Geneva in 2008 and entered into force on 5 June 2011. The Additional Protocol is based on a joint proposal submitted by UNIDROIT and UNCITRAL. The Contracting States are: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland.

B. INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS NOT YET IN FORCE ADOPTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND BASED ON UNIDROIT DRAFTS

1. **Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN)**, adopted in Geneva in 1973 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations. The Convention is based on the draft Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1970. The Russian Federation is the sole Contracting State.
2. **Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN)**, adopted in Geneva in 1976 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations. The Convention is based on the draft Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), the drafting of which was completed by UNIDROIT in 1972. The Russian Federation is the sole Contracting State.
3. **European rules for investment funds**, which were in 1972 recommended by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe as a model law for the member States of the Council of Europe. The rules are based on the preliminary draft model law on investment funds, UNIDROIT's drawing up of which was completed in 1969.
4. **European Convention providing a Uniform Law on Arbitration**, adopted in 1966 under the auspices of the Council of Europe. The Convention is based on the preliminary draft uniform law on arbitration in private law matters in international relations, UNIDROIT's drawing up of which was completed in 1954. Belgium is the sole Contracting State.
5. **European Convention of 1973 on Civil Liability for Damage caused by Motor Vehicles**, adopted under the auspices of the Council of Europe. The Convention is based on the draft of a uniform law on the civil liability of motorists, UNIDROIT's drawing up of which was completed in 1938. No Contracting State.
6. **United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods**, adopted in Geneva in 1980. The origin of the Convention is to be found in the draft Convention on Contracts for the Combined International Carriage of Goods, UNIDROIT's drawing up of which was completed in 1965. The UNIDROIT draft also provided one of the bases for the draft Convention on the International Combined Carriage of Goods (TCM), drawn up at a round table convened by UNIDROIT at the request of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations in 1969 and 1970, which was itself revised at meetings convened jointly by the Intergovernmental Maritime

Consultative Organisation (IMCO) and the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations. The Contracting States are: Burundi, Chile, Georgia, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal and Zambia.

7. **Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)**, adopted in Geneva in 1989 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations. The Convention is based on the draft articles for a Convention on civil liability for damage caused during carriage of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland navigation vessels, UNIDROIT's drawing up of which was completed in 1986. Liberia is the sole Contracting State.
8. **United Nations Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals in International Trade**, adopted in Vienna in April 1991. The Convention is based on the preliminary draft Convention on Operators of Transport Terminals, UNIDROIT's work on which was completed in 1983. The Contracting States are: Egypt, Gabon, Georgia and Paraguay.

C. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DIRECTIVE BASED ON A PRELIMINARY DRAFT UNIDROIT CONVENTION

Council Directive 93/7/EEC of 15 March 1993 on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State.

D. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DIRECTIVE BASED ON A UNIDROIT CONVENTION

Directive 2014/60/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 (Recast).

E. UNIFORM RULES PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BASED ON A DRAFT UNIDROIT CONVENTION

Uniform Rules for a Multimodal Transport Document first published by the International Chamber of Commerce in 1973 and subsequently revised. The origin of the Rules is the same as that of the United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods (see above Section B. 6.).

F. INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS BASED ON PRELIMINARY STUDIES PREPARED BY UNIDROIT

1. **European Convention on Products Liability in regard to Personal Injury and Death of 27 January 1977.**
No Contracting State.
2. **Resolution (78)3 on Penalty Clauses in Civil Law** adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 20 January 1978.

DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES FOR UNIDROIT DOCUMENTATION

- Argentina:** *Corte Suprema de Justicia de la Nación, Secretaría de Investigación de Derecho comparado*
<<http://www.csjn.gov.ar>>
- Australia:** *National Library of Australia*
<<http://www.nla.gov.au/>>
- Austria:** *Universität Wien, Universitäts Bibliothek, Fachbereichsbibliothek Rechtswissenschaften*
<<http://bibliothek.univie.ac.at/fb-rewi/>>
- Belgium:** *Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie*
<<http://just.fgov.be/>>
- Bolivia:** *Biblioteca Central de la Cancillería de la República*
<<http://www.rree.gob.bo>>
- Brazil:** *Serviço de Biblioteca e documentação - SBD, Universidad de São Paulo, Faculdade de Direito*
<<http://www.usp.br/bibliotecadireito/biblioteca.htm>>
- Bulgaria:** *Bulgarian National Library "St. Cyrill and St. Methodius"*
<<http://www.nationallibrary.bg/>>
- Canada:** *Nahum Gelber Law Library, McGill University* <<http://www.mcgill.ca/library/>>;
University of British Columbia Law Library <<http://www.library.ubc.ca/law/>>
- Chile:** *Academia Diplomática*
<http://www.minrel.gob.cl/prontus_minrel/site/edic/base/port/academia_diplomatica.php>
- Colombia:** *Biblioteca Luis Angel Arango*
<<http://www.banrepcultural.org/blaa>>
- Czech Republic:** *Library of the International Law Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade*
<<http://www.mpo.cz>>
- Egypt:** *Documentation Center, General Directorate of International and Cultural Co-operation, Ministry of Justice, Cairo*
- Estonia:** *Eesti Rahvusraamatukogu*
<<http://www.nlib.ee/>>
- Finland:** *Eduskunnan Kurjasto*
<<http://lib.eduskunta.fi/Resource.phx/kirjasto/index.htm>>
- France:** *Bibliothèque Inter-universitaire Cujas*
<<http://cujas-front-paris1.fr/repons/portal/bookmark?Global=0&MenuItemSelected=nomenu&startingNews=1&howManyNews=1&withDbidNews=&ChanPathNews=>>>
- Germany:** *Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Abteilung Amtsdrukschriften und Internationaler Amtlicher Schriftentausch*
<<http://staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/>>
- Greece:** *Library of the Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law*
<<http://www.hiifl.gr/>>
- Holy See:** *Biblioteca della Facoltà di Giurisprudenza, Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta, Rome*
<<http://www.lumsa.it/Lumsa/>>
- Hungary:** *Országgyűlési Könyvtár*
<<http://www.ogyk.hu>>
- India:** *Library of the Indian Society of International Law*
<<http://www.isil-aca.org/library.htm>>

- Indonesia:** *Departemen Luar Negeri (Directorate for Economic, Social and Cultural Treaties Affairs, Directorate General of Legal and Treaties Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)*
<<http://www.kemlu.go.id/Pages/Default.aspx>>
- Ireland:** *National Library of Ireland*
<<http://www.nli.ie/>>
- Japan:** *Ministry of Justice Library (Branch of National Diet Library)*
<<http://www.moj.go.jp/>>
- Latvia:** *Department of European and International Law, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia*
<<http://www.tm.gov.lv/lv/>>
- Luxembourg:** *Bibliothèque Nationale* <<http://www.bnl.public.lu/fr/index.html>>;
University of Luxembourg <<http://wwwen.uni.lu/university/library>>
- Malta:** *Library Services, University of Malta*
<<http://www.um.edu.mt/library/>>
- Mexico:** *Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*
<<http://www.unam.mx>>;
Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado y Comparado, México City;
Biblioteca Loyola, Universidad Iberoamericana Tijuana <<http://www.loyola.tij.uia.mx>>
- Netherlands:** *Library of the Ministry of Justice*
<<http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/#ref-justitie>>
- Norway:** *Det juridiske fakultetsbibliotek, Universitetsbiblioteket i Oslo*
<<http://www.ub.uio.no>>
- Paraguay:** *Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales de la Universidad Nacional de Asunción*
<<http://www.der.una.py/>>
- People's Republic of China:** *Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)*
<<http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/index.shtml>>
- Poland:** *Biblioteka Sejmowa*
<<http://libr.sejm.gov.pl/bibl/>>
- Portugal:** *Serviço de Biblioteca e Documentação Diplomática do Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros - Instituto Diplomático*
<<http://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/os-ministerios/ministerio-dos-negocios-estrangeiros.aspx>>;
Gabinete de Documentação e Direito Comparado, Procuradoria Geral da República
<<http://www.gddc.pt/>>
- Republic of Korea:** *Library of the Korea National Diplomatic Academy*
<<http://www.mofat.go.kr/ifanslib.html>>
- Romania:** *Biblioteca Nationala*
<<http://www.bibnat.ro/>>
- Russian Federation:** *Library of the Russian Academy of Foreign Trade*
<<http://www.vavt.ru/>>
- Slovak Republic:** *Právnická fakulta Trnavskej Univerzity*
<<http://www.truni.sk>>
- Slovenia:** *Univerza v Mariboru Pravna fakulteta*
<<http://www.pf.uni-mb.si/sl/>>
- South Africa:** *Library of the Department of Justice, Directorate: Internal Affairs, Pretoria University of Johannesburg*
<<http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Library/Pages/Home.aspx>>
- Spain:** *Universidad San Pablo CEU*
<<http://www.ceu.es>>
- Sweden:** *Riksdagsbiblioteket*
<http://www.riksdagen.se/templates/R_SubStartPage____448.aspx>

Switzerland: *Library of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law*

<<http://isdch.ch>>

Turkey: *Banca ve Ticaret Hukuku Arastirma Enstitüsü, Hukuk Fakültesi, Ankara Üniversitesi*

<http://bthae.ankara.edu.tr/?bil=bil_icerik&icerik_id=207&kat_id=12>

United Kingdom: *Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies*

<<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/>>

United States of America: *Arthur W. Diamond Law Library Columbia University in the City of New York*

<<http://www.law.columbia.edu/library>>;

Underwood Law Library, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University

<<http://library.law.smu.edu/>>

Uruguay: *Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de la República*

<<http://www.fder.edu.uy/contenido/biblioteca/index.html>>