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2017: A salute to a remarkable Captain

As regular readers will note, UNIDROIT has a history of utilising metaphors to summarise the Institute's activities at the beginning of each year's Annual Report. While the tradition was started by Secretary-General Herbert Kronke, it was ably continued by Secretary-General José Angelo Estrella Faria. In honour of Mr Estrella Faria's service to the Institute, I take this opportunity to renew the maritime theme he adopted in the Annual Reports of 2012 and 2013.

In July 2017 Secretary-General Estrella Faria resigned his post after nine years at the keel. During his tenure, Mr Estrella Faria navigated UNIDROIT through both stormy conditions and calm seas with great ability. Under his leadership, the Institute advanced its core mission to deliver and implement high quality instruments. In addition, the Secretary-General's captaincy saw the Institute diversify its Work Programme, strengthen its relationships with partner organisations and modernise its internal operations.

In many ways, 2017 reflected the principal elements of the Secretary-General's command, as the Institute experienced great success in the delivery of quality instruments, inter-organisation cooperation and improvements in internal administration.

The crowning achievement of 2017 was the adoption of the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities (Legislative Guide) by the Governing Council during its 96th session (Rome, 10-12 May 2017). A key component in the Institute's work in the area of capital markets, the Legislative Guide will play an important role in assisting States in their consideration of the Convention on Substantive Rules regarding Intermediated Securities (Geneva, 5-9 October 2009) and its key principles and rules for improving the legal framework for holding and transferring such securities. Before its consideration by the Governing Council, the Legislative Guide was recommended for adoption by the Committee on Emerging Market Issues, Follow-Up and Implementation at its fourth meeting in Beijing (29-30 March 2017) and is available as of this writing in English, French, Chinese and Spanish.

Another of the Institute's prosperous voyages in 2017 was the continued work on a fourth Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests on Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment (the MAC Protocol). The Committee of Governmental Experts entrusted with preparing a draft text met twice in 2017, with both sessions attracting over 120 representatives from various States and international organisations. Interest in the project from the international community was partially driven by the completion of a preliminary economic analysis in September 2017, which projected that the MAC Protocol will have significant economic benefits in both developing and developed nations.

The Secretariat also continued to make great progress in implementing the Institute's Work Programme for the 2017-2019 triennium, especially in relation to the preparation of an international guidance document on agricultural land investment contracts and the development of regional rules of European civil procedure. Both projects are being delivered in collaboration with other organisations and institutions – the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development for the former and the European Law Institute for the latter – and are the type of partnerships that are a hallmark of Secretary-General Estrella Faria's era.

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It is also noteworthy that at its 76th session (Rome, 7 December 2017), the General Assembly approved important reforms to the Institute's staff compensation, pension and insurance schemes. This concluded an extensive Finance Committee process which ensures that these schemes are fair, transparent and efficient.

Secretary-General Estrella Faria's work over the past nine years has made certain that the good ship UNIDROIT is well equipped and provisioned to undertake expeditions long into the future. It has been an honour to lead the Institute as Secretary-General *ad interim*, and I am thankful to the very able "crew" at the Secretariat who have worked hard to ensure that the transitional period has been smooth sailing.

PROFESSOR ANNA VENEZIANO
Secretary-General *a.i.*

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I. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION

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

1. *Presidency and Governing Council*

The 96th session of the *Governing Council*¹ was held in Rome from 10 to 10 May 2017 under the chairmanship of the President of the Institute, Professor Alberto Mazzoni. The Governing Council, after approving the Secretary-General's report on the activity of the Institute in 2016, appointed M. Arthur Hartkamp as First Vice-President, and renewed Professor Lyou Byung-Hwa as Second Vice-President until its 97th session.

Following the decision taken by the Governing Council 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. 14 such Member States were represented at the 96th session of the Council.

When discussing the draft budget for 2017, the Council commended the positive impact of cost-saving measures and management efficiencies have had.

The Governing Council approved the re-appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General, Professor Anna Veneziano, for a second term beginning 1 October 2017. The Council congratulated the Deputy Secretary-General and thanked her for her significant contributions to the work of the Institute.

The Council finally noted that the Secretary-General's appointment would expire on 30 September 2018 and, as he expressed his unavailability to accept re-appointment, the Council authorised the Permanent Committee to begin the selection process for a successor to the Secretary-General, so as to be able to submit a nomination to the Council at its 97th session in 2018.

2. *General Assembly and Finance Committee*

The 76th session of the General Assembly was held in Rome on 7 December 2017 under the presidency of H.E. Ms Esti Andayani, Ambassador of Indonesia in Italy, and was attended by the diplomatic representatives in Italy of 43 member States and one observer. The Secretary-General *a.i.* outlined the work of the Organisation in 2017.

During the debate on financial issues, the Assembly approved the Accounts for the 2016 financial year as well as the adjustments to the 2017 budget. The General Assembly also adopted the draft budget for 2018.

The General Assembly adopted the revised methodology for the classification of member States in the new Contributions Chart, which would make use of the UN scale of assessments for 2019-2021 and come into effect in 2019.

* This report covers the activities of UNIDROIT from 1 January to 31 December 2017.

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).

The General Assembly also adopted the transition of UNIDROIT staff to the UN salary scales and the pension scheme, as well as the plan for health and related insurances recommended by the Finance Committee, together with the necessary revisions to the UNIDROIT Regulations and the requested flexibility for implementation, which would be reviewed by the Finance Committee. The General Assembly finally appointed the following States to serve in the Finance Committee, for three years commencing on 1 January 2018: Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The *Finance Committee*² met three times in 2017 under the chairmanship of Mr Benito Jiménez (Mexico), in particular to discuss the new methodology for the classification of member States in the Contributions Chart and the new compensation and social security package offered to UNIDROIT staff. The 81st session was held on 6 April 2017, the 82nd session, which took place on 13 July 2017 29 September 2016, discussed also the consultations with the Government of Iraq concerning the resumption of its participation in UNIDROIT's work; the 83rd session took place on 21 September 2017. The Committee made recommendations on various financial issues later submitted for consideration by the General Assembly.

3. Secretariat

The Secretary-General, Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria, left UNIDROIT at the end of July 2017, before the end of his mandate, and returned to his post at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. Professor Anna Veneziano has been appointed Secretary General *ad interim* until the appointment of a successor to Mr Estrella Faria.

On 31 December 2017 the Secretariat was made up of 18 members, of which six professional staff (Category A), nine administrative, Library and secretarial staff (Category B) and three technical support staff (Category C). The Secretariat is also assisted by two research assistants.

B. DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES, STUDY GROUPS AND EXPERT COMMITTEES

The following meetings were organised by the Institute in 2017:

1. Transnational Civil Procedure - Formulation of Regional Rules

Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee ELI – UNIDROIT and of Co-Reporters (Rome, 5-7 April 2017)

Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee with Working Groups Co-Reporters, Members, Advisers and Observers (Vienna, 16-17 November 2017).

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

Meetings of the Ratification Task Force (through teleconference on 28 February, 26 May, 25 July and 12 December, as well as on 27 December in Rome).

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

Fifth session of the Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry for space assets (Rome, 6 December 2017).

² The Finance Committee is currently (term of three years commencing on 1 January 2015) composed of the following member States: Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America.

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

First session of the Committee of governmental experts (Rome, 20 to 24 March 2017)

Second session of the Committee of governmental experts (Rome, 2 to 6 October 2017).

5. UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities

Informal meeting of experts group for the preparation and review of the draft Legislative Guide (via videoconference on 16 January 2017)

Fourth meeting of the Committee on Emerging Markets Issues, Follow-up and Implementation (Beijing, 29-30 March 2017).

6. Preparation of an international guidance document on agricultural land investment contracts

First meeting of the Working Group (Rome, 3-5 May 2017)

Second meeting of the Working Group (Rome, 13-15 September 2017)

Second informal meeting with experts and interested stakeholders held at the FAO on 11 October 2017, during the Committee on World Food Security's 44th plenary session (Rome, 9-13 October 2017).

C. RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS

On 31 December 2017 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.

On 30 January 2017, the Secretary-General Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria took part in *Les Etats généraux de la recherche sur le Droit et la Justice*, which was held in Paris (30 January-2 February 2017), organised by the French Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education, the Mission de recherche Droit et Justice (a joint initiative of the CNRS and the Ministry of Justice), the National School of Magistrates, and the CNRS. He made a presentation on the Legal Guide on Contract Farming.

On 16 February 2017, the Deputy Secretary-General, Professor Anna Veneziano, participated in a Roundtable on the Multilateral Investment Court hosted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On 28 February 2017, UNIDROIT participated in a special event entitled "Promoting and strengthening the international legal framework for the protection of cultural heritage" which took place at United Nations Headquarters, co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Cyprus and Italy to the UN and by UNIDROIT. During the event, the establishment of an informal Task Force, open to all States wishing to participate, aimed at the promotion of the wider ratification of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention, was announced.

On 28 March 2017, the Secretary-General was invited to participate in a Symposium on the Luxembourg Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention in Beijing. The Symposium, organised by the Treaty & Law Department of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM)

and hosted by the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), was addressed to industry stakeholders and government officials and aimed to provide an understanding of the benefits of the Rail Protocol, its overall impact, the functioning of the Registry, as well as an assessment based on the Aircraft Protocol.

On 30 and 31 March 2017, UNIDROIT was invited to take part to the first G7 Culture meeting in the history of G7, hosted by Italy in Florence. Professor Anna Veneziano attended the Ministerial meeting together with the Ministers of Culture of the G7 countries. The Declaration signed by the seven Ministers of Culture urges States to ratify the existing relevant Conventions against trafficking in cultural property such as the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects.

On 16 May 2017, the Secretary-General visited the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy (*Instituto Rio Branco*) where he delivered a lecture on UNIDROIT's Contribution to the Development of Transnational Commercial Law, and held consultations with the Director and staff of the Economic Department of the Ministry of External Relations in Brasilia.

On 6 and 7 November 2017, the Secretary-General *a.i.* Professor Anna Veneziano and Senior Legal Officer Ms Frédérique Mestre were invited to Jakarta for Ministerial meetings and to speak at an International Workshop entitled "Improving Small Scale Farmers' Welfare" organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia.

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 20 April 2017.

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 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the European Law Institute (ELI), 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 Bar Association (IBA), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the International Insolvency Institute, INTERPOL, the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Bank.

On 13 January 2017, the Deputy Secretary-General, Professor Anna Veneziano, and Senior Legal Officer and Treaty Depository Ms Marina Schneider, participated in a Colloquium held by the Council of Europe entitled "Initiatives to strengthen international capacities for the protection of cultural property and the prevention of illicit trafficking in cultural goods" in Strasbourg.

On 1 February 2017, the Secretary-General, Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria, attended a meeting with the Head of the Export Credits Division of OECD, accompanied by the Secretary-General of OTIF, Mr François Davenne, to discuss the Luxembourg Rail Protocol.

On 2 February 2017, the Secretary-General delivered a Technical Presentation entitled "Towards the Establishment of the International Registry of Secured Interests in Space Objects: The Space Protocol to the Cape Town Convention and Rail Protocol", during the 54th session of the Scientific

and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Vienna, 30 January-10 February 2017).

On 9 and 10 February 2017, the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General (the latter remotely), participated in an Invitational Conference hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Law School entitled "Secured Transactions Coordination Conference: Advancing Global Reforms", co-sponsored by the International Insolvency Institute, the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, and the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA).

On 27 and 28 February 2017, the Deputy Secretary General participated in the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Seminar 2017 held at the Durham Law School. The Seminar focussed on the future of commercial law harmonisation with the emphasis on future agendas for key international harmonising bodies.

On 14 March 2017, the Secretary-General, Mr. José Angelo Estrella Faria delivered an opening lecture on "The Application of Non-State Laws to International Commercial Arbitration", in a Conference organised by the University of Talca (Santiago, Chile), entitled "Contracting and International Commercial Arbitration", hosted by the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago.

On 15 March 2017, the Secretary-General was invited by the Dean of the Law Faculty of the Universidad de los Andes (Santiago, Chile) for an official visit during which he participated in a Seminar for PhD students and Professors delivering a lecture on the UNIDROIT Principles and Long Term Contracts, and delivered a lecture for undergraduates focussing on UNIDROIT's contribution to transnational commercial law.

On 15-17 March 2017, the Deputy Secretary General participated in the Fourth International UNCITRAL Colloquium on Secured Transactions in Vienna, in a panel entitled "Technical assistance in secured transactions: coordination and cooperation with other organizations". The colloquium was organised to discuss possible future work in the area of secured transactions and related areas.

On 27 and 28 March 2017, the Deputy Secretary-General participated in the "2nd Academic Workshop: Best Practices in the field of electronic registry design and operations", co-organised by CLC Harris Manchester College and UNIDROIT. The Workshop garnered the participation of leading experts from inter-disciplinary fields, including academia, industry, practitioners and registrars, whose work has made significant contributions in the field of electronic registry design and operation.

On 18 May 2017, the Secretary-General delivered the first lecture at the 3rd edition of Law Conference of the *Centro de Estudos Superiores de Maceió (CESMAC)*, with a speech on the Protection of Historic and Artistic Heritage and the Fight against the Traffic of Cultural Property in Maceio (Brazil).

On 9 June 2017, the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General were both invited to deliver lectures in the 5th Edition of the Masters LUISS Business and Company Law: European and International Perspectives in Rome, on Introduction to International Commercial Law and Introduction to International Commercial Contracts, and on the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts.

On 14 September 2017, the UNIDROIT President Professor Alberto Mazzoni gave the inaugural lecture at the ceremonial opening of the Queen Mary- UNIDROIT Institute of Transnational Commercial Law, which took place at the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in London. His lecture was entitled "International Commercial Law Today: Old Habits and New Challenges".

On 10 October 2017, UNIDROIT was invited to participate in the session panel on "Agricultural supply chains in Southeast Asia: legal considerations from 'farm to the fork'" in the framework of the Annual IBA Conference in Sydney to discuss 'Developments of contract farming in South Eastern Asia'. Ms Frederique Mestre, Senior Legal Officer, discussed 'Developments of contract farming in South Eastern Asia' focusing on good practices in contract farming to support sustainable economic and social development.

On 2 and 3 November 2017, the 9th Transnational Commercial Law Teachers' Meeting took place at Radboud University in Nijmegen. Beyond many topics of particular relevance to UNIDROIT, such as the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols as well as indirectly held securities, the Secretary-

General *a.i.*, Professor Anna Veneziano, was a moderator on a panel concerning UNIDROIT's work on Contract Farming and Land Investment Contracts, which involved a presentation by Professor Henry Gabriel (Elon School of Law and UNIDROIT Governing Council Member).

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.

Cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

On 24 and 25 February 2017, UNIDROIT represented by Mr William-Brydie Watson, Legal Officer, provided legal expertise at an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Seminar on the use of International Instruments to Strengthen Contract Enforcement in Supply Chain Finance for Global Businesses in Nha Trang, Viet Nam. The seminar was sponsored by the Hong Kong Department of Justice and held under the auspices of the APEC Economic Committee's "Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure" Group.

In July 2017, following successful cooperation in Peru in 2016 and in Viet Nam in 2017, the APEC member economies have granted UNIDROIT a three-year guest status in the APEC Economic Committee.

Cooperation with the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development (GFLJD)

A partner of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development (GFLJD) – an initiative of the World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency - and a member of its Steering Committee, and as a follow up to UNIDROIT's preliminary work toward the preparation of a legal regimen governing social enterprises carried out in 2010, UNIDROIT joined the GFLJD Project "The Human-Centered Business Model (HCBM): A Holistic Approach to a New Model for Doing Business". The Project aims to bridge the gap between for-profit and non-profit models of doing business. In accordance with the Governing Council's decision at its 96th session (10-12 May 2017) UNIDROIT agreed to take a co-leading role with the University of Florence for the second pillar of the project, which focuses on legal frameworks and governance. The UNIDROIT Secretariat has provided support to the project with preliminary research work and the participation in promotion events together with a broad range of interested stakeholders, aiming at eliciting the interest of sponsoring institutions for the project.

On 17 February 2017, UNIDROIT hosted an event organised with other partners of the GFLJD, under the patronage of the Italian Agency for Cooperation for Development. On 22 November 2017, Professor Alberto Mazzoni, President of UNIDROIT, and Ms Frederique Mestre, UNIDROIT Senior Legal Officer, participated in a meeting in Paris organised and hosted by the *Conseil Supérieur du Notariat*, with the support of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

2. Co-operation agreements

In 2017, UNIDROIT signed several co-operation agreements with the following different institutions:

- in January 2017, UNIDROIT signed a cooperation agreement with the Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences of the Universidad de Talca (Chile) for the implementation of a Joint Research Programme in the field of uniform and comparative private law;
- in March 2017, UNIDROIT signed a framework agreement with the Universidad de los Andes (Chile) to implement a joint research programme in the field of uniform law;
- in May 2017, the Institute has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Faculty of Law, Cairo University (Egypt) to encourage access to the UNIDROIT Research Programme and enhance expert knowledge on UNIDROIT work and uniform and comparative private law;
- the Egyptian Council of State (ECS) and UNIDROIT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June 2017 to enhance cooperation and expert knowledge on UNIDROIT's work related to comparative and private law;

- in June 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between UNIDROIT and the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE, China) to encourage research on and practical knowledge of UNIDROIT's work on uniform and comparative private law.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. WORK IN PROGRESS

1. *Private Law and Agricultural Development*

Preparation of an international guidance document on agricultural land investment contracts

At its 95th session (Rome, 18-20 May 2016), the Governing Council considered the feasibility study that had been prepared by the Secretariat (UNIDROIT 2016 – C.D. (95) 7(b)) and took note of it, ultimately deciding to recommend to the General Assembly that it retain work on an international guidance document on agricultural land investment contracts in the UNIDROIT Work Programme for the 2017-2019 triennium with a high level of priority. The General Assembly endorsed that recommendation at its 75th session (Rome, 1 December 2016).

Consistent with the high level of priority, the Working Group on agricultural land investment contracts was constituted and held two meetings in 2017. The Working Group is chaired by Mr José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez, a member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, and currently includes: Mr Lorenzo Cotula, Principal Researcher in Law and Sustainable Development at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); Mr Daryono, Professor at Universitas Terbuka, Jakarta; Ms Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson, Professor at Université Paris 2; Mr James Gathii, Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law and Professor of Law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law; Ms Jean Ho, Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore; Mr Pierre-Etienne Kenfack, Professor at Université Yaoundé 2; and Ms Yuliya Panfil, Associate, Investments at the Omidyar Network. The Working Group also includes representatives of FAO; IFAD; the International Land Coalition, a global alliance of civil society and farmers' organisations, UN agencies, NGOs and research institutes; the World Farmers Organisation, made up of national producer and farm cooperative organisations; and the Private Sector Mechanism at the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), which provides views on behalf of the wider private sector.

At the Working Group's first meeting (Rome, 3-5 May 2017), the Working Group began by discussing various general matters, including: UNIDROIT and its work on private law and agricultural development; alignment of the work with existing initiatives, in particular the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of National Food Security (VGGT) and the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS-RAI Principles); co-operation with the UN agricultural development agencies, non-governmental organisations, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders; and the possible scope, structure and target audience of the future instrument. Following those general discussions, the Working Group reviewed a preliminary draft outline of the future instrument on agricultural land investment contracts, which had been prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat for discussion purposes. The Group amended and provided expert input on the initial outline, which would be subject to ongoing review.

At the Working Group's second meeting (Rome, 13-15 September 2017), the Working Group discussed recent developments and general considerations in relation to the work, in particular with respect to the future instrument's scope and target audience and its alignment to existing initiatives. In this regard, the Working Group recommended that, subject to ongoing review, the future instrument should be a guide focusing on leases and concessions of agricultural land and that the guidance should be targeted to not just legal counsels for investors, but legal counsels for the various parties involved in those contracts. The Working Group then examined in detail an updated draft outline of the future instrument and initial draft contributions for certain chapters. Regarding the organisation of future work, the Working Group considered possible events and other means for raising awareness about the work, consulting stakeholders and seeking their input. It then decided that the third meeting would be held in Rome on 25-27 April 2018.

In addition, the Secretariat organised a second informal meeting that was held – in collaboration with FAO and IFAD – with experts and interested stakeholders at FAO on 11 October 2017 during the CFS' 44th plenary session. Like the previous informal meeting, which was held at FAO on 20 October 2016 during the CFS' 43rd plenary session, the meeting raised awareness about UNIDROIT's work in this area and solicited input on the scope, target audience, form and content of the future instrument on agricultural land investment contracts. Participants reviewed and commented on the draft outline, and the input received was provided to the Working Group for its consideration in preparing the future guide on agricultural land investment contracts.

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 fifth session of the Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry for Space Assets was held in Rome on 6 December 2017. The Commission convened to discuss the progress in, the appointment of a Supervisory Authority and the selection of the Registrar as well as a series of future promotional events for 2018.

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 1 of the Luxembourg diplomatic Conference in order to prepare the International Registry under the Rail Protocol. The Preparatory Commission, at its 7th Session held in Rome in December 2014, set up a special Ratification Task Force. The Ratification Task Force (composed, for the time being, of the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Commission, the Government of Luxembourg, representatives of the Rail Working Group, Regulis SA as designated Registrar and SITA as well as OTIF and UNIDROIT) set up an intense agenda for its work and continued to meet several times (mostly through teleconference) also during 2017, with the aim of coordinating the strategy towards early implementation of the Protocol.

In particular, the Ratification Task Force met in Rome on 27 September 2017 to discuss the progress of ratification in key countries. The meeting was honoured by the presence of H.E. Paul Dühr, Ambassador of Luxembourg to Italy. Professor Anna Veneziano, Secretary-General *a.i.* of UNIDROIT, and Mr Peter Bloch, co-chair of the Preparatory Commission and Ratification Task Force, opened the meeting, in which Mr Howard Rosen (Chairman, Rail Working Group), Ms Elizabeth Hirst (Managing Director, Regulis SA), and Mr Andy Smith (SITA), were present. The Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), Mr François Davenne, and the Head of Finance and Administration of OTIF, Mr Gousébash Gaffar, and Rail Working Group Secretary Mr Martin Fleetwood, participated via remote connection.

For other events organised to promote the Rail Protocol in 2017 with participation of UNIDROIT see below, para. B, No. 3, lit.a.

c. Preparation of a future Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction equipment

At its 95th session (Rome, 18–20 May 2016), the Governing Council requested that the UNIDROIT Secretariat convene a Committee of Governmental Experts for the preparation of a draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Agricultural, Construction and Mining Equipment ("MAC Protocol").

The first session of the Committee of Governmental Experts was held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome from 20–24 March 2017. The session was attended by 126 representatives from 48 Governments (30 UNIDROIT member States and 18 non-member States), six regional and intergovernmental organisations and four international non-governmental organisations.

At the first session, the Committee of Governmental Experts made strong progress in reviewing the preliminary draft text provided by the Study Group, and the majority of the text proposed by the Study Group was adopted by the Committee. The most debated issues were: (a) the scope of the Protocol in relation to MAC equipment; (b) how the Protocol should address interests arising out of the association of MAC equipment with immovable property; and (c) the amendment procedure for the Protocol, with particular regard to the Harmonized System codes ("HS codes") contained in the Annexes to the preliminary draft Protocol. At the end of the session, the Committee decided to establish an Intersessional Working Group on Registration Criteria, which was tasked with preparing a new draft Article XVI.

After the first session, the Secretariat supported the operation of the Working Group on Registration Criteria and prepared additional legal analysis for consideration by the Committee of Governmental Experts. On the request of the Committee, the Secretariat also commissioned a team of economists to conduct an economic impact analysis on the MAC Protocol. The economic analysis was majority funded by the MAC Protocol Working Group, which represents private sector interests in the MAC Protocol project.

The second session of the Committee of Governmental Experts was held at FAO's in Rome from 2–6 October 2017. 126 representatives from 51 Governments, six regional and intergovernmental organisations and three international non-governmental organisations registered to attend the meeting. During the session, further refinements were made to the MAC Protocol. In particular, additional provisions were inserted to address private sector concerns regarding how the Protocol would deal with inventory. The Committee also adopted amendments to Article XVI, as proposed by the Intersessional Working Group on Registration Criteria.

At the end of the session, the Committee of Governmental Experts adopted the preliminary draft MAC Protocol and made a recommendation to the UNIDROIT Governing Council that a Diplomatic Conference be convened to conclude the MAC Protocol. The Governing Council will consider the preliminary draft Protocol adopted by the Committee at its 97th session in May 2018.

As part of its strategy to maximise engagement with the MAC Protocol and attendance at the future Diplomatic Conference, the Secretariat undertook missions to Budapest in November 2017 and Cairo in December 2017 to assist Hungary and Egypt in their consideration of the preliminary draft text.

d. Preparation of other Protocols to the Cape Town Convention

On recommendation from the Governing Council, the General Assembly at its 75th session (Rome, 1 December 2016) decided to include on the Institute's 2017–2019 Work Programme the preparation of additional Protocols to the Cape Town Convention on matters specific to (i) ships and maritime transport equipment, and (ii) renewable energy equipment. Both projects were assigned a low priority by the General Assembly.

For ships and maritime equipment, the Secretariat continued to monitor developments in this area. This includes the ongoing work by an International Working Group of the *Comité Maritime International* (CMI), which has collected from various jurisdictions – via a questionnaire made available in April 2016 – information regarding maritime security interest practices and industry

needs and for which a progress update was provided at CMI's recent General Assembly meeting (Genoa, 7-8 September 2017).³

As consistent with its low priority, in 2017 a limited amount of research was undertaken to assess the viability of extending the Cape Town Convention to renewable energy equipment. The research undertaken focused on core issues such as (i) whether an asset-based financing treaty was appropriate in facilitating the financing of renewable energy projects, (ii) whether extending the Cape Town Convention would support ongoing activities by other international organisations in promoting renewable energy and (iii) whether there was private sector support for the project.

3. Transnational Civil Procedure – Formulation of Regional Rules

In 2014, UNIDROIT and the European Law Institute (ELI) agreed on a Memorandum of Understanding specifically related to a project on European civil procedure rules based on the American Law Institute (ALI) – UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure. A Steering Committee was set up, co-chaired by ELI President Diana Wallis and the UNIDROIT Secretary-General José Angelo Estrella Faria and composed of representatives of both organisations and of Reporters for the first three Working Groups that were established ("Access to information and evidence" "Provisional and protective measures" and "Service of documents and due notice of proceedings"). Two additional Working Groups were established during the 2014 plenary meeting of the Steering Committee and the Working Group members on the topics of "*Lis pendens and res judicata*" and "Obligations of the parties and lawyers". Finally, between 2015 and 2016, three other groups (respectively on "Costs", "Judgments" and "Parties in the proceedings") were set up, so as to provide coverage of most of the issues addressed in the ALI-UNIDROIT Principles and for which European rules were considered to be both useful and feasible. Finally, a horizontal "Structure" Working Group was established, with participation of two members of the Steering Committee and with the aim of coordinating the preparation of the consolidated text of the rules.

Steering Committee Members, Co-Reporters and members of the Working Groups of the ELI-UNIDROIT joint project convened on 5-7 April 2017 in Rome to discuss issues pertaining to the finalisation of the drafts of the first three Working Groups and progress drafts and reports of the other Working Groups, as well as the formal establishment of a sub-group on Appeals. On the first day, the Working Group on "Structure" discussed, together with the Steering Committee and representatives of Co-Reporters of the Working Groups, the consolidated text of three final drafts on "Service and due notice of proceedings", "Access to information and evidence" and "Provisional and protective measures", as well as general points regarding project coordination.

The official part of the Joint Steering Committee Meeting with Members of the Project took place on the next two days, under the chairmanship of the Secretary General of UNIDROIT, José Angelo Estrella Faria, and the ELI President, Diana Wallis. All Members of the Steering Committee were present as well as Co-reporters and numerous Members of all of the Project's Working Groups.

On 7 September 2017, the ELI-UNIDROIT project was presented at the 2017 ELI Annual Conference in Vienna. ELI President Diana Wallis and Secretary-General ad interim of UNIDROIT Anna Veneziano co-chaired a panel of the "Structure" Group. The panel presented the first consolidated draft of the Rules resulting from the work of the first three Working Groups (Provisional and Protective Measures, Access to Information and Evidence, and Service of Documents), which had already been presented to the UNIDROIT Governing Council at its 96th session on 10-12 May 2017.

On 16-17 November 2017, Steering Committee members, Co-Reporters and Members of the Working Groups, as well as Advisers and Observers convened in the Palais Trautson of the Austrian Ministry of Justice for a plenary meeting. During the two-day event, Members of the Project heard presentations and debated on such topics as *res judicata* and pendency, parties, costs, and judgments in civil procedure. The overarching working group "Structure" also presented an updated version of the consolidated draft of European Principles of civil procedure, encompassing the work of the first three Working Groups of the Project (access to information and evidence, provisional

³ CMI, Ship Financing Security Practices, <http://www.comitemaritime.org/Ship-Financing-Security-Practices/0,27150,115032,00.html> (last accessed 12 February 2018).

and protective measures, and service of documents). Diana Wallis (Past ELI President) and Anna Veneziano (UNIDROIT Secretary-General *a.i.*) opened the meeting.

4. UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

a. Formulation of Principles of Reinsurance Contracts

In July 2015, the Secretariat was approached by a group of scholars and practicing lawyers led by Professor Anton K. Schnyder and Professor Helmut Heiss (University of Zurich, as "Lead Agency"), Professor Martin Schauer (University of Vienna) and Professor Manfred Wandt (University of Frankfurt), who were examining the feasibility of formulating "Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law" (PRICL). The purpose of the project is to formulate a "restatement" of existing global reinsurance law, which is largely embedded in international custom and usage, but is seldom the object of legislation. The project leaders expressed the view that the proposed principles presupposed the existence of adequate rules of general contract law. Rather than attempting to re-create such rules, the proposed new principles should be drafted as a "special part" of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts. With a view to ensuring consistency between the PRICL and the UNIDROIT Principles, UNIDROIT was invited to participate.

The Governing Council decided to recommend this topic for inclusion in the UNIDROIT Work Programme for the triennium 2017-2019 by the General Assembly, and recommended to assign it with a low level of priority. The General Assembly endorsed this recommendation of the Governing Council at its 75th session, on 1 December 2016.

In 2017, the Secretary General, Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria, actively participated in two workshops held in Frankfurt (8-12 March 2017) and Zurich (28 June-1 July 2017).

b. UNILEX

The UNILEX database, with Mr Michael Joachim Bonell, emeritus professor, University of Rome I, and Consultant, UNIDROIT, as Editor-in-Chief, is accessible through the UNIDROIT website as well as directly. It has two sections, one on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) (Vienna, 1980), the other on the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts. They include analysed and classified case law and bibliographies, as well as the texts of the instruments. Both sections are updated regularly. The section on the UNIDROIT Principles was updated in 2017 with the text of the UNIDROIT Principles 2016. To date, it has a total of 234 cases decided by national courts in 30 countries plus the Court of Justice of the European Communities, the Economic Court of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the Iranian-U.S. Arbitral Tribunal, and 194 decisions by arbitral tribunals, including the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

The UNILEX database is consulted extensively, its analytical apparatus facilitating consultation and offering a value-added product.

5. International Sales Law

Preparation of a guidance document on existing texts in the area of international sales law in cooperation with UNCITRAL and the Hague Conference on Private International Law

On 14 December 2015, the Secretariat received a communication from the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) inviting UNIDROIT and the Hague Conference on Private International Law to cooperate on a project for the "creation of a roadmap to the existing texts in the area of international sales law (sales contracts) prepared by each organisation, primarily the CISG, the UNIDROIT Principles, and the Hague Principles, and providing an assessment of interactions between the texts, their actual and potential use, application, and impact, all with the goal to facilitate promotion of their appropriate use, uniform interpretation, and adoption."

The Governing Council decided to recommend this topic for inclusion in the UNIDROIT Work

Programme for the triennium 2017-2019 by the General Assembly, and proposed to assign it a high level of priority. The General Assembly endorsed this recommendation at its 75th session, on 1 December 2016.

During 2017, the small joint panel of experts established by the three organisations held a teleconference on 18 July, followed by a meeting generously hosted by Working Group Member Stefan Vogenhauer at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt on 25 October 2017. The Group of Experts as well as representatives of the three Secretariats met with the aim to clarify scope, methodology and timeline of the project. The meeting saw the participation of Professor Anna Veneziano (UNIDROIT Secretary-General *a.i.*), Mr Luca Castellani (Legal Officer - UNCITRAL), Ms Ning Zhao (Senior Legal Officer - HCCH), as well as Professors Pilar Perales Viscasillas (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), Hiroo Sono (Hokkaido University, School of Law), Lauro Gama (Binenbojm, Gama & Carvalho Britto Advogados), and the remote participation of Professor Neil Cohen (Brooklyn Law School).

6. Transactions on international and connected capital markets

UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities

The final session of the diplomatic Conference to adopt a Convention on Substantive Rules regarding Intermediated Securities (Geneva, 5-9 October 2009), *inter alia*, adopted the UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities ("Geneva Securities Convention") and established a Committee on Emerging Markets Issues, Follow-Up and Implementation ("Emerging Markets Committee") to assist with the Convention's promotion and implementation. The Emerging Markets Committee has been responsible for overseeing the preparation of a draft Legislative Guide containing principles and rules capable of enhancing trading in securities in emerging markets, which is a high priority item in UNIDROIT's Work Programme for the triennium 2017-2019.

The Emerging Markets Committee held its fourth meeting (Beijing, 29-30 March 2017) at the kind invitation of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, who hosted jointly with the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Ltd. In accordance with the Committee's past practice, the meeting commenced with a Colloquium on Financial Markets Law and then the Committee met to cover the items on its agenda. There were roughly 50 representatives from Members and Observers of the Committee, other States and international organisations, as well as an additional 50 guests for the Colloquium.

On the first day, an open Colloquium was held on the theme of "Enhancing and Ensuring Legal Certainty in Both Current and Future Holding Systems", during which there were fruitful discussions on various issues related to UNIDROIT's financial markets instruments, the latest developments and relevant legal concerns arising from securities holding systems. The Colloquium also considered how to address the rapid development of financial technology, in particular distributed ledger technologies, in order to enhance the legal certainty of securities holding systems.⁴

On the second day, building upon the discussions during the Colloquium, the Members and Observers of the Emerging Markets Committee, as well as other States and organisations, reviewed in detail the draft Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities, which had been prepared by an informal group of experts with the assistance of the UNIDROIT Secretariat. The informal group was chaired by Mr Hideki Kanda (Member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council and Professor of Law, Gakushuin University) and included Mr Philippe Dupont (Partner, Arendt & Medernach), Ms Dorothee Einsele (Professor of Law, University of Kiel), Mr Francisco J. Garcimartín Alférez (Professor of Law, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), Mr Philippe Goutay (Jones Day, Paris), Mr Thomas Keijser (Senior Researcher, Radboud University), Ms Maria Chiara Malaguti (Professor of Law, Catholic University of

⁴ For more information, the Colloquium programme is available at the following link, <http://www.unidroit.org/english/news/2017/170329-em-beijing/programme-e.pdf>.

the Sacred Heart, Milan/Rome), Mr Charles W. Mooney, Jr. (Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania), Mr Luc Thévenoz (Professor of Law, University of Geneva), and Ms Wu Jing (Senior Manager, Legal Department, China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation). In reviewing the draft Legislative Guide – which had been twice circulated for comments from States, organisations and stakeholders – the Emerging Markets Committee agreed upon certain amendments and additions and ultimately recommended that the draft Legislative Guide, as revised, be submitted to the UNIDROIT Governing Council for review and adoption.

Following the Committee’s meeting and in accordance with the Committee’s recommendation, the draft Legislative Guide was prepared and submitted to the UNIDROIT Governing Council for consideration and adoption at its 96th session (Rome, 10-12 May 2017). At that session, the Governing Council adopted the Legislative Guide and authorised the Secretariat to promote its dissemination and implementation.⁵

Since its adoption, the Legislative Guide underwent formatting and related work to prepare it for publication, both online and in print, in English, French and Chinese during the fall of 2017, with a Spanish version to be ready in early 2018. Immediately following the General Assembly’s 76th session (Rome, 7 December 2017), there was a panel presentation celebrating and promoting the launch of the Legislative Guide.⁶

B. FOLLOW-UP OF INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED BY UNIDROIT

The Secretariat continued to do its utmost, in 2017, 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. Private Law and Agricultural Development

UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming

The *IFAD/FAO Project of Implementation of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming* implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) under a grant delivered by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) came to completion at the end of 2017. In its capacity of co-author of the Guide and member of the Advisory Board, UNIDROIT provided substantial inputs in the elaboration of outreach materials.

Also, UNIDROIT participated in the project with the *Community of Practice on Legal Aspects of Contract Farming (CoP/LACF)*. The *CoP/LACF*, also linked with the *Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development (GFLJD)*, was launched by UNIDROIT in 2016 with the main objective of promoting a favourable legal environment for contract farming operations through knowledge sharing and dissemination, as well as projects pursued individually by the partners and members or the basis of joint initiatives. The CoP’s website (<http://www.unidroit.org/community-of-practice/home>) serves as a repository of information, and particularly worth of mention is the Legal Resources Webpage which offers a wealth of references on legal bibliography, regulations and good practices regarding contract farming and agricultural contracts.

⁵ UNIDROIT 2017 – C.D. (96) 15, para. 59.

⁶ UNIDROIT 2017 – A.G. (76) 1 rev., Annex 1.

Seminars and conferences

The UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming was presented and discussed on the following occasions:

- on 30 January 2017, at the Conference held in Paris on “Les Etats généraux de la recherche sur le Droit et la Justice”, organised *i.a.* by the French Ministry of Justice within the Roundtable on “L’internationalisation de la recherche et de l’enseignement” the UNIDROIT Secretary-General made a presentation entitled “La recherche dans les organisations internationales: l’exemple du Guide juridique sur l’agriculture contractuelle UNIDROIT/FAO/ FIDA”;
- on 15 February 2017, Ms Frederique Mestre, UNIDROIT Senior Legal officer, delivered a lecture to the Students of the Master PROLAW 6 – Loyola University of Chicago, Rome Campus, on “Contract Farming and the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming”;
- on 23-24 February 2017, the Secretariat provided legal expertise at a Senior Officials Meeting workshop held under the auspices of the Economic Committee of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held in Vietnam. During the session on entitled “the Use of International Instruments to Strengthen Contract Enforcement in Supply Chain Finance for Global Businesses”, Mr William Brydie-Watson, UNIDROIT Legal Officer, made a presentation on the “Use of international instruments for MSMEs in Supply Chain Finance” focusing on the UNIDROIT Convention on International Factoring and on the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming;
- on 28 March 2017, Ms Frederique Mestre delivered an on-line lecture to the Master on Global Development Law and Policy - University of Washington, on “Contract Farming: a win-win business model for farmers and buyers?”;
- on 10 October 2017, UNIDROIT was invited to participate in the session panel on “Agricultural supply chains in Southeast Asia: legal considerations from ‘farm to the fork’” in the framework of the Annual IBA Conference in Sydney (9-13 October). Ms Frederique Mestre, Senior Legal Officer, discussed ‘Developments of contract farming in South Eastern Asia’ focusing on good practices in contract farming to support sustainable economic and social development;
- on 2 and 3 November 2017, the 9th Transnational Commercial Law Teachers’ Meeting took place at Radboud University in Nijmegen. On this occasion, the Secretary-General *a.i.*, Professor Anna Veneziano, was a moderator on a panel concerning UNIDROIT’s work on Contract Farming and Land Investment Contracts, which involved a presentation by Professor Henry Gabriel (Elon School of Law and UNIDROIT Governing Council Member);
- on 6 November 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia organised an International Workshop in Jakarta entitled “Improving Small Scale Farmers’ Welfare”. UNIDROIT was represented by Professor Anna Veneziano, Secretary-General *a.i.*, and by Ms Frederique Mestre, who delivered presentations on the Legal Guide on contract farming as an expanding business model, and on the Government’s Role in Contract Farming. Nearly 70 people participated in the Workshop, including farmer organisations’ representatives, civil society participants interested in business models linking farmers to the market, as well as legal and economical academics and government officials.

2. UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

Promotion of the UNIDROIT Principles 2016

In the course of 2017 the UNIDROIT Principles 2016 were presented at a number of seminars, conferences and lectures to interested academic and business circles:

- on 14 March 2017, the Secretary-General, Mr. José Angelo Estrella Faria, delivered an opening lecture on “The Application of Non-State Laws to International Commercial Arbitration”, in a Conference organised by the University of Talca, Chile, within the context of “Proyecto Anillo MASC CHILE SOC 1406se” entitled “Contracting and International Commercial Arbitration”, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago. The conference featured distinguished speakers such as: Dr. Riccardo Cardilli (Professor, University of Rome Tor Vergata. Italy); Dr. José Carlos Fernández Rozas

(Professor, University Complutense de Madrid, Spain); Dr. Jorge Oviedo Albán (Professor, University of la Sabana, Colombia); Dr. María Fernanda Vásquez Palma (Professor, University de Talca, Chile); Dr. Rodrigo Momberg Uribe (Professor, University Católica de Valparaíso, Chile); Dr. Álvaro Vidal Olivares (Professor, University Católica de Valparaíso, Chile); Ignacio García Pujol (Partner, Porzio Ríos García and UNIDROIT Correspondent for Chile); Macarena Letelier Velasco (Executive Director of Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Chamber of Commerce of Santiago); Diego Peralta Valenzuela (Partner, Carey y Cía.); Felipe Bulnes Serrano (Partner, Bulnes, Urrutia y Bustamante and Ex Minister of Justice);

- on 31 March 2017, the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), and UNIDROIT co-hosted a conference at UIBE's campus in Beijing, China, on the topic of "The Belt and Road Initiative and Dispute Resolution: Focusing on the UNIDROIT Principles, International Arbitration and Judicial Adjudication". The speakers and participants were welcomed by Mr Wang Jiaqiong, President of UIBE, Professor Shi Jingxia, Dean of UIBE Law School and Member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, and heard a written address from Mr Wan Exiang, Vice Chairman of the 12th National People's Congress Standing Committee and addresses from Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria, the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT and Mr Wang Chengjie, the Secretary-General of CIETAC. More than 20 guest speakers from China, Brazil, Italy, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Macao Special Administrative Region attended the meeting, and there were more than 200 participants from domestic and foreign universities, the Ministry of Commerce, the Supreme People's Court and other relevant government departments, the Beijing Lawyers Association, well-known law firms and arbitration institutions;

- on 6-7 April 2017, Neale Bergman, UNIDROIT Legal Officer, delivered a lecture entitled "The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts" at the campus of International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) to students from around the world enrolled in the ITCILO's Master of Laws (LL.M) programme on international trade law;

- on 11 July 2017, UNIDROIT and the Chamber of National and International Arbitration of Milan (CAM) co-sponsored a conference on the new 2016 edition of the UNIDROIT Principles, focusing in particular on their actual use in the drafting of international contracts and resolving international disputes. The conference featured distinguished speakers, including Professor Alberto Mazzoni (UNIDROIT President), Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria (UNIDROIT Secretary-General), Mr Sergio Maria Carbone (President of the Arbitration Council, CAM), Mr Giacomo Rojas Elgueta (Professor, Rome Tre University), Mr Pietro Galizzi (Senior Vice President, Eni), Ms Cecilia Carrara (Partner, Legance), Ms Giuditta Cordero Moss (Professor, University of Oslo), Mr Umberto Simonelli (Brembo), Mr Michele Ius (Danieli) and Mr Stefano Catelani (DuPont);

- on 31 July 2017, M. J. Bonell held at The Hague the Inaugural Lecture of the Summer Courses of The Hague Academy of International Law, entitled "The Law Governing International Commercial Contracts: Hard Law versus Soft Law". In his lecture, which was attended by more than 400 mostly young scholars and lawyers from 84 countries, he made ample references to the UNIDROIT Principles, highlighting their possible role as the rules of law governing international commercial contracts and/or applicable to the substance of the dispute in lieu of the various national laws;

- in November 2017, M.J. Bonell, at the invitation of the Law Faculty of the University of Würzburg (Germany), for the second year, held a 4-weeks Postgraduate Course on "International Commercial Contracts in Europe and Worldwide (Domestic Law vs. Uniform Law)", focused on a comparison between the contract laws of the U.S. and of a selected number of European countries on the one side, and the CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles on the other, with special references to relevant court decisions and arbitral awards reported in the UNILEX data base.

3. 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 2017, there were 73 Contracting States and one Contracting Regional Economic Integration Organisation to the Convention and 68 Contracting States and one Contracting Regional Economic Integration Organisation to the Aircraft Protocol.

Between 1 January and 31 December 2017 Burkina Faso, Gabon and Swaziland deposited their instruments of accession to the Aircraft Protocol.

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 8 Signatory States (France, Gabon, Germany, Italy, Mozambique, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom), 2 Contracting States (Gabon and Luxembourg) and one Contracting regional economic integration organisation (European Union). It has not yet entered into force.

Seminars, conferences and lectures

During 2017 the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols were the focus of a number of conferences, seminars and lectures around the world. With particular regard to the activities in which UNIDROIT was directly involved (and in addition to what was already mentioned above, para. A, No. 2):

- on 28 March 2017, the Secretary-General, Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria, was invited to participate in a Symposium on the Luxembourg Protocol on Matters Specific to Railway Rolling Stock in Beijing, organised by the Treaty & Law Department of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) and hosted by the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE). It was addressed to industry stakeholders and government officials and aimed to provide an understanding of the benefits of the Rail Protocol, its overall impact, the functioning of the Registry, as well as an assessment based on the Aircraft Protocol. The Symposium was opened by Mr. YE Jun (Deputy Director General, Treaty & Law Dept, MOFCOM), and Professor SHI Jingxia (Dean UIBE Law School), Mr LIU Keyi (Deputy Director, Domestic Trade Law Divisions, Treaty & Law Dept, MOFCOM) and featured presentations by the Secretary-General on the Rail Protocol and by Ms Elizabeth Hirst (Managing Director, Regulis SA -Registrar Designate of the International Registry under the Rail Protocol) on the functioning of the International Rail Registry;

- on 3 May 2017, the Deputy Secretary-General, Professor Anna Veneziano, took part in an event on the Cape Town Convention, the Aircraft Protocol, and select other international aviation topics in Dubai organised by the Aviation Working Group. The event was hosted by the General Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates (GCAA), with the support of UNIDROIT and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The Deputy Secretary General delivered opening remarks together with Mr Omar Bin Ghaleb (Deputy Director General of the GCAA) and Messrs Daniel da Silva (VP Strategic Regulatory Policy, Boeing) and Claude Brandes (VP customer finance, Airbus). She also participated in the session concerning Legal aspects of the Cape Town Convention;

- on 26 October 2017, UNIDROIT was invited to speak in a Seminar hosted by the Swedish Law Firm Hamilton in Stockholm, focussing on the key economic and strategic advantages of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention for the Swedish Rail Industry. The event, which saw the participation of members of the local rail industry and relevant stakeholders, opened with words of welcome from UNIDROIT President Professor Alberto Mazzoni, an introduction by Mr PG Ekbohm (Partner, Hamilton Advokatbyrå and Joint Chair of the Nordic Contact Group of the RWG), followed by a presentation on the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols provided by the UNIDROIT Secretary-General *a.i.*, Professor Anna Veneziano, and an Overview and Current Status of the Rail Protocol presented by Mr Howard Rosen (Chairman of the Rail Working Group). The Seminar then went on to illustrate the practical benefits of the Rail Protocol, with presentations of Mr Rosen and

Mr Björn Westerberg (CEO of the Swedish Train Operators' Association), the Operation of the International Registry (provided by Ms Elizabeth Hirst, Registrar-designate, Regulis SA), the changes the Protocol would bring about in the matters of Creditor repossession on default and insolvency (by Professor Göran Millqvist of the Stockholm Center for Commercial Law), and the Ratification process in Sweden (Ms Louise Petrelius, Legal Adviser of the Division for IP and Transport Law in the Swedish Ministry of Justice);

- on 8-9 November 2017, the Secretary-General *a.i.* took part in an Asia-Pacific Regional Event on the Cape Town Convention and its Aircraft Protocol and cross-border transferability of Aircraft, jointly organised by the Aviation Working Group (AWG) and Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), with the support of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and UNIDROIT, and hosted by the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA). The Seminar addressed the economic benefits of the CTC, including links with the interpretation and implementation of, and compliance with, the CTC provisions, as well as regional and global CTC developments. There was a special focus on actions by civil aviation authorities, as well as a special session dedicated to ICAO's new activities on the cross-border transfer of aircraft. The event was attended by 99 international participants from 23 countries, and boasted a strong line-up of expert speakers, from both the government and industry, to speak on the Convention and Aircraft Protocol;

- on 22 November 2017, the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Lóránd University organised a Conference on the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols in Budapest, with the support of the Ministry of Justice of Hungary and participation of UNIDROIT. The conference, on "Recent developments in the law of security interests: the Cape Town Convention, its Protocols and national laws", was opened by Dr Somssich Réka (Vice Dean of the Department of Private International Law and European Economic Law) and Professor Miklós Király (Dean of the Faculty of Law and member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council), and featured 3 panels: one on the Cape Town Convention and the Luxembourg Rail Protocol (Professor Anna Veneziano, Secretary-General *a.i.*; Elizabeth Hirst, Registrar Designate of the Luxembourg Registry; and Professor Attila Harmathy ELTE University, Faculty of Law), one on the MAC Protocol (Chaired by Professor Miklós Király, with contributions of William Brydie-Watson, UNIDROIT Legal Officer, and Professor Dr. Benjamin von Bodungen, German Graduate School of Management and Law), and a third chaired by Dr. István Erdős, ELTE University, Faculty of Law on Recent Developments in National Law with contributions of Dr. Zoltán Nemessányi, Deputy-State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Hungary and Dr. József Vági, Partner, Kajtár Takács Hegymegi-Barakonyi Baker & McKenzie;

- on 7 December 2017, UNIDROIT hosted a panel presentation on the challenges and opportunities of financing the space industry, featuring a keynote presentation of Tanja Masson-Zwaan (Professor, International Institute of air and space law at Leiden University). The presentation was introduced by Professor Sergio Marchisio (Chairman of the Space Preparatory Commission), and was followed by a panel discussion including Francesco Amicucci (General Counsel, Thales Alenia Space), Oliver Heinrich (Partner, BHO Legal), Souichirou Kozuka (Professor, Gakushuin University) and Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd (Head of Legal and Business Support, DLR).

b. Cape Town Convention Academic Project

The Cape Town Convention Academic Project, a joint endeavour of the University of Oxford, Faculty of Law, and the University of Washington, School of Law (as well as under the auspices of UNIDROIT for the repository and the journal), held its 6th Annual Conference in Oxford on 12 and 13 September 2017, with the active participation of academics, practicing lawyers and governmental experts. Topics addressed in the presentations included an update on negotiation of the protocol on mining, agriculture and construction equipment (MAC Protocol); MAC Protocol and treaty design: an examination of the mechanism to update identification criteria; a comparative analysis of CTC accession rules (all protocols) and the treatment of fixtures and land liens in the MAC Protocol accessions and non-accessions under the Cape Town Convention: special features under the MAC Protocol; power to dispose under the CTC: background, content and implications; Novation and assignments under the CTC; Injunctions and (declared) non-judicial remedies with a dispute resolution case study; A comparison of the position of buyers under the three protocols; rules versus standards under CTC, and the relationship to gap filling and national law. For more information see <http://www.ctcap.org/>.

4. International Protection of Cultural Property

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

Status

On 31 December 2017, there were 41 Contracting States of the *UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects* (cf. Annex II). Tunisia (on 2 March), Bosnia and Herzegovina (on 8 May), Lao People's Democratic Republic (on 18 May) and Botswana (on 28 August) acceded to the Convention. Other instruments of ratification/accession are to be deposited with the Depositary and procedures are in progress in other countries.

Informal Ratification Task Force

A special event on "*Promoting and Strengthening the International Legal Framework for The Protection of Cultural Heritage – The 1995 Convention*" took place at UN Headquarters in New York, on 28 February 2017. The Secretary General of UNIDROIT and the Senior Legal Officer in charge of the International Protection of Cultural Objects at UNIDROIT attended the meeting.

Considering the fundamental role played by international conventions in the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property, during the event, UNIDROIT and the Missions of Cyprus and Italy to the UN announced the establishment of an informal Ratification Task Force to enhance participation in the Convention and other related instruments.

The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project

On November 2017, UNIDROIT officially launched the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project ("UCAP").⁷ UCAP takes the form of an online platform of shared materials related to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention, UNIDROIT/UNESCO Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects and related international instruments. UCAP is designed primarily to raise awareness on UNIDROIT's instruments aiming at protecting cultural heritage from illicit conduct.

UCAP addresses universities and professors holding classes in the field of cultural heritage law or art law, which will be encouraged to set up courses in partnership with UNIDROIT to create an academic network. UCAP also aims at involving, *inter alia*, practicing lawyers, judges, other governments' officials, as well as art market players so as to assess the implementation of the Convention at national level and the influence of the UNIDROIT Convention in States not yet party to the Convention.

UNIDROIT and the G7 on Culture

On 30-31 March 2017, UNIDROIT was invited to attend the first G7 Culture meeting of the history of G7, held in Florence, under the Italian Presidency, as a speaker at the Meeting of Experts and observer at the Ministerial Session. The event, that ended with the signature of the Florence Declaration,⁸ gave a large-scale visibility to the current and past work carried out by UNIDROIT and its partners.

On 3 October 2017, UNIDROIT was invited to participate in the G7 Rome-Lyon Group *ad hoc* expert meeting organised by the Italian Carabinieri Command for the Protection of Cultural Heritage (TPC) in Rome.

UNIDROIT and its partners

Beside its very close co-operation with UNESCO, UNIDROIT continues to collaborate with other organisations such as INTERPOL (member of its Expert Group on Stolen Objects), UNODC, WCO

⁷ <https://1995unidroitcap.org>

⁸ http://www.beniculturali.it/mibac/multimedia/MiBAC/documents/1490881236694_DECLARATION-Dichiarazione.pdf

(with ARCHEO network) and ICOM (Observatory on Illicit Traffic), and ICCROM (the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property).

UNIDROIT continued its collaboration with the working group set up by the Council of Europe for the adoption of a Convention on offences against cultural property, attending the 4th and conclusive Plenary Meeting for the drafting of the new Convention (20-24 February 2017). The Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property was adopted and eventually open for signature on 19 May 2017.

On 13 January 2017, Professor Anna Veneziano attended a meeting in Strasbourg of high-level representatives from international organisations and national governments, aiming at strengthening cooperation to protect cultural heritage from destruction and preventing the illicit trafficking of cultural goods, organised by the Council of Europe.

UNIDROIT also attended the international seminar “A new perspective on the protection of cultural property through criminal law”, organised in Lucca (3-4 February 2017) by the IMT School for Advanced Studies.

UNIDROIT was also invited to participate in various capacity-building workshops or other expert meetings organised by its partners in 2017 among which:

- 4th EU CULTNET Meeting: “Law Enforcement Authorities and Expertise Competent in the Field of Cultural Goods” (Valletta, Malta, 8-9 February, 2017);
- International Coordination Meeting on the Cultural Heritage in the Liberated Areas of Iraq (UNESCO HQ, 23-24 February 2017);
- INTERPOL’s forum “Unity for Security”, organised in partnership with the United Arab Emirates and the INTERPOL Foundation for a Safer World, under the patronage of his Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, 28-30 March 2017);
- Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (UNESCO HQ, 15-16 May 2017);
- Fifth Session of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention (UNESCO HQ, 17-19 May 2017);
- Regional Conference and Ministerial Roundtable on the Protection of Cultural Heritage, organised by the UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa (Balaclava, Republic of Mauritius, 18-19 July 2017). After the conference, Mauritius and Madagascar started their accession process to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention;
- UNESCO Workshop on the Fight against Illicit Traffic of Cultural Property (Convention of 1970) for Egypt and Sudan (Cairo, 10-14 December 2017);
- National Workshop “Countering illicit trafficking of cultural property” jointly organised by UNESCO and the Italian Carabinieri (Amman, Jordan, 17-20 December 2017).

UNIDROIT contributed to a course of the Geneva Summer School of International Cultural Heritage Law – University of Geneva, on 14 June 2017. The module taught by Ms Marina Schneider, UNIDROIT Senior Legal Officer and Treaty Depositary, focused on the weaknesses of the 1970 UNESCO Convention, the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects.

b. Private art collections

Taking into consideration the fact this subject is on the Work Programme 2017-2019 with a low priority, UNIDROIT is continuing to consider the project to identify the private law aspects that fall within its mandate. UNIDROIT therefore proposed to host in Rome, on 16 and 17 March 2017, a conference on *Private Collections: Historical and Legal Perspectives* and invited Professor Elina

Moustaira, professor of comparative law at the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,⁹ to make a presentation.

The Conference was co-organised with the International Society of Research and Cultural Heritage Law (ISCHAL), the Institut des sciences sociales du politique (CNRS-ENS Cachan-Université Paris-Nanterre) and BonelliErede law firm.¹⁰ At the end of the Conference, UNIDROIT asked Professor Moustaira to prepare a document indicating private law aspects on which UNIDROIT's particular expertise would be of additional benefit in this field.

To date, UNIDROIT is evaluating the topic's potential and moving towards new collaborations for future studies. The Institute conducted preliminary exchanges with the IBA Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law Committee during the IBA Annual Conference in Sydney, Australia (8 to 13 October 2017) which showed interest in the topic and willingness to co-operate.

5. Capital markets instruments

UNIDROIT's work in the area of capital markets has resulted in three instruments for all of which the Secretariat is ready to assist implementing States.

Geneva Securities Convention

The Convention, which was adopted at the final session of the diplomatic Conference to adopt a Convention on Substantive Rules regarding Intermediated Securities (Geneva, 5-9 October 2009), seeks to enhance the internal stability of domestic financial markets and their cross-border compatibility, and currently has one Signatory State, Bangladesh.

Principles on the Operation of Close-out Netting Provisions

The Netting Principles were adopted by the UNIDROIT Governing Council at its 92nd session (Rome, 8-10 May 2013) and provide detailed guidance to national legislators of implementing States seeking to revise or introduce legislation relevant to the functioning of close-out netting.

Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities

The Legislative Guide aims to enhance legal certainty in capital markets and is intended to complement and promote (a) the Geneva Securities Convention by summarising the Convention's key principles and rules and by offering guidance on choices to be made and matters to be addressed or clarified in establishing an intermediated securities holding system or evaluating an existing one; and (b) the Netting Principles by offering guidance consistent with those Principles and incorporating references to them. The Legislative Guide was launched at a panel presentation held in connection with the General Assembly's 76th session (7 December 2017) and, as of this writing, is available in English, French and Chinese, with a Spanish version to be made available in early 2018.

⁹ Professor Moustaira is the author of a book which had been the source of inspiration of the proposal to insert the subject of private art collections in the UNIDROIT Work Programme. *Art Collections, Private and Public: A comparative Legal Study*. Springer. Cham Heidelberg New York Dordrecht London. 2015.

¹⁰ The Conference was sponsored by the Università degli Studi di Milano, the Art-Law Centre of Geneva, the Institut d'études de droit public (IEDP) and the Institut Droit Ethique Patrimoine (IDEP) of the Université Paris-Saclay.

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

A. LEGAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

The broad aim of the legal co-operation programme 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 Programme has enabled the Institute to host over 350 researchers from more than 60 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 2017, donations were received from the Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU), the UNIDROIT Foundation, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM), as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

The Secretariat hosted nineteen researchers from thirteen different countries in 2017 under the Legal Co-operation Programme:

Mr Syed Musasser FIDA GARDAZI (Pakistan), Ph.D., International Islamic University, Islamabad - Research on: "Application of the Vienna Sales Convention in Pakistan" - Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (10 March - 5 May);

Mr Ivan FILARTIGA (Paraguay), LL.M., George Washington University Law School - Research on: "MAC Protocol, a glance to the future from the Paraguayan perspective" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship - (3 April - 31 May);

Mr Vasyl LIUTYI (Ukraine), Ph.D., Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev - Research on: "Close-Out Netting" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (10 April - 9 June);

Ms Basak ERDOGAN (Turkey), Ph.D., Cand. Galatasaray University, Istanbul - Research on: "Unwinding failed contracts" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (17 April - 31 May);

Ms Farangis KHASANOVA (Uzbekistan), Master, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent - Research on: "Improving the legal bases for foreign economic activities - a focus on contractual conditions (specifically "Force Majeure")" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (5 June - 31 July);

Mr Raul ITURRALDE GONZALEZ (Mexico), SJD., University of Arizona, - Research on: "Principles, Customs and Practices behind the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (1994)" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (5 June - 31 July);

Mr Mohamed R. ABDELSALAM (Egypt), LL.M., Loyola University of Chicago, John Felice Centre, Rome - Research on: "Egyptian legal framework and ADR Mechanisms Governing the Contract Farming

in the light of the UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (15 June – 28 July);

Ms Albana KAPARANCO (Albania), Master of Laws, Central European University, Budapest - Research on: “Security devices and modern techniques for access to credit in agriculture-based economies and emerging markets” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (19 June – 31 July);

Mr Payman DADRAS (Iran), Ph.D., Université Paris 1, Panthéon Sorbonne, Professor, The Islamic Azad University, Science and Research Branch (SRBIAU), Tehran - Research on: “L’impact des Principes 4 et 6 d’UNIDROIT sur la “clause de démurage”: Etude du système juridique de common law et des pays civilistes” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (19 June – 31 July);

Mr Vladimir PALAMARCIUC (Moldavia), Ph.D., Faculty of Law of the Moldova University- Research on: “Legal particularities of the monetary civil obligations” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 September -13 October);

Ms Katarina DURDENIC (Croatia) PhD., University of Zagreb - Research on: “Profit participating loans” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (4 September – 13 October);

Ms Ligia ESPLOAOR VERONESE (Brazil), Ph.D., Cand., University of Sao Paolo - Research on: “The principles of Brics contract law – PBCL - UNIDROIT” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (18 September – 27 October);

Ms Valezca RAZER BORGES MOSCHEN (Brazil), PhD, University of Barcelona – Professor, Federal - University of Espiritu Santo, Vitoria - Research on: “Dynamics of the Harmonization of Transnational Civil Procedure : From ALI to ELI/UNIDROIT” - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (16 October – 15 December);

Mr Claudiu Mihai TAIATU (Romania), LL.M., International Institute of Space and Law, Leiden University – Research on: “The Applicability of the Space Protocol of the Cape Town Convention, Space Asset – Cape Town and Repossession Insurance”- UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (2 November - 22 December);

Mr Eduardo FARINATI (Argentina), Professor, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (UADE) – Research on: “Capital Markets – The search for convergence between Europe and Latin America” – Joint UADE/UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (6 November – 14 December).

3. Collaborators, interns and researchers

The following persons were received as a *Secundee* and as *Research Assistants* in the UNIDROIT Secretariat in 2017:

Ms Paulien van der Grinten (Netherlands), Senior legislative Lawyer, Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands, on secondment working on Civil Procedure.

Ms Giuditta Giardini (Italy), LL.B., Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Research Assistant in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, working on Cultural Property;

Mr Hamza Abdul Hameed (Pakistan), Advanced LL.M., Leiden University, Assistant to the UNIDROIT Foundation;

The following students were welcomed as *Interns* collaborating on current projects within the UNIDROIT Secretariat:

Ms Nargiz Huseynova (Azerbaijan), Ms Nandini Bajaj, Ms Ashna Taneja (Australia), Ms Anais Mattez (Belgium/Thailand), Guilherme Dutra Miranda, Ms Isadora Rebeschini Migliavacca, Mr Pedro Marcon (Brazil), Ms Mylina Perron-Simard (Canada - *Internship sponsored by the Caisse Desjardins de Charlesbourg*), Ms Kidist Ejeressa Demissie (Ethiopia) *under the cooperation agreement with PROLAW Programme/Loyola University Chicago, John Felice Rome Center*, Ms Mathilde Foucher (France), Mr Felix Aiwanger (Germany), Ms Camilla Ancona (Italy), Ms Qi Jun Kwong (Malaysia) *under the cooperation agreement with Nagoya University*, Mr Yukai Yu (PRC)*under the cooperation with the Georgetown University Law Center's 2017 International Internship Program (IIP)*, Mr Jiankun LI (PRC), Mr Jacek Kozikowski (Poland) *under the cooperation agreement with Nagoya University*, Ms Lois Wetzel (USA).

The following persons were welcomed as *Independent Researchers* in the UNIDROIT Library:

Mr Benosmane Mahfoud (Algeria), Mr Pablo Lerner (Argentina), Mr Antonio Eduardo Reichmann Seixas, Ms Mariana Ribeiro Siqueira (Brazil), Ms Maria Fernanda Vasquez Palma, Mr Alvaro Rodrigo Olivares Vidal (Chile), Mr Diego Enrique Franco Victoria (Colombia), Ms Josipa Sustic, Mr Lovro Klepac (Croatia), Ms Wafaa Sayed Ahmed Khalil (Egypt), Ms Julia Hoernig, Mr Sebastian Seeger, Mr Alexander Trunk, Mr Justus Meyer (Germany), Mr Aikaterini Florou (Greece), Mr Josef Kiss (Hungary), Ms Donatella Messina, Mr Vito Pacillo, Mr Luca Ettore Perriello (Italy), Ms Victoria Alva Lugo (Mexico), Ms Helen Tung, Ms Jingjung Xia (PRC), Ms Ekaterina Serdyuk (Russian Federation), Ms Katarina Geskova (Slovakia), Mr David Carrizo Aguado, Samuel Hernandez Aguado, Mr Unai Belintxon Martin, Mr Manuel Sanchez Alvarez (Spain), Ms Rhea Specogna (Switzerland), Mr Ogyz Dorken (Turkey), Ms Mugenzi Foster (Uganda).

B. UNIDROIT ON INTERNET

UNIDROIT website - <http://www.unidroit.org>

The website of the Organisation is monitored with Google Analytics. Continent by continent, of the first 100 countries from which users came 36 were European, 25 were from Asia, 14 from the Americas, 12 from Africa, 10 from the Middle East, and 2 from Oceania, one was unaccounted for.

UNIDROIT on Social media

UNIDROIT entered into the social media world in 2016 by the opening of accounts on Facebook and LinkedIn. The purpose of the Institute's social media program is to promote the work being undertaken by the Institute to a wider audience in a fast, efficient and cost effective manner.

C. DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES FOR UNIDROIT DOCUMENTATION

To date, 53 libraries in 47 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 2017 the UNIDROIT Library continued its cooperation strategy with other Roman and foreign libraries.

Library management software upgrading

The Library's software management system Aleph500 was upgraded to the latest version Aleph 21.3.4 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.

Digitisation

On the occasion of the Governing Council's 96th session, Rome, 10 - 12 May 2017, it was agreed to proceed with the proposed in-house digitisation project, as an attractive opportunity to make the collection of a large library, such as the UNIDROIT Library, accessible in digital form.

In 2017 the Library continued, therefore, on the implementation of an in-house digitisation project. About 500 monographs and articles were scanned in-house by the Library staff. The software module

ADAM for the implementation of the digitised objects into the online catalogue, distributed by the firm Ex Libris, was acquired in November 2017. It has been integrated into the ALEPH 500 library management system. Thanks to the ADAM library management software module, it is now possible to easily connect a large quantity of electronic documents to the catalogue data.

The professional book scanner "ALPHA PLANETARIO", was ordered in December 2017, and will be delivered in February 2018.

Thanks to the greatly improved technical resources, the full entry into the partial digitisation of the UNIDROIT library collection has been secured. A great quantity of library material can now be added to the electronic collection. It will be made available for readers after quality control by library staff and the firm SIAI (Servizi Integrati alle Imprese), the experts in the field of the digitisation of books.

Acquisitions, donations, exchanges

In 2017, the Library's holdings increased by 1118 titles, of which 642 were purchased outright, 147 were obtained on an exchange basis, while 329 further titles were received as gifts for a total value of € 12.870,00. The expansion of the Library's holdings has been hampered by steady increases in the price of publications and a chronic lack of resources.

In 2017, 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 1054 visitors in 2017, the 63 foreign guests came from 39 different countries.

E. PUBLICATIONS

The Uniform Law Review

The Uniform Law Review is published by Oxford University Press and is available both on paper and online. Data on subscriptions indicate that subscriptions to print (i.e. paper) copies have decreased year by year but subscriptions to online copies have increased. In 2016 the Uniform Law Review had 873 Developing Country subscriptions. Data for 2017 will be available in May, 2018.

UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2016

The fourth edition of the Principles adopted in 2016 was printed both in English and French early in 2017.

"UNIDROIT 90 Years / Les 90 ans d'UNIDROIT"

An initiative to mark the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Institute was the publication in 2017 of a volume on the Institute. This volume is not intended for sale, but as a publication which celebrates the Institute to be used for institutional purposes.

Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (3rd edition)

At the request of Aviareto, a pdf file of the *Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment* was prepared with links to facilitate consultation. Access to this version is restricted to registered users of the International Registry.

Booklets with UNIDROIT Instruments

The Secretariat has adopted the policy of printing booklets containing the text of UNIDROIT instruments that are not for sale but for use at conferences and other events. In 2017, the Secretariat published the booklet with the French version of the Aircraft Protocol after completion of

the review procedure and the English and French versions of the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities.

The Chinese version of the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities was published during the fall of 2017, with a Spanish version to be ready in early 2018.

The Spanish version of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming was also published in 2017.

F. UNIDROIT FOUNDATION

2017 was a watershed year for the UNIDROIT Foundation in a number of respects.

Following an internal change in the management of the Foundation, a review of its operation and performance was undertaken. Based on the findings of the review, the Foundation prepared a Strategic Plan for consideration by the Board of Governors. The Strategic Plan set out clear objectives for the Foundation in relation to its core activity of promoting UNIDROIT through (i) fundraising for the Institute and (ii) the undertaking of complementary projects that assist in the implementation of UNIDROIT Instruments. The Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Governors on 29 May 2017.

Significant progress was made on the Foundation's active projects. Two workshops on the economic assessment of international commercial law reform were held at the Harris Manchester College in Oxford in March and September 2017. At these workshops, the framework for undertaking economic assessments was substantially refined and tested in relation to the preparation of an economic impact analysis for the future fourth Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment in matters specific to Mining, Agriculture and Construction Equipment. Towards the end of 2017 the University of Washington joined Harris Manchester College and the Foundation as official partners on the project.

Initial steps were also made in the Foundation's support of UNIDROIT's work in the field of protection of cultural objects. The Foundation provided funding and technical expertise in establishing the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project website (<https://1995unidroitcap.org/>).

A further workshop was also held on the Best Practices in the Field of Electronic Registry Design and Operation from 27–28 March 2017 at Harris Manchester College.

As part of its Strategic Plan, the Foundation also developed a new Fundraising Strategy, with grateful pro bono assistance from Mr Michael Farley of EMD Consulting Group. The Fundraising Strategy established a more active role for the Foundation in attempting to raise funds to support the work of UNIDROIT. In implementing the new Strategy, the Foundation wrote to over 50 targeted entities in the second half of 2017 to request support for the Foundation's work.

To enhance the profile of the Foundation, a comprehensive redesign of the UNIDROIT Foundation website was undertaken (<http://unidroitfoundation.org/>). The Foundation also established social media accounts on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter.

To support the new strategic direction of the Foundation, the Board of Governors met twice in 2017. On 9 May 2017 the Board of Governors held its traditional meeting in Rome in advance of the UNIDROIT Governing Council meeting. At this meeting, the Foundation's administrative matters were attended to (the review of the Foundation's work in 2016, the approval of the previous year's accounts and approval of the 2017 budget). On 29 May 2017, the Board of Governor's held its first successful meeting via videoconference. At this meeting, the Board of Governor's discussed and renewed the Foundation's active projects and approved the Strategic Plan.

To assist in the execution of this substantial workload, the Foundation recruited a legal assistant (Mr Hamza Hameed) who worked with the Foundation from March – September 2017.

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE UNIDROIT SECRETARIAT IN 2017 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS WORK PROGRAMME

The following documents relating to the implementation of the Institute's Work Programme were published in 2017, in English and French unless otherwise stated:

STUDY LXV – LEGAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Scholarships: Impl. 28 – Research Scholarships Programme. Implementation report for 2017

STUDY LXXIIK – PROTOCOL ON MATTERS SPECIFIC TO MINING, AGRICULTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT (MAC PROTOCOL)

Committee of Governmental Experts - First session (Rome, 20-24 March 2017)

- Doc. 1 Annotated draft agenda
- Doc. 2 corr. Preliminary draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Agricultural, Construction and Mining Equipment
- Doc. 3 corr. Explanatory Report to the preliminary draft MAC Protocol
- Doc. 4 Legal Analysis
- Doc. 5 Spreadsheet detailing Harmonized System codes proposed by the Study Group for inclusion in the annexes to the preliminary draft MAC Protocol
- Doc. 6 Comments (prepared by the World Bank Group)
- Doc. 7 Comments (submitted by the Government of the United States of America)
- Doc. 8 MAC Working Group's position paper in support of and commenting on the Cape Town Convention's proposed mining, agriculture and construction Protocol
- Doc. 9 Comments (submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom)
- Doc. 10 Background paper (submitted by the US Department of Commerce on request of the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- Doc. 11 Position paper (submitted by the Government of Japan)
- Doc. 12 Comments (submitted by the Government of the Republic of South Africa)
- W.P. 1 Provisional order of business
- W.P. 2 Daily Report for 20 March 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 3 Proposal by the United States
- W.P. 4 Daily Report for 21 March 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 5 Proposal by China
- W.P. 6 Daily Report for 22 March 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 7 Report of the Drafting Committee
- W.P. 8 Daily Report for 23 March 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 9 Daily Report for 24 March 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- Report (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Committee of Governmental Experts - Second session (Rome, 2-6 October 2017)

- Doc. 1 Annotated draft agenda
- Doc. 2 Text of the revised preliminary draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Agricultural, Construction and Mining Equipment
- Doc. 3 Explanatory Report to the preliminary draft MAC Protocol
- Doc. 4 Legal Analysis
- Doc. 5 Spreadsheet detailing Harmonized System codes proposed for inclusion in the Annexes to the preliminary draft MAC Protocol
- Doc. 6 The 2017 Edition of the Harmonized commodity description and coding system (HS System)
- Doc. 7 Comments (submitted by the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone)
- Doc. 8 Comments (submitted by the Holy See)
- Doc. 9 Comments (submitted by the World Bank Group)
- Doc. 10 Comments (submitted by the United States Department of State)
- Doc. 11 Conclusions paper (prepared by the Chair of the IWGRC and approved by the Group)
- Doc. 12 Comments (prepared by the Republic of South Africa)
- Doc. 13 Comments (prepared by the Republic of the Sudan)
- Doc. 14 Comments (prepared by the United Kingdom)
- Doc. 15 Comments (prepared by Japan)
- Doc. 16 Preliminary economic assessment (Prepared by Warwick Economics and Associates)
- Doc. 17 Comments (prepared by the Government of the People's Republic of China)
- W.P. 1 Provisional order of business
- W.P. 2 Summary of an economic assessment of the 'MAC Protocol' (submitted by Warwick Economics & Associates)
- W.P. 3 Treatment of Inventory under the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Agriculture, Construction and Mining Equipment (submitted by the MAC Working Group)
- W.P. 4 rev. Daily report for 2 October 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 5 Comments (prepared by Colombia)
- W.P. 6 Daily Report for 3 October 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 7 Drafting Committee 4 October 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 8 Proposal for amendment of Article XXXII and structure of the Annexes (prepared by Spain and Japan)
- W.P. 9 Proposal of the wording of Article VIII(5) (submitted by Poland)
- W.P. 10 Proposal of the wording of Article VIII(5) (submitted by Germany)
- W.P. 11 Daily Report for 4 October 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 12 Report of the Drafting Committee - Text of the revised preliminary draft Protocol to the Convention on international interests in mobile equipment on matters specific to agricultural, construction and mining equipment as amended by the UNIDROIT Committee of Governmental Experts for the preparation of a draft Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on matters specific to agricultural, construction and mining equipment at its second session, held in Rome from 2 – 6 October 2017
- W.P. 13 Daily Report for 5 October 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 14 Daily Report for 6 October 2017 (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
Report (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

STUDY LXXVIA – TRANSNATIONAL CIVIL PROCEDURE - FORMULATION OF REGIONAL RULES / ELI – UNIDROIT RULES OF TRANSNATIONAL CIVIL PROCEDURE

Steering Committee and Co-Reporters – Joint Meeting (Rome, 5-7 April 2017)

- SC V – Doc. 1 Draft agenda
- SC V – Doc. 2 Presentation and discussion of the work in progress of the Group on Structure
- SC V – Doc. 3 Presentation and discussion of the work in progress of the Group on Parties
- SC V – Doc. 4 Presentation and discussion of the work in progress of the Group on Obligations
- SC V – Doc. 5 Presentation and discussion of the work in progress of the Group on *Res Judicata* and *Lis Pendens* (not available)
- SC V – Doc. 6 Presentation and discussion of the work in progress of the Group on Costs
- SC V – Doc. 7 Presentation and discussion of the work in progress of the Group on Judgements
- SC V – Misc. 1 Provisional order of business
- SC V – Misc. 2 List of participants

STUDY LXXVIII – TRANSACTIONS ON TRANSNATIONAL AND CONNECTED CAPITAL MARKETS

UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities - Implementing the Principles and Rules of the Geneva Securities Convention (2017)

国际统一私法协会中介化证券立法指引 关于日内瓦证券公约原则与规则的执行
(Chinese version of the Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities)

STUDY LXXVIII B – PRINCIPLES AND RULES CAPABLE OF ENHANCING TRADING IN SECURITIES IN EMERGING MARKETS

Committee on Emerging Markets Issues, Follow-up and Implementation - Fourth Meeting (Beijing, 29-30 March 2017)

- Doc. 1 Annotated agenda
- Doc. 2 UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities - Implementing the Principles and Rules of the Geneva Securities Convention - Revised Draft 27 January 2017
- Doc. 3 Possible examples and options for UNIDROIT's future webpage for the Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities
- Doc. 4 Report

STUDY LXXXB – PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

Working Group on agricultural land investment contracts - First meeting (Rome, 3-5 May 2017)

- Inf. 1 rev. Annotated draft agenda
- Doc. 1 rev. Preparation of an international instrument on agricultural land investment contracts: A preliminary outline of issues
- Doc. 2 Report
- W.P. 1 Community development agreements in agricultural land investments: Lessons learned from extractive industries (prepared by Masaki Itagaki, Macarena Ramírez and Arfian Setiaji)

Working Group on agricultural land investment contracts - Second meeting (Rome, 13-15 September 2017)

- Inf. 1 rev. Annotated draft agenda
- W.P. 2 Draft Chapter 1 – The Legal Framework (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
- W.P. 3 Draft Chapter 3 – [Rights and] Obligations of the Parties Parts I – V (prepared by Professor Pierre Etienne KENFACK, member of the Working Group on agricultural land investment contracts)
- W.P. 4 Draft Chapter 3 – [Rights and] Obligations of the Parties Part VI (prepared by Mr Lorenzo COTULA, member of the Working Group on agricultural land investment contracts)
- W.P. 5 Draft Chapter 6 – Dispute Resolution (prepared by Dr Jean HO, member of the Working Group on agricultural land investment contracts)
- Doc. 3 Report on the second meeting

Second informal meeting on the preparation of an international instrument on agricultural land investment contracts (Rome, 11 October 2017)

- Agenda Annotated informal agenda

CURRENT WORK ON UNIDROIT'S DEPOSITORY FUNCTIONS

STUDY LXXIIJ – INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN SPACE ASSETS

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 - Fifth session (Rome, 6 December 2017)

- Doc. 1 Annotated draft agenda
- Doc. 2 Summary Report

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, 2^{ème} 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*
- 2015 UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming / *Guide juridique sur l'agriculture contractuelle UNIDROIT/FAO/FIDA*
- 2016 Principles of International Commercial Contracts / *Principes relatifs aux contrats du commerce international*
- 2017 UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities / *Guide législatif d'UNIDROIT sur les titres intermédiés*

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 / <i>Lieu: Bruxelles</i> Date: 23-04-1970
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 24-02-1976 Conditions: 5 ratifications (art. 36)
Contracting States / Etats contractants	6
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Government of Belgium / <i>Gouvernement belge</i> (art. 34)
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/transport/ccv https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/instruments-transport/instruments-voyage-ccv

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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	–	–	–	–

(*) Based on information available to the Secretariat as of 31 December 2017 / *Ce document est basé sur les informations dont dispose le Secrétariat au 31 décembre 2017.*

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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	-	-	-	-

**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: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes/Oui ≈ Date: 09-02-1978 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
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/international-will https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/testaments-instruments

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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 Colombia / <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)

**UNIDROIT website page /
Page internet d'UNIDROIT** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/agency>
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/representation>

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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)

**UNIDROIT website page /
Page internet d'UNIDROIT** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/leasing/convention-leasing>
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/credit-bail/credit-bail-convention-fr>

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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)
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/factoring https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/affacturage

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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:	41
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Italian Government / <i>Gouvernement italien</i>
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/cultural-property/1995-convention https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/biens-culturels/convention-de-1995

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Afghanistan	-	23-09-05	01-03-06	Art. 16
Algeria / <i>Algérie</i>	-	09-04-15	01-10-15	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
Bosnia and Herzegovina / <i>Bosnie Herzégovine</i>	-	08-05-17	01-11-17	Art. 16
Botswana	-	28-08-17	01-02-18	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	Art. 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	Arts. 16, 17
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	Arts. 16, 17
Denmark / <i>Danemark</i>	–	01-01-11	01-07-11	Art. 14, 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	–	–	–
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. 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	Art. 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
Lao People's Democratic Republic / <i>Rép. dém. Populaire lao</i>	–	18-05-17	01-11-17	Art. 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	Art. 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. 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	–	–	–
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia / <i>Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine</i>	–	22-08-13	01-02-14	Art. 16
Tunisia / <i>Tunisie</i>	–	02-03-17	01-09-17	Art. 16
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:</i> Le Cap Date: 16-11-2001
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-03-2006 Conditions: 3 ratifications (Art. 49(1))
Contracting States / Etats contractants	73
Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique	1
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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. 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)
Australia / <i>Australie</i>	–	26-05-15	01-09-15	D: Art. 39(1)(a), 53, 54(2), 55

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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	01-01-12	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	01-01-18	D: Art. 54(2)
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	25-01-13	01-05-13	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Costa Rica	-	26-08-11	1	D: Art. 53
Côte d'Ivoire	-	09-02-15	01-07-16	D: Art. 54(2)
Cuba	16-11-01	28-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. 54(2)
Democratic Republic of the Congo / <i>Rép. démocratique du Congo</i>	-	06-05-16	01-09-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Denmark / <i>Danemark</i>	-	26-10-15	01-02-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 54(2), 55
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)
Fiji / <i>Fidji</i>	-	05-09-11	01-01-12	D: Art. 54(2) *
France	16-11-01	-	-	-
Gabon	-	16-04-10	01-08-17	D: Art. 54(2)
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	01-10-11 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
Moldova	-	26-06-15	1	-
Mongolia / <i>Mongolie</i>	-	19-10-06	01-02-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 53, 54(2)
Mozambique	-	30-01-12	01-11-13	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 40, 54(2)
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	1	-
Sierra Leone	-	26-07-16	01-11-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
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	01-03-16 ¹	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b) *, 40 *, 52, 53 *, 54(2)
Sudan / <i>Soudan</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Swaziland	-	17-11-16	01-09-17	D: Art. 54(2)
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	-	30-12-15	01-04-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 40, 54(2)

Switzerland / Suisse	16-11-01 (<i>ad ref.</i>)	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic / République arabe syrienne	-	07-08-07	1	-
Tajikistan / Tadjikistan	-	31-05-11	01-09-11	D: Art. 54(2)
Togo	-	25-01-10	01-04-12 ³	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*-(b)*, 40*, 53*, 54(2)*
Tonga	16-11-01	-	-	-
Turkey / Turquie	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 / Emirats arabes unis	-	29-04-08	01-08-08	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	16-11-01	27-07-15-	01-11-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*-(b)*, 39(4)*, 52*, 53*, 54(2)*
United Rep. of Tanzania / Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie	16-11-01	30-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. 54(2)
United States of America / Etats-Unis d'Amérique	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	1	-

Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique

European Union / ² Union européenne	-	28-04-09	01-08-09	D: Arts. 48(2), 55
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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 / <i>Lieu</i> : Le Cap – Date: 16-11-2001
Entry into force:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-03-2006
Entrée en vigueur:	Conditions: 8 ratifications (Art. XXVIII(1))
Contracting States / Etats contractants	68
Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique	1
Depositary / Dépositaire:	UNIDROIT
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Annex II

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)
Australia / <i>Australie</i>	-	26-05-15	01-09-15	D: Art. XXX(1), (3)
Bahrain / <i>Bahreïn</i>	-	27-11-12	01-03-13	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Bangladesh	-	15-12-08	01-04-09	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
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)
Burkina Faso	-	08-09-17	01-01-18	-
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	-	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	-	01-03-16	01-07-16	D: Art. XIX(1) *
Cuba	16-11-01	28-01-09	01-05-09	-
Democratic Republic of the Congo / <i>Rép. démocratique du Congo</i>	-	06-05-16	01-09-16	-
Denmark / <i>Danemark</i>	-	26-10-15	01-02-16	D: Art. XXIX, XXX(1), (3), (5)
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)
Fiji / <i>Fidji</i>	-	30-05-12	01-09-12	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
France	16-11-01	-	-	-
Gabon	-	04-04-17	01-08-17	-
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)
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, 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), (3), (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)
Sierra Leone	-	26-07-16	01-11-16	D: Art. 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)
Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	-	27-11-15	01-03-16	D: Arts. XIX, XXIX, XXX(1)
Sudan / <i>Soudan</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Swaziland	-	26-05-17	01-09-17	-
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	-	30-12-15	01-04-16	D: Art. XXX(1)
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	16-11-01 (ad ref.)	-	-	-
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), (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	27-07-15	01-11-15	D: Arts. XXIX*, XXX(1)*, (2)*, (3)*
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)

Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique

European Union / ¹ <i>Union européenne</i>	-	28-04-09	01-08-09	D: Arts. XXVII(2), XXX(5)
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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 / <i>Lieu</i> : Luxembourg Date: 23-02-2007
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	No / <i>Non</i> Conditions: 4 ratifications (Art. XXIII(1))
Contracting States / Etats contractants	/
Depositary / Dépositaire:	UNIDROIT
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/rail-protocol https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-ferroviaire

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES
France	03-03-17	-	-	-
Gabon	23-02-07	04-04-17	-	-
Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	21-11-12	-	-	D
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	23-02-07	-	-	D
Luxembourg	23-02-07	31-01-12	-	-
Mozambique	15-11-16	-	-	-
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	27-06-17	-	-	-
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	23-02-07	-	-	-
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	26-02-16	-	-	-

**Regional economic integration
organisations / Organisations
régionale d'intégration
économique**

European Union /
Union européenne 10-12-09 18-12-14 - D

**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

**UNIDROIT website page /
Page internet d'UNIDROIT** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/capital-markets/geneva-convention>
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/marches-financiers/geneva-convention>

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHESION	ENTRY INTO FORCE ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES
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

**UNIDROIT website page /
Page internet d'UNIDROIT** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/space-protocol>
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-spatial>

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	—	—	—

**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: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, 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 the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep. of), 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, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, 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, Cabo Verde, Canada, 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, Qatar, 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 2017.

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, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, 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, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam 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 States Parties are: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, 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 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 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.academiadiplomatica.cl/>>
- 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* <http://www.jp.gov.eg/ar/Default.aspx>
- 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.univ-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)*
<https://www.kemlu.go.id/id/Default.aspx>
- Iran:** *Institute of Comparative Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran*

- <<http://complaw.ut.ac.ir/en/>>
- 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://www.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/>>
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