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Just when we thought that the pandemic and its consequences were slowly fading, new clouds came to darken the horizon. A cruel war hit North-Eastern Europe, and the international economic system, still ailing from the global health-related crisis, was shaken by widespread inflation and additional interferences to the global value chain. As a consequence, the general state of emergency stayed put during all of 2022. Undermined legal certainty, diminished cross-border trade, and even more restricted access to credit have been repercussions of the situation. All these troubles are precisely what transnational law is designed to tackle: what the implementation of our mandate can contribute to appease. Our work has the potential to matter more than ever, and that has been a strong motivation for us all at UNIDROIT.

2022 was another important year for the Cape Town Convention. In the wake of the most intense crisis the aviation sector has ever lived through, the Aircraft Protocol family continued to grow in number, and its effective implementation passed the stress test of widespread litigation with honours. The MAC Protocol, the Convention's youngest, hit two milestones: from an institutional standpoint, a first full draft of the Registry's regulations was completed, and the international bid to select a Registrar successfully executed; regarding implementation, the signature of the European Union was very welcome news. But perhaps this year the spotlight belongs to the Rail Protocol: at our General Assembly, H.E. the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain publicly announced the country's ratification, making it possible for the Protocol to start the administrative process leading to its entry into force after 15 years of patient waiting. The rest should be smooth sailing from now on, with other important rail nations nearing completion of their own ratification processes.

Our 1995 Convention continued to give us reason for pride. During 2022, new countries joined the club of nations willing to fight against stolen and illegally trafficked cultural property, amongst which Mexico, one of the world's main sources of artistic and historical heritage. In fact, it was Mexico where UNESCO's Mondiacult, arguably the cultural world's signature event in absolute terms, was successfully celebrated in 2022, concluding with a historic Declaration adopted by 150 States, where UNIDROIT is mentioned twice. The extraordinary work done by Governing Council Member Jorge Sánchez Cordero and our Principal Legal Officer Marina Schneider deserves highlight here.

Concerning implementation of the 2020-2022 Work Programme, this year followed the path of hard work and good progress of the prior twelve months. The projects on the Model Law on Factoring, the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts, and the Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law all made excellent progress and, by the end of 2022, were left one meeting away from completion. The projects on Best Practices on Effective Enforcement, the Legislative Guide on Bank Insolvency, and the Guide on Legal Structures on Agricultural Enterprises each gained enormous momentum and are about to face their final stages before full drafts are ready for consultation. But perhaps the most relevant moment for UNIDROIT's legislative work came with the definition of a new Work Programme for 2023-2025. No doubt proof that the Institute is headed in the right direction, we received a record number of proposals (ten), many of which of enormous interest. Following the sign of the times, several of the projects concerned, one way or another, sustainable development: a project on the private law side of investment contracts, together with the International Chamber of Commerce; the legal nature and private law aspects of voluntary carbon credits; and corporate sustainability due diligence in global value chains, are clear examples of the direction transnational law is headed for, and us with it.

However, there will be plenty of occasions to discuss the new projects in future annual reports. This is the time and place to explain how we have been able to do the enormous amount of work reflected in this document, and why we are so certain we can keep up the speed and quality. Without any budgetary increase, we have been able to incorporate seven additional legal officers into our workforce: two secondees from Hong Kong SAR, two secondees from China's Ministry of Commerce, a long-term secondee from Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI); and two academics, one financed by MAECI to do work on agricultural projects, with a focus on Africa, and our annual Sir Roy Goode Scholar. If we add to that the extraordinary effort of the existing tenured staff and our improved technological resources, the result is a job well done—perhaps even over-achievement—but we have the entire Secretariat to thank for that. I certainly thank them, with all my heart. The credit of this Report is again theirs.

We are convinced our work matters, now more than ever. It is our hope that the reader will agree.

*PROFESSOR IGNACIO TIRADO*  
*Secretary-General*



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# I. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION<sup>1</sup>

## A. GOVERNING BODIES

### 1. *Governing Council*

The 101<sup>st</sup> session of the Governing Council<sup>2</sup> was held in Rome and via videoconference from 8 to 10 June 2022, opened and chaired by UNIDROIT President Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti. Minister Plenipotentiary and Head of the Service for Legal Affairs, Diplomatic Disputes and International Agreements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy, Stefano Zanini, acting as Chair of UNIDROIT's General Assembly, delivered opening remarks.



The Governing Council took note of the Secretary-General's report on the main features of the legislative and non-legislative work of the Institute during 2021 and expressed its satisfaction with the achievements attained. Further, the Governing Council expressly conveyed its gratitude to the Secretariat for all its hard work in very difficult circumstances and for the transparency employed in the conduct of its activities. The Governing Council also took note of the report of the UNIDROIT Foundation, showed appreciation for its accomplishments, and commended the Foundation's successful fundraising activities.

Following thorough discussion on the many high-quality proposals received, the Governing Council took note of the proposed Work Programme for the triennial period 2023-2025 and comments received, and agreed to recommend the adoption of the Work Programme to the General Assembly with an indication of the level of priority for each project. Six new projects were included in the Work Programme, two of the ongoing projects were granted an extension to develop complementary instruments (i.e., guides to enactment), and five proposals were positively regarded but required additional preparatory and exploratory work before they are included in the new Work Programme. The Governing Council decided to provide the Secretariat with flexibility to propose new inclusions in the Programme within the new period 2023-2025.

The Governing Council considered the draft Budget for the 2023 financial year, commended the positive impact of cost-saving measures and management efficiencies, and authorised the Secretariat to transmit it to Member States without amendments. Finally, the Governing Council expressed its gratitude to Professor Anna Veneziano and unanimously renewed her appointment as Deputy Secretary-General.

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<sup>1</sup> This report covers the activities of UNIDROIT from 1 January to 31 December 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Composition of the Governing Council (2019-2023): Stefania Bariatti (Italy), Hans-Georg Bollweg (Germany), Baiba Broka (Latvia), Yusuf Çalışkan (Türkiye), Alfonso-Luis Calvo Caravaca (Spain), Eugenia G. Dacoronia (Greece), Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson (France), Eesa Allie Fredericks (South Africa), Henry D. Gabriel (United States of America), Arthur S. Hartkamp (Netherlands), In-Ho Kim (Republic of Korea), Hideki Kanda (Japan), Patrick Kilgarriff (United Kingdom), Alexander S. Komarov (Russian Federation), Antti T. Leinonen (Finland), Ricardo Lorenzetti (Argentina), Niklaus D. Meier (Switzerland), Attila Menyhárd (Hungary), José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez (Paraguay), Monika Pauknerová (Czech Republic), Kathryn Sabo (Canada), Jorge Sánchez Cordero Davila (Mexico), Luc Schuermans (Belgium), Shi Jingxia (People's Republic of China), Carmen Tamara Ungureanu (Romania).

## 2. General Assembly

On 15 December 2022, UNIDROIT held the 81<sup>st</sup> session of its General Assembly in Rome and via videoconference which was attended by representatives of 49 Member States. Her Excellency, Dr Neena Malhotra, Ambassador of India to Italy, was appointed as Chairperson of the General Assembly for 2022-2023.



The General Assembly was provided with a comprehensive update on UNIDROIT's activities in 2022 on legislative and non-legislative matters by the Secretary-General, which was met with expressions of praise from Member States.

The General Assembly approved the Work Programme for the triennial period 2023-2025, as drafted and recommended by the Governing Council, as follows:

### A. Legislative activities

#### 1. Secured Transactions

- (a) Implementation of the Rail and Space Protocols to the Cape Town Convention\*\*\*
- (b) Implementation of the Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters Specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment\*\*\*
- (c) Preparation of further Protocols to the Cape Town Convention:
  - (i) Ships and maritime transport equipment\*
  - (ii) Renewable energy equipment\*
- (d) Development of a Model Law on Factoring\*\*\*
- (e) Development of a Model Law on Warehouse Receipts\*\*\*
- (f) Development of a Guide to Enactment of the UNIDROIT Model Law on Leasing\*

#### 2. International Commercial Contracts

- (a) Formulation of principles of reinsurance contracts\*
- (b) UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and Investment Contracts\*\*\*

#### 3. Private Law and Agricultural Development

- (a) Preparation of an international guidance document on Legal Structure of Agricultural Enterprises\*\*\*
- (b) Development of an Agricultural Financing Legal Guide\*\*\*

#### 4. Law and Technology

- (a) Digital Assets and Private Law\*\*\*
- (b) Legal nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits\*\*\*
- (c) Global Value Chains: Governance issues and digital challenges\*
- (d) Digital transformation, data governance and artificial intelligence: exploratory work

#### 5. Capital Markets and Financial Law

Bank Insolvency\*\*\*

#### 6. Transnational Civil Procedure

- (a) Formulation of Best Practices for Effective Enforcement\*\*\*

- (b) International Civil Procedure in Latin America\*
  - (c) Access to Justice in Environmental Matters: exploratory work
- 7. Cultural Property
  - Private art collections\*\*
- 8. Sustainable Development
  - Development of a guidance document on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in Global Value Chains\*\*
- 9. Private Law and Intellectual Property
  - (a) Private Law and Contemporary Health Research: Intellectual Property issues in the field of Personalised Medicine: exploratory work
  - (b) Standard-Essential Patents: exploratory work
- B. Implementation and promotion of UNIDROIT instruments\*\*\*
  - 1. Depositary functions
  - 2. Promotion of UNIDROIT instruments
- C. Non-legislative activities\*\*\*
  - 1. UNIDROIT Library and Depositary Libraries
  - 2. Information resources and policy
  - 3. Internships and scholarships

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(The level of priority assigned to the projects is as follows: high \*\*\* – medium \*\* – low \*).

During the debate on financial issues, the General Assembly approved the final modifications to the Budget and approval of the Accounts for the 2021 financial year, the adjustments to the Budget for the 2022 financial year, and the Draft Budget for 2023.

### **3. Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee<sup>3</sup> met twice in 2022 under the chairmanship of Mr Samuel Rothenberg (United States), in particular to discuss the first estimates for the Draft Budget 2023, a first review of the Accounts of financial year 2021, an update on the compensation and social security package offered to UNIDROIT staff, and an update concerning long-term sustainability of compensation structure. The 93<sup>rd</sup> session was held on 25 May 2022 and the 94<sup>th</sup> session took place on 20 October 2022. The Committee made recommendations on various financial issues later submitted for consideration by the General Assembly.

### **4. Secretariat**

On 31 December 2022, the Secretariat was made up of 27 members, of which 11 Professional staff and 12 General Services staff (administrative assistants, librarians, secretarial staff and technical support staff) and assisted by three consultants and the UNIDROIT/MAECI Chair.

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<sup>3</sup> Composition of the Finance Committee (2021-2023): Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

## B. RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS

On 31 December 2022, UNIDROIT had 63 Member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, 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, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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

Bilateral and multilateral exchanges with Government officials, both with Member and with non-Member States, took place, both in-person and through videoconference. (For the visits linked to a specific project, see the relevant parts below.)



*Mongolia:* On 2 May 2022, UNIDROIT received a delegation from Mongolia led by the Vice-Minister of Justice and Home Affairs with other representatives of the Ministry, members of Parliament, and the Director of the National Legal Institute of Mongolia. The delegation was welcomed by Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado, Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano, and Principal Legal Officer and Treaty Depositary Marina Schneider. The fruitful meeting focused on Mongolia's consideration of accession to UNIDROIT as a Member State and included presentations covering a number of UNIDROIT instruments. Further opportunities for cooperation between Mongolia and the National Legal Institute of Mongolia and UNIDROIT were also discussed.

*Philippines:* From 14 to 16 November 2022, a UNIDROIT delegation visited Manila for a series of meetings with Government officials and key domestic stakeholders to discuss possible membership and UNIDROIT instruments and ongoing projects that would be of particular benefit to the Republic of the Philippines. The mission was organised in partnership with Professor Virgilio de los Reyes (Dean of De La Salle University College of Law, UNIDROIT Correspondent, and Working Group Member of the UNIDROIT Legal Structure of Agricultural Enterprises project). The UNIDROIT delegation led by the Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado met with senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, including representatives from the Office of Treaties and Legal Affairs, the Office of International Economic Relations, and the Office of European Affairs. It also met with Undersecretary Jose R. Cadiz Jr. from the Department of Justice and with executive members of the Philippine Bar Association. During the meetings, discussions were held regional cooperation initiatives (including through the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)).

*Niger:* During a visit to Rome on 2 and 3 December 2022, the President of the Republic of Niger, H.E. Mohamed Bazoum, received in private audience Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti, the President of UNIDROIT, and Marina Schneider, Principal Legal Officer of UNIDROIT and Treaty Depositary. This audience was an opportunity to strengthen ties with the Republic of Niger, which is already a Party to three UNIDROIT instruments. The discussions showed how UNIDROIT's harmonised instruments meet the needs of the Republic of Niger to allow it better access to credit to implement its development projects. The President also recalled that Niger was well advanced in the process of acceding to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects. Finally, the participation of the Republic of Niger in the legislative and non-legislative work of UNIDROIT as a Member State of the



Organisation was discussed.

*Coordination agreements with States and State entities*

*China:* On 17 May 2022 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Italy Li Junhua and UNIDROIT Secretary-General concluded an exchange of notes to further enhance cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and UNIDROIT. The exchange of notes allowed UNIDROIT and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong SAR) of the People's Republic of China to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the promotion and development of private international law and commercial law in the Asia-Pacific region through the organisation of events and other initiatives. Such MoU was signed on 27 May 2022.



Within the framework established by the 27 May 2022 cooperation MoU, UNIDROIT and the Department of Justice (DoJ) of the Hong Kong SAR then jointly organised the inaugural Asia-Pacific Private International Law Summit, held on 7 November 2022 in the Hong Kong SAR. Secretary-General Tirado delivered a welcome speech to open the event, alongside Hong Kong SAR Chief Executive John Lee and Commissioner of China's Foreign Ministry in the Hong Kong SAR Liu Guangyuan. During the various sessions of the Summit, the use of UNIDROIT instruments that support asset-based financing, supply chain finance, and leasing to facilitate access to credit in the Asia-Pacific region were discussed - with a particular focus on the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols, as well as the future Model Law on Factoring - as well as UNIDROIT's Digital Assets and Private Law, and Bank Insolvency projects. UNIDROIT's vision for strengthening its engagement with the Asia-Pacific Region was also presented, alongside officers from UNIDROIT's sister organisations, UNCITRAL and the HCCH, and eminent experts and academics.

On 11 November 2022, Secretary-General Tirado delivered the keynote speech on "Rule of Law and Sustainable Development" for the Rule of Law Congress in Hong Kong, China. Organised by the Department of Justice of the Hong Kong SAR of China, the Rule of Law Congress was the final event of the Hong Kong Legal Week 2022 and brought together hundreds of diplomatic and government representatives, legal experts, and private sector practitioners.

*Paraguay:* On 25 October 2022, during the opening of the XXI International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) General Congress, a Memorandum of Understanding between UNIDROIT and the Central Bank of Paraguay was signed by UNIDROIT Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and by the Central Bank of Paraguay's Liana Emilce Caballero Krause, General Manager, and José Cantero Sienra, President. The agreement was aimed to strengthen the relationship between the institutions, promote mutual cooperation and coordinated research exchange, *inter alia*.



On 28 October 2022, Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and Paraguay Supreme Court Justice Minister Eugenio Jiménez Rolón signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen the ties between the institutions and establish an official channel of cooperation and exchange of information on matters of joint interest. UNIDROIT President Maria Chiara Malaguti, Secretary-General Tirado, and Deputy Secretary-General Veneziano were

invited to the Supreme Court for the occasion and met with the Supreme Court Justices to discuss further avenues of cooperation.

## C. COORDINATION BETWEEN ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN THE FORMULATION OF PRIVATE LAW RULES

### 1. *Hague Conference of Private International Law (HCCH)*

To commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Asia-Pacific Regional Office of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), the HCCH organised a workshop entitled “HCCH Conventions Supporting Transnational Litigation in Civil or Commercial Matters” on 8 November 2022 in Hong Kong, China. A UNIDROIT delegation participated in the Workshop, which featured sessions on cooperation, as well as legal certainty and predictability, as means to support transnational litigation.



Additionally, UNIDROIT’s representatives participated in the HCCH’s inaugural CODIFI Conference held from 12 to 16 September 2022, which examined issues of private international law in the Commercial, Digital, and Financial (“CODIFI”) sectors. In particular, Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado shared with HCCH Secretary General Christophe Bernasconi and UNCITRAL Secretary Anna Joubin-Bret the inaugural Tripartite discussion panel on September 12; Legal Consultant Hamza Hameed presented the UNIDROIT Digital Assets project on September 14; Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano took part in the closing panel on Digital Economy Frameworks, moderated by HCCH Deputy Secretary-General Gérardine Goh Escolar, on September 16.

### 2. *United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)*

On 11 and 12 July 2022, the President, the Secretary-General, and the Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT participated in the 55<sup>th</sup> UNCITRAL Commission session.

### 3. *UNIDROIT, UNCITRAL and the HCCH*

The customary co-ordination meeting between the Secretaries-General of HCCH, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT took place in Rome on 13 June 2022. Among other things, the meeting discussed an overview of each organisation’s activities, new and planned projects of each organisation, cooperation both among the three sister organisations and with third parties, and finally current and future institutional challenges.

Furthermore, in March 2022, Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano contributed to an introductory joint lecture on the UNCITRAL/HCCH/UNIDROIT Legal Guide to Uniform Instruments in the Area of International Commercial Contracts, with a Focus on Sales, hosted by the *Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Economía y Política* (CEDEP) in Paraguay.

## D. COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The Institute cooperated in various projects with, and was represented at several meetings organised by, other international organisations throughout 2022, including: the African Union (AU); the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO); the Asian Development Bank (ADB); the Asian Infrastructure Development Bank (AIIB); the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC); the American Association of Private International Law (ASADIP); the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); the Bank for International Settlements (BIS); the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) of the Council of Europe; the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD); the European Law Institute (ELI); the European Union; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF); the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL); the International Association of Lawyers (UIA); the International Bar Association (IBA); the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM); the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA); the International Council of Museums (ICOM); the International Development Law

Organization (IDLO); the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD); the International Law Association (ILA); INTERPOL; the United Nations Conference for Trade And Development (UNCTAD); the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA); the World Bank Group (WBG); and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The following are only a few representative examples of cooperation between the UNIDROIT Secretariat and other international organisations (others will be developed below, linked to the relevant projects):

### **1. Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) of the Council of Europe**

On 22 March 2022, Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti, President of UNIDROIT, together with Professor Attila Massimiliano Tanzi, President of the Italian Branch of the International Law Association (ILA Italy), and Professor Anne van Aaken, former Vice-President of the European Society of International Law (ESIL), presented to the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) on the topic of "Soft multilateral law-making" for international governance. The event was organised by the Service of Legal Affairs of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Europe. This was an occasion to illustrate the role of intergovernmental organisations such as UNIDROIT in the governance of the international economic space and discuss new trends and changing models of cooperation and development.

Additionally, on 15 December 2022, as a side event to the 81<sup>st</sup> session of the General Assembly, UNIDROIT invited Legal Advisers from its Member States, CAHDI National Representatives, and Observers to attend a seminar on the theme of "Soft Law in International Governance".

About 60 delegations in total registered for the event, with about 80 attendees both online and in person, all contributing to kick off a high-level dialogue among Legal Advisors to identify and highlight common issues and concerns and share experiences which might lead to a common understanding and elaborate shared solutions in future.

### **2. United Nations Conference for Trade And Development (UNCTAD)**



On 2 December 2022, Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano represented UNIDROIT at the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development, organised by UNCTAD held in Geneva. She presented on the role of private and commercial uniform law instruments on access to credit developed by UNIDROIT in reaching sustainable development goals, in a panel entitled "Scaling-up development finance II: The role of multilateral development banks and of innovative

financing instruments", moderated by H.E. Federico Villegas (Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina).

### 3. **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)**



UNIDROIT has enjoyed formal observer status with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Committee since 2016. In 2022, UNIDROIT continued to engage with the APEC forum. After having been granted formal Guest Status with the APEC Economic Committee for 2020-2022, UNIDROIT's Guest Status has been renewed until 2025.

From 21 to 22 February 2022, UNIDROIT participated in the First APEC Economic Committee Meeting (EC1), held online as part of Thailand's 2022 APEC host country programme. Senior Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson represented UNIDROIT at the meeting, which included the "Policy Dialogue on the Launch of the APEC Collaborative Framework on Online Dispute Resolution".



From 25 to 27 May 2022, UNIDROIT participated in an APEC Workshop in Tokyo on Modernising Secured Transaction Legal Regimes in APEC Economies through International Instruments and Effective Dispute Resolution Mechanisms. Professor Ignacio Tirado delivered opening remarks at the start of the Workshop, Senior Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson co-moderated several panels on the use of UNIDROIT and UNCITRAL instruments for regional secured transaction reforms, Secretariat advisor and then Sir Roy Goode scholar Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell delivered presentations on UNIDROIT's projects on Digital Assets and Effective Enforcement, and UNIDROIT Working Group experts also delivered presentations on UNIDROIT instruments during the Workshop.

### 4. **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**

On 9 November 2022, UNIDROIT spoke at the ASEAN Online Dispute Resolution Workshop: ODR in Facilitating Cross-Border Trade and Investment for ASEAN and Hong Kong Businesses, held in Hong Kong, China. The Workshop included participation from representatives from the Member States and the Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Professor Ignacio Tirado delivered the keynote speech for the Workshop, introducing UNIDROIT and its work, and how UNIDROIT instruments reflect international best practices in providing legal certainty and substantially reducing disputes in cross-border trade and investment. The Secretary-General presented several instruments that would be of particular value to ASEAN in the areas of private law and agriculture, access to credit, contracts, and instruments based on new technology.



Professor Anna Veneziano presented during the second session ("International Instruments for Contract Enforcement and ODR") and highlighted the importance of UNIDROIT's international instruments which would facilitate contract enforcement both at the cross-border and at the domestic level in the ASEAN region, with specific reference to the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts, the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming, and the current UNIDROIT project on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement.

### 5. **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

On 21 September 2022, Legal Officer Philine Wehling participated in the Asian Development Bank (ADB) expert talk on "Innovative Agri-Finance Products to Help Address Food Insecurity in ADB Developing Member Countries" which was opened by Thomas Clark (General Counsel, ADB). Ms Wehling presented the joint UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts Project, including the objectives, scope and potential uses of the future Model Law and its accompanying Guide to Enactment, and UNIDROIT working group experts Marek Dubovec (Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute) and Lamon Rutten (Chief Executive Officer, Kingdom of



Saudi Arabia Mining Exchange) also delivered presentations on agriculture finance innovations during the webinar.

On 16 November 2022, a UNIDROIT delegation visited the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters in Manila and participated in a hybrid session on international private law innovations relating to private sector development, trade, and sustainable development. The event involved over 70 in-person and remote attendees from the ADB. Following the knowledge-sharing event, the UNIDROIT delegation met with ADB officials from the trade finance and supply chain finance teams to discuss relevant UNIDROIT instruments.

## 6. **ICC Institute of World Business Law**

On 7 June 2022, as an opening event for the UNIDROIT Governing Council, the ICC Institute of World Business Law and UNIDROIT hosted a joint workshop showcasing a project proposal that had been made to the UNIDROIT Governing Council for consideration in the 2023-2025 Work Programme on the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and matters specific to investment contracts.



After a formal signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations, the event was opened by Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti and Professor Ignacio Tirado, as well as by Eduardo Silva Romero and Sybille de Rosny-Schwebel, respectively President and Director of the ICC Institute. A first panel addressed the content of the project, commented by Governing Council Member and ICC Institute Council Member José Antonio Moreno Rodriguez.

The doyen of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, Professor Arthur Hartkamp chaired a second panel on the topic of investment contracts and contract law, which featured practical presentations and detailed examples. President Malaguti chaired a third panel addressing investment contracts and foreign investment law.

## 7. **International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL)**

UNIDROIT attended the XXI General Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) organised in Asunción, Paraguay from 23 to 28 October 2022, with Governing Council Member José Moreno Rodríguez as lead national organiser. In addition to co-sponsoring specific sessions of the Congress dedicated to UNIDROIT's work, on Friday 28 October the two organisations sealed their already strong partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.



The first IACL/UNIDROIT session was held on 25 October 2022. After a Round Table on UNIDROIT and Financial Systems organised with the Central Bank of Paraguay, with participation of President Maria Chiara Malaguti, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UNIDROIT and the Central Bank of Paraguay (see section I(B) above), Professor Ignacio Tirado presented an overview of UNIDROIT's activities and projects, which was followed by specific presentations on the relevance of UNIDROIT instruments and projects on access to credit and capital markets law for Paraguay and Latin America



in general. The second UNIDROIT session, held on 26 October, was dedicated to UNIDROIT's instruments in private law and agriculture (which saw the participation of Governing Council Members Dr Jorge Sanchez Cordero Davila as moderator and Professor Eugenia Dacornia as speaker), and to the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and Judicial Activity. For more information on those specific sessions see below. During the IACL Congress, UNIDROIT representatives further took part in panels co-organised by other organisations: one on "Investment contracts and comparative and uniform law" (President Maria

Chiara Malaguti) and two on private international law and uniform law (co-organised by ASADIP – Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano).

UNIDROIT was also invited to participate in a conference on Culture and Law organised by IACL on April 21 and 22, 2022 in Mexico City, to present the UNIDROIT’s Project on Private Collections (see below).



On 16 May 2022, at a ceremony in Paris, Governing Council Member Jorge Sánchez Cordero was honoured by the IACL as one of the “Five Great Comparatists”. This ceremony was attended by UNIDROIT’s President and Secretary-General.

## 8. *European Law Institute (ELI)*

From 5 to 8 September 2022, the Deputy Secretary-General attended, at ELI’s invitation, the Ole Lando Annual Lecture and the 2022 ELI Annual Conference which was held in Madrid (Spain).

## E. COOPERATION WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

### 1. *Meetings and conferences*

Several members of the Secretariat participated in numerous meetings and conferences organised by various national and international academic institutions, including: Aston University (the United Kingdom); the Centre for the Study of Law, Economics, and Politics (CEDEP) (Paraguay); IE University (Spain); the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO); the Law Council of Australia; the Law Schools Global League (LSGL); the Law Society of Hong Kong; the National Library of Qatar; the National University of Singapore; the Pakistan Institute of Space Technology; the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia (RUDN); Reichman University (Israel); Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL) (China); Sofia University (Bulgaria); the University Institute of European Studies (IUSE); the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom); the University of Florence (Italy); the University of Geneva (Switzerland); the University of Leiden (Netherlands); the University of Liberia; the University of Milan (Italy); the University of Nottingham (the United Kingdom); the University of Orléans (France); the University of Paris-Saclay (France); the University of Roma Tre (Italy); the University of Teramo (Italy); the University of Turin (Italy); or Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (ZUEL).

The following are only some representative examples (others will be developed below linked to the relevant projects):

On 19 April 2022 an online lecture on UNIDROIT’s role in harmonising private international law to the International Law Section of the Law Council of Australia (peak body representing the legal profession in Australia) was delivered. Part of the International Law and Practice Course, the lecture addressed UNIDROIT’s legislative achievements, its relationship with its sister organisations, Australia’s engagement with UNIDROIT, and the Institute’s current and future Work Programmes.



On 29 April 2022, UNIDROIT hosted a Conference on Digital Platforms and Global Governance, co-organised with Professor Fabio Bassan of Roma Tre University and the European Law Institute (ELI). The hybrid conference featured opening Keynote speeches from Deputy Governor Piero Cipollone of the Bank of Italy and Guido Alpa (Professor Emeritus, La Sapienza), followed by a programme divided into three sessions discussing the EU vs US Models; Platforms for International Trade, Exchanges and Dispute Resolution and New Proposals for Governance. Professor Giorgio Sacerdoti (Emeritus, Bocconi University), delivered the concluding remarks before



President Malaguti closed the conference. On 2 May 2022, a lecture addressing UNIDROIT's general working methods and its practical experience with comparative law was delivered by Legal Officer Priscila Andrade to the students of the Programme "Diritto Privato Comparato delle persone e dei mercati" at the Università degli Studi di Milano.



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On 28 June 2022, within the framework of the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between UNIDROIT and the Roma Tre Law Department, Professor Carla L. Reyes (SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas and Member of UNIDROIT's Working Groups both on Digital Assets and Private

Law and on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement) delivered a lecture to candidates in the PhD Course on Law & Social Change: The Challenges of Transnational Regulation on "Emerging Technology's Language Wars: Interrogating Whether Interdisciplinary Language Impacts the Creation, Harmonization, and Unification of Law Related to Emerging Technology".

On 15 July 2022, the Deputy Secretary-General represented UNIDROIT in the meeting of the Scientific Committee of the Master of Laws in International Trade Law programme, which is co-organised by the ITC-ILO, the University of Turin, and the University Institute of European Studies, in collaboration with the Turin School of Development, and is co-sponsored by UNIDROIT. For the lectures delivered within the Programme see below.

On 30 September 2022, UNIDROIT participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference for a Euro-African Academic Partnership, organised by ICCROM, in collaboration with the University of Teramo and the Diocese of Teramo-Atri, the *Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale (IZS)* and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), under the auspices of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The Conference was organised in the framework of the fifth International Forum of Gran Sasso. UNIDROIT President Maria-Chiara Malaguti delivered opening remarks for the Conference. Legal Officer Philine Wehling gave a presentation on "Promoting Sustainability through Private Law: Current UNIDROIT Projects", highlighting how UNIDROIT's work contributes to Sustainable Development Goals. The Conference provided a forum for academics and practitioners with multidisciplinary backgrounds to conduct an extensive assessment to take stock of the need for closer cooperation between Africa and Europe in research and training.



On 30 September 2022, UNIDROIT hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Arbitration Lecture, co-organised with Roma Tre University, as concluding event of the Certificate on International and Investment Arbitration. The lecture was delivered by Professor Diego Fernández Arroyo.

On 6 and 7 October 2022, UNIDROIT collaborated with Roma Tre University and its Department of Law to host the Thirteenth Transnational Commercial Law ' and Students' Meeting with a focus on "New technologies and the adaptation of Transnational Commercial Law". Several panels comprised of illustrious professors and experts in the field examined the influence of technology, innovation, and new legal challenges relating to (i) transnational commercial law discourse, (ii) transnational contract law, (iii) international sales and related transactions, (iv) trade and finance, (v) dispute resolution, (vi) digital assets and private law, and (vii) data transactions and intellectual property. The event also featured a panel dedicated to the presentations of PhD candidates' research. Professors Herbert Kronke, former Secretary General of UNIDROIT, and Sir Roy Goode, Honorary Governing Council Member, participated actively in the conference.





On 10 November 2022, UNIDROIT participated in the fifth Belt and Road Conference, organised by the Law Society of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, China. Organised as part of the Hong Kong Legal Week 2022 and supported by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA), the fifth Belt and Road Conference focused on “Metaverse and Money on the Belt and Road”. William Brydie-Watson, UNIDROIT, presented on the importance of using international legal instruments to address currency, payment issues, and digital assets and contracts on the Belt and Road. He discussed UNIDROIT international legal instruments that support the entire “life cycle” of legal relationships along the Belt and Road, and the utility of both existing and upcoming international legal instruments in addressing emerging technologies, emphasising the importance of the principle of technology neutrality in UNIDROIT’s legal instruments.

## **2. Cooperation agreements**

In line with its policy over the previous years, and with the intention to further develop in the future, the Secretariat has promoted cooperation with a number of partners, including but not limited to academic institutions as indicated above.

In 2022, cooperation agreements were signed to expand and enhance cooperation and collaboration with academic institutions through the inclusion of UNIDROIT instruments and projects in their relevant academic programs, by means of the organisation of academic seminars, workshops, courses or events to be held at the University, UNIDROIT or online, and by promoting the UNIDROIT Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme:

- the Space Court Foundation on 14 June 2022;
- the International Academy of Comparative Law on 23 October 2022.
- the Central Bank of Paraguay on 25 October 2022;
- the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay on 28 October 2022;
- the Shanghai Arbitration Commission on 13 December 2022;

## II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

### A. ONGOING LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### 1. *Model Law on Factoring*

##### **Working Group Meetings**

Fifth session (16-18 May 2022)

Sixth session (28-30 November 2022)

[Model Law on Factoring project website](#)

- *Development of the project*

The development of the Model Law on Factoring (MLF) Project was approved by the UNIDROIT General Assembly at its 78<sup>th</sup> session in December 2019 as a high priority project for the 2020-2022 Triennial Work Programme. Work commenced on the project in 2020.

As consistent with the Institute's established working methodology, the MLF is being developed by a Working Group composed of international legal experts representing different legal systems. The Working Group is chaired by Governing Council Member Professor Henry Gabriel. A number of international, regional and intergovernmental organisations, industry associations and academics also attend the Working Group sessions as Observers.

- *Working Group*

The fifth session of the Model Law on Factoring Working Group took place from 16 to 18 May 2022 at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome and via videoconference. The Working Group was attended by 37 participants, comprised of (i) 10 Working Group members; (ii) 17 observers from six international, regional and intergovernmental organisations, four industry associations, and academia; and (iii) 10 members of the UNIDROIT Secretariat.

At the close of the fifth session, the Working Group decided that the draft MLF (consisting of 54 Articles and 25 Registry Clauses) was sufficiently developed to undertake public consultations and referred the draft instrument to the Governing Council for consideration. At its 101<sup>st</sup> session, the Governing Council approved the draft MLF for the purpose of launching a public consultation on the draft instrument, and mandated the Secretariat to facilitate such consultation.

UNIDROIT conducted a three-month consultation on the draft MLF from July to October 2022. The public consultation included three aspects:

- The launch of a dedicated webpage on the UNIDROIT website allowing interested parties to access the draft Model Law on Factoring and facilitating the submission of comments;
- The circulation of the draft Model Law on Factoring directly to interested parties, including UNIDROIT stakeholders, project stakeholders, and industry stakeholders; and
- The organisation of one or more consultation events to discuss the content of the draft instrument with stakeholders.

Over 30 sets of comments, amounting to over 200 comments total, on the draft MLF were submitted by stakeholders during the consultation window.



From 28 to 30 November 2022, UNIDROIT hosted the sixth session of the Model Law on Factoring Working Group at its seat in Rome, Italy. Thirty-five participants attended the meeting either in-person or via videoconference, including expert Working Group members; representatives from the EBRD, UNCITRAL, the International Chamber of Commerce, and the Kozolchyk National Law Center; private sector stakeholders from FCI, the Secured Finance Network,

World of Open Account, and the APEC Financial Infrastructure Development Network; academic observers; and the UNIDROIT Secretariat.

At its sixth session, the Working Group reviewed the comments on the draft Model Law on Factoring submitted during the consultation period. At the end of its session, the Working Group approved the updated draft Model Law.

It is anticipated that the Model Law on Factoring will be finalised and published in 2023.

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

On 23 September 2022, Senior Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson delivered a virtual presentation on the draft UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring at a conference in Istanbul, Türkiye. Organised by Facilitating Open Account-Receivables Finance (FCI) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the conference discussed recent regional developments regarding factoring in Central, Eastern, and South-East Europe.



On 12 October 2022, UNIDROIT held a virtual Q&A session on the Model Law on Factoring, as part of the public consultation that the Institute undertook. Chaired by Professor Henry Gabriel (UNIDROIT Governing Council Member and Chair of the Model Law on Factoring Working Group), the Q&A session featured presentations by the UNIDROIT Secretariat, the International Finance Corporation, the International Law Institute, as well as comments from FCI, the Secured Finance Network and other private sector experts. Approximately 50 stakeholders from the factoring industry, government, and academia participated in the virtual event.

The draft MLF was also considered at a series of events in 2022 organised by Facilitating Open Account – Receivables Finance (FCI Association) in Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

## 2. **Transnational Civil Procedure: Best Practices for Effective Enforcement**

### **Working Group Meetings**

Fourth session (26-28 April 2022)

Fifth session (12-14 December 2022)

[Best Practices for Effective Enforcement project website](#)

- *Development of the project*

The project on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement (BPEE) was included in the 2020-2022 Work Programme by the General Assembly at its 78<sup>th</sup> session in December 2019, confirming the recommendation of the Governing Council at its 98<sup>th</sup> session in May 2019. At the second meeting of its 99<sup>th</sup> session in September 2020, the Governing Council approved the proposed guidelines regarding the scope of the project, confirmed the high priority status assigned to it, and authorised the establishment of a Working Group, chaired by Governing Council Member Kathryn Sabo (Deputy Director and General Counsel of the Department of Justice, Canada). Three Working Group sessions, preceded by exploratory work and accompanied by an intense intersessional activity, were held between the end of 2020, when the Working Group started its work, and 2021.

- *Working Group sessions*

From 26 to 28 April 2022, the fourth session of the Working Group on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement met at the seat of UNIDROIT and via videoconference to discuss the outcome of the intense intersessional work undertaken by its members and observers, as well as the Secretariat, since its third session. Following a presentation on the progress of the project and a summary of the numerous intersessional meetings and workshops that had taken place, the Working Group addressed draft best practices regarding enforcement by way of authority, with particular regard to enforceable instruments, registers, duty of disclosure; enforcement on digital assets; issues regarding online auctions; an update on draft best practices regarding enforcement of security rights; and the general outline of the instrument. The Working Group also addressed the organisation of future work and the way forward. The session included a presentation by eBRAM (Electronic Business-Related Arbitration and Mediation) on the use of technology in enforcement.



From 12 to 14 December 2022, the fifth session of the Working Group on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement met at the seat of UNIDROIT and via videoconference to discuss the outcome of the intersessional work since the fourth session. The Working Group continued to address draft best practices to render enforcement of creditors' rights more effective, focusing on enforcement by way of authority, extrajudicial enforcement of secured claims and enforcement on digital assets. The session was enriched with a presentation on the use of ADR and ODR in enforcement, provided by a representative of the World Bank Group. The Working Group also addressed the organisation of future work and the way forward, including the setting up of the Drafting Committee, tasked with finalising the drafts on which the Working Group has reached an agreement as a matter of policy.



- *Presentations, conferences and workshops (including matters of joint interest with the Working Group on Digital Assets and Private Law)*

Over the course of 2022, the Secretariat organised several Workshops to discuss issues related to the interaction of technology and enforcement.

On 19 January 2022, an invitational Workshop on Enforcement on Digital Assets took place and two papers prepared by members of the Working Group on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement were discussed. The Secretariat then produced a Summary Report of the Workshop as well as a research memorandum on the topic.

On 8 March 2022, a virtual Workshop on "Technology and Enforcement: Recent developments and opportunities" took place, with participation from experts from different jurisdictions, including the United Arab Emirates, Latvia, and Colombia, as well as the International Union of Judicial Officers (UIHJ).

On 10 June 2022, a Workshop on Issues Related to Enforcement in Digital Assets took place on the last day of the 101<sup>st</sup> session of the UNIDROIT Governing Council in Rome and via videoconference. The Workshop was attended by Members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, the UNIDROIT Working Group on Digital Assets and Private Law, the Working Group on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement, as well as Members of the Steering Committee of the Working Group on Digital Assets. The Workshop was co-chaired by Hideki Kanda, UNIDROIT Governing Council Member and Chair of the Working Group on Digital Assets and Private Law, and Kathryn Sabo, UNIDROIT Governing Council Member and Chair of the Working Group on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement.



In addition, coordination meetings with Digital Assets Drafting Committee members were carried out in December 2022.

### 3. Digital Assets and Private Law

#### **Working Group Meetings**

Fifth session (7-9 March 2022)

Sixth session (31 August-2 September 2022)

Seventh session (19-20 December 2022)

#### **Drafting Committee sessions**

Second session (11 January 2022), third session (3 February 2022), fourth session (10 February 2022), fifth session (25 March 2022), sixth session (06 April 2022), seventh session (25 April 2022), eighth session (24 June 2022), ninth session (12 August 2022), tenth session (14 October 2022), eleventh session (1 November 2022), twelfth session (25 November 2022) and thirteenth session (21-22 December 2022).

[Digital Assets and Private Law project website](#)

- *Development of the project*

Following a 2015 proposal from the Ministry of Justice of Hungary regarding model laws in “business informatics” and 2016 and 2018 proposals from the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic regarding distributed ledger technology and inheritance of digital assets, and upon the Unidroit General Assembly’s approval of broader, medium-priority project in the area of Artificial Intelligence, Smart Contracts and Distributed Ledger Technology at its 78<sup>th</sup> session in December 2019, the UNIDROIT Governing Council approved the inclusion of the Digital Assets and Private Law Project with high priority in the 2020-2022 Triennial Work Programme at its 99<sup>th</sup> session in September 2020.

The Digital Assets and Private Law Principles and Legislative Guidance document is being developed by a Working Group composed of international experts selected for their expertise in the fields of property law, secured transactions, and digital technology and the law. The Working Group is chaired by Governing Council Member Professor Hideki Kanda, and a number of international, regional, and intergovernmental organisations, industry associations and academics attend the Working Group sessions as Observers.

- *Working Group*

The fifth session of the Working Group was held in Rome and via videoconference from 7 to 9 March 2022. The meeting was devoted to a discussion of the results of the intersessional work carried out by the Drafting Committee and was attended by 70 participants, including members of the Working Group, various intergovernmental organisations, international development banks, and other invited Observers.

The sixth session of the Working Group took place in Rome and via videoconference from 31 August to 2 September 2022 and was devoted to reviewing an updated draft of the Principles and to examining comments submitted by the Steering Committee. The session was attended by more than 50 participants, including members of the Working Group, various intergovernmental organisations, international development banks, and other invited Observers.

The seventh session of the Working Group took place in Rome and via videoconference from 19 to 22 December 2022. It was decided that the eighth meeting of the Working Group be held 6-8 March 2023 and that the final adoption of the instrument would be slated for the 102<sup>nd</sup> session of the Governing Council in May 2023.

Apart from the sessions of the Working Group, the Drafting Committee met 12 times over the course of 12 months.



- *Steering Committee*

The Governing Council, at its 99<sup>th</sup> session, also recommended that the Working Group carry out its work in parallel to a larger Steering Committee comprised of experts from different fields (both technical and legal) and ensuring an appropriate diversity in terms of legal systems, background, and geography. The Steering Committee aims to (i) ensure all sensitivities and domestic realities are considered, (ii) increase transparency, and (iii) provide valuable context-specific feedback to the Working Group. The Steering Committee is chaired by Governing Council Member Monika Pauknerová and was formally established on 31 August 2021.

In 2022, the Steering Committee to the Project on Digital Assets and Private Law was requested to provide feedback on the draft Principles. As part of this process, the Secretariat received responses from 24 experts from 14 countries and one Regional Economic Integration Organisation. This feedback was then incorporated into the Principles, to the extent practicable, by the Drafting Committee and subsequently by the Working Group at its sixth session. The Steering Committee was subsequently asked to conduct a second round of consultations in November 2022.

- *Presentations, seminars, and conferences*

On 17 March 2022, the Law Schools Global League (LSGL)'s Research Group on Law and Technology held a special workshop dedicated to UNIDROIT's Digital Assets and Private Law Project, as part of the LSGL's annual Deans' Meeting, held in Madrid, Spain at the Law School of IE University. UNIDROIT Secretary-General provided a brief overview of the various intersections between new technologies and UNIDROIT's instruments and Projects followed by a presentation of the Digital Assets and Private Law Project. Reghard Brits, Member of the UNIDROIT Working Group on Digital Assets and Private Law, gave a presentation specifically looking at the section of the draft Principles dealing with secured transactions and digital assets. The special workshop took place in the context of the broader collaboration between UNIDROIT and the Law Schools Global League.



On 30 March 2022, UNIDROIT delivered a presentation introducing the UNIDROIT Digital Assets and Private Law Project to postgraduate students of the LL.M. Programme in International Trade Law at the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) in Turin, Italy. The lecture was part of the Master of Laws in International Trade Law programme, co-organised by the ITC-ILO, the University of Turin, and the University Institute of European Studies, in collaboration with the Turin School of Development.



On 10 June 2022, as a side-event to the Governing Council, the Working Group on Digital Assets and the project on Best Practices for Effective Enforcement organised a special crossover workshop. (See Section II(A)(2) above for more information.)

On 3 November 2022, Legal Consultant Hamza Hameed presented the Digital Assets and Private Law Project to the fifth Society, Law, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (SOLAIR) Conference, organised by the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, with support from the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The Digital Assets and Private Law Project was presented by the UNIDROIT Secretariat at the Asia-Pacific Private International Law Summit on 7 November 2022, as part of Hong Kong Legal Week 2022.

On 15 December 2022, Legal Consultant Hamza Hameed participated in the panel on "Global Policymaking and the Role of Regulators: How to Govern the Metaverse?", notably presenting the Digital Assets and Private Law Project, as part of the online Metaverse Safety Week, an international conference led by the XR Safety Initiative, a non-profit organisation.

The Digital Assets and Private Law Project was taught within several academic programs during 2022, including at Aston University in the United Kingdom (7 December 2022), and at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom (9 December 2022).

#### 4. **UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts**

##### **Working Group Meetings**

Fourth session (28 February-2 March 2022)

Fifth session (5-7 December 2022)

##### **Drafting Committee sessions**

3-4 March 2022 and 8-9 December 2022

[Model Law on Warehouse Receipts project website](#)

- *Development of the project*

At its 99<sup>th</sup> session in April/May 2020, the UNIDROIT Governing Council approved the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts (MLWR) project for the 2020-2022 Triennial Work Programme as a high-priority project, followed by UNCITRAL's Commission at its 53<sup>rd</sup> session in September 2020.

It is envisaged that the Model Law shall consist of a set of black letter rules covering the private law aspects of a warehouse receipt system and that it will be a stand-alone instrument for adoption by States seeking to reform their national legislation. In the current phase, UNIDROIT is leading the joint preparatory work through its Working Group, developing a first comprehensive draft for the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts over the 2020-2022 period. Once completed, the draft Model Law shall be submitted for intergovernmental negotiations through an UNCITRAL Working Group.

The Working Group is chaired by Governing Council Member Eugenia Dacoronia (Professor of Civil Law, University of Athens).

- *Working Group*

The fourth session of the Working Group on the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts took place in hybrid format from 28 February to 2 March 2022. It considered the revised draft text prepared by the Drafting Committee for three chapters of the future Model Law, namely Chapter I "Scope and general provisions"; Chapter II "Issue of a warehouse receipt"; and Chapter III "Transfer of warehouse receipts. Protected holders and other transferees. Warranties. Miscellaneous provisions regarding transfer". The Group also considered drafting options that had been suggested for the Model Law for electronic warehouse receipts (EWRs). More precisely, the purpose of the discussion was to identify which provisions needed to be added or adapted to incorporate EWRs in the draft, based on medium neutrality as the agreed conceptual approach, and to signal their equal importance to paper-based receipts.

The fourth Working Group session was followed by the first in-person meeting of the Drafting Committee (3-4 March 2022). During the meeting, the Committee revised the draft Model Law chapters in accordance with the decisions taken by the Working Group. The Committee focused on revising the draft provisions to ensure that they applied equally to both paper-based and electronic warehouse receipts - in line with technology-neutrality as the conceptual approach for the Model Law agreed upon by the Working Group. New provisions specifically on electronic receipts were added where paper-based and electronic receipts could not be addressed in joint provisions, and where electronic receipts required additional provisions to provide an enabling legal framework for their issuance and transfer. Subsequently, the Committee started preparing drafting suggestions for the remaining three chapters required to complete the Model Law, namely Chapter IV, "Rights and obligations of warehouse operators", which should be limited to the extent required by the instrument itself; Chapter V "Conflict of laws"; and Chapter VI "Implementation of the law", including transitional rules.

The fifth session of the Working Group took place from 5 to 7 December 2022. The Group considered three draft chapters of the future Model Law, as revised by the Drafting Committee, namely Chapter I "Scope and general provisions"; Chapter II "Issuance of a warehouse receipt"; and Chapter III "Transfer of warehouse receipts". Furthermore, the Group considered the drafting suggestions for a new Chapter IV "Rights and obligations of the warehouse operator". The Group

also discussed a note with corresponding drafting suggestions on security rights in warehouse receipts, as well as a note on conflict of laws issues, suggesting certain draft provisions for inclusion in the Model Law. The discussions at this fifth session focused, *inter alia*, on deciding the approach that the draft Model Law should adopt with respect to the accommodation of both the single and the dual format of warehouse receipts in a single text.

The fifth Working Group session was followed by the second in-person meeting of the Drafting Committee (8-9 December 2022). During this meeting, the Committee revised the draft Model Law chapters in accordance with the decisions taken by the Working Group and added three new chapters to the draft: Chapter IV "Non-negotiable warehouse receipts"; Chapter V "Rights and obligations of the warehouse operator"; the optional Chapter VI, "Pledge bond", accommodating the dual receipt format; and Chapter VII "Application of this Law". Following the Drafting Committee's meeting, a first complete draft of the Model Law was circulated to all members and observers of the Working Group to gather written feedback on the draft.

The dates for the sixth Working Group meeting were confirmed for 1 to 3 March 2023, at the end of which the draft Model Law text would be submitted for adoption by the Governing Council at its 102<sup>nd</sup> session in May 2023.

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

On 26 January 2022, the Secretariat organised a Special Workshop on Electronic Warehouse Receipts with a limited number of experts to consider and discuss options and possible limitations in addressing technology-related aspects of the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts. More precisely, it aimed at identifying what provisions the Model Law could propose for it to be an enabling legal framework for electronic warehouse receipts and to ensure that such provisions reflected current practices and were aligned with approaches adopted in other relevant existing and forthcoming international legal instruments, all while fostering future developments, whether in practice, business models, or technology.

On 2 May 2022, Legal Officer Philine Wehling presented the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts to a delegation from Mongolia led by the Vice-Minister of Justice and Home Affairs, with other representatives of the Ministry, Members of Parliament, and the Director of the National Legal Institute of Mongolia.

During the UNIDROIT International Summer School, on 6 July 2022, UNCITRAL Principal Legal Officer and Head of the International Trade Law Division José Angelo Estrella Faria delivered a lecture on the Model Law project to the 26 participants at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome. The lecture was followed by a lively Q&A session with the participants.



On 21 September 2022, Legal Officer Philine Wehling participated in the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) expert talk on "Innovative Agri-Finance Products to Help Address Food Insecurity in ADB Developing Member Countries" presenting the joint UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts Project, including the objectives, scope and potential uses of the future Model Law and its accompanying Guide to Enactment.

Additionally, the Model Law Project was presented during the fifth panel ("Implementation of secured transactions reforms in the agricultural sector") of the fifth Conference on the International Coordination of Secured Transactions Reform, moderated by José Angelo Estrella Faria (UNCITRAL), held on 5 October 2022 at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome. The presentation delivered an overview of the project and its progress and highlighted the *ex ante* coordination of the various partner organisations in the preparation of this instrument of international legislative guidance.

## 5. Bank Insolvency

### **Working Group Meetings**

Second session (11-13 April 2022)

Third session (17-19 October 2022)

### **Subgroup Meetings**

Subgroup 1: 24 January 2022; 2 February 2022; 22 September 2022

Subgroup 2: 1 February 2022; 8 March 2022; 30 August 2022; 1 September 2022; 8 September 2022; 9 September 2022

Subgroup 3: 16 February 2022; 17 March 2022; 29 August 2022

Co-Chairs Coordination Meetings: 18 January 2022; 21 February 2022; 15 March 2022; 7 June 2022

[Bank Insolvency project website](#)

- *Development of the project*

After receiving two proposals concerning the harmonisation of rules in the field of bank insolvency—one from the Bank of Italy and one from the European Banking Institute (EBI)—the Governing Council at its 98<sup>th</sup> session (May 2019) agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to include a project on Bank Insolvency in the 2020-2022 Work Programme, with medium priority. At the Governing Council's 100<sup>th</sup> session in September 2021, the Council approved the proposed scope (subject to existing regulatory standards and underlining its focus on smaller banks), agreed to recommend assigning a high priority status to the project and authorised the Secretariat to establish a Working Group. The General Assembly approved the upgrade of the priority of the project to "high" during its 80<sup>th</sup> session in December 2021.

A Working Group was established, composed of 10 members selected for their expertise in the field of bank crisis management, insolvency law and deposit insurance. Furthermore, over 30 key institutions (international and regional organisations, central banks, supervisors, resolution authorities and deposit insurance corporations) from all over the world participate in the Working Group as Observers. The Working Group is chaired by Governing Council Member Stefania Bariatti (Professor, University of Milan). In addition to the Working Group, three Subgroups were set up to advance the work during the intersessional periods.

The Bank Insolvency Project is undertaken in cooperation with and with the support of the BIS Financial Stability Institute.

- *Working Group*

The second session of the Working Group on Bank Insolvency took place at the seat of UNIDROIT and via videoconference from 11 to 13 April 2022. The meeting was attended by nine Working Group Members and 31 Observers, including representatives from international and transnational organisations, central banks, deposit insurance corporations and resolution authorities, as well as members of the Financial Stability Institute (FSI) and the UNIDROIT Secretariat. The Working Group discussed all the intersessional work and developments since the previous session, covering the reports of the three Subgroups of the Working Group (namely, Subgroup 1 on Scope and definitions, Objectives, Institutional models, and Procedural and operational aspects; Subgroup 2 on Preparation, Grounds for opening liquidation proceedings, Tools, and Funding; and Subgroup 3 on Creditor hierarchy, Financial contracts, Banking groups, Cross-border aspects, and Safeguards).

From 17 to 19 October 2022, the Working Group on Bank Insolvency met for its third session. The meeting was hosted by the Single Resolution Board (SRB) in Brussels, and was attended in person and via videoconference by ten Working Group Members and 31 Observers. The Working Group commenced with an update on the intersessional work and developments since the second Working Group session, which included work across three Subgroups and a comprehensive stock-taking exercise to collect information on bank liquidation regimes worldwide. It then elaborated on the proposed format and target audience of the future instrument, the scope of special bank liquidation regimes and relevant definitions, objectives, effective institutional arrangements, procedural and organisational aspects of the liquidation process, preparatory actions and the grounds for commencing bank liquidation proceedings, tools and powers, funding, matters of creditor hierarchy, the treatment of financial contracts, specificities for banking groups, and issues relating to cross-border scenarios. The Working Group also addressed the organisation of future work, which included establishing a Drafting Committee, to be tasked with the preparation of a first draft of the Guide, based on the discussions and input collected so far.



- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

On 20 July 2022, Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and Legal Officer Myrte Thijssen presented the Bank Insolvency Project during UNIDROIT's International Summer School.

On 21 October 2022, Secretary-General Tirado presented the Bank Insolvency Project during a conference organised by the Bank of Italy entitled "Banking crises: resolution, liquidation and prospects for reform in light of the Spanish and Italian experience".

On 25 October 2022, Secretary-General Tirado discussed the Bank Insolvency Project during the XXI General Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) in Paraguay.

On 7 November 2022, Secretary-General Tirado moderated a panel on "Bridging the Gap in Insolvency Legal Architecture" during the Asia-Pacific Private International Law Summit in Hong Kong, and Legal Officer Myrte Thijssen gave a presentation on UNIDROIT's Bank Insolvency Project.

## 6. **Legal Structure of Agricultural Enterprises**

### **Working Group Meetings**

First session (23-25 February 2022)

Second session (2-4 November 2022)

### **Intersessional Meetings**

16 June 2022, 22 September 2022, and 30 September 2022

[Legal Structure of Agricultural Enterprises project website](#)

- *Development of the project*

The project on Legal Structure of Agricultural Enterprises (LSAE) represents the third project in the tripartite partnership of UNIDROIT, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD). The prospective LSAE Guide is a natural follow-up from the Legal Guide on Contract Farming (finalised in 2015) and the Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts (finalised in 2020).

The LSAE project was proposed for inclusion in the 2020-2022 Work Programme by the Governing Council at its 98<sup>th</sup> session and was approved by the General Assembly at its 78<sup>th</sup> session. In December 2021, during the General Assembly's 80<sup>th</sup> session, the project received a high-priority status and a Working Group was set up.

The LSAE Working Group has been tasked with developing an international soft law (guidance) document covering collaborative legal structures that support small producers and agri-MSMEs to

do business with one another to increase efficiency, reduce undesirable distributional effects, access international markets and promote sustainable agricultural development. Three main categories of instruments are analysed: (i) contracts, including bundles of contracts and multiparty contracts; (ii) companies with or without legal personality; and (iii) cooperatives. The project also considers the challenges and new opportunities raised by digital technology, sustainability, and finance on the structure of agricultural enterprises.

- *Working Group*

The LSAE Working Group is chaired by Governing Council Member Justice Ricardo Lorenzetti and coordinated by Professor Fabrizio Cafaggi (Judge at the Council of State Italy and Professor at the University of Trento and LUISS). It is composed of nine members selected for their legal expertise in the fields of contract law, corporate law, commercial law, property law, and agricultural law, as well as for their experience in economics, finance, digitalisation, and sustainability. The Working Group also counts the participation of four experts from FAO and three experts from IFAD, representing not only their legal departments, but also other technical divisions, such as FAO's "Agrifood Economics Division" and "Food Systems and Food Safety Division", as well as IFAD's "Research and Impact Division" and "Inclusive Rural Finance, Markets and Value Chains Division". In addition, the Working Group includes a significant number of observers representing international and regional intergovernmental organisations, farmers' associations, non-governmental organisations, and the private sector.



The first session of the LSAE Working Group took place from 23 to 25 February 2022 at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome and via videoconference. The session was attended by 40 participants, including FAO's Legal Counsel (Ms Donata Rugarabamu) and IFAD's General Counsel (Ms Katherine Meighan), who participated in person during the opening of the session to restate the importance of the tripartite partnership among FAO, IFAD and UNIDROIT.

The first session discussed the envisaged scope, objectives, and content of the guidance document. Among other issues, it addressed the impact of market structures on agricultural enterprises, the role of midstream agri-MSMEs in rural transformation, factors influencing the choice of corporate or contractual legal structures, and the use of multiparty contractual arrangements for collaboration in agri-food supply chains. The Working Group also discussed the impact of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), green finance, and digital technology on agricultural enterprises.

During the intersessional period, three meetings were organised. The first intersessional meeting, held 16 June 2022, collected empirical evidence on the use of the three categories of collaborative legal forms. The second meeting, held 22 September 2022, examined the differences among, and main challenges stemming from, the legal structure of agricultural cooperatives. The third meeting, held 30 September 2022, discussed how corporations operated as instruments of collaboration among producers and other actors along the agri-food supply chain, and considered the impact of digitalisation and finance on agricultural enterprises.

The second session of the LSAE Working Group took place from 2 to 4 November 2022 in Rome at the seat of UNIDROIT and via videoconference with 44 participants. After reviewing all of the intersessional work carried out since the first session, the Working Group considered a number of issues, including the refinement of the scope of the project, multiparty contracts, cooperatives and corporations, sustainability, and finance. The participants agreed to further work on adapting the structure of analysis proposed for multiparty contracts to the specificities of cooperatives and corporations. The organisation of future work was also discussed.

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

The LSAE project was presented at two international events held in Paraguay in the month of October 2022: (i) the XXI Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) and (ii) VIII Continental Congress of Cooperative Law organised by the Legislative Committee of the Regional Organization of the Americas of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).

## 7. Formulation of Principles of Reinsurance Contracts

### **Workshop on PRICL**

Tenth session (13-15 July 2022)

[Principles of Reinsurance Contracts project website](#)

- *Development of the project*

The project for the development of Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law (PRICL Project), led by the Universities of Zurich, Frankfurt, and Vienna, and with participation from academics and practitioners from different jurisdictions, as well as UNIDROIT, was set up with the aim of formulating a “restatement” of existing global reinsurance law. After publication of the first part of the instrument in 2020, the UNIDROIT General Assembly endorsed the Governing Council’s decision to keep the project in the Work Programme in order to finalise it with additional chapters on back-to-back cover, termination, and limitation periods.

- *PRICL Tenth Workshop*

The UNIDROIT Secretariat participated in the tenth session of the PRICL Workshop, held from 13 to 15 July 2022 in Bad Homburg (Germany), to address the final draft on the period of reinsurance contracts, as well as a draft of the back-to-back clause, and the draft joint PRICL-UNIDROIT Note on PRICL and the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting also discussed the way forward, as well as a marketing strategy for the instrument.

The eleventh session was slated to take place on 25-27 January 2023 at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome.

## 8. Private Art Collections

- *Development of the project*

Consistent with this project’s inclusion in the Work Programme, the Secretariat identified the subject of orphan objects as one that required transnational legislative attention. Orphan objects can be defined as cultural objects which do not have an identified - or a fully identified - provenance. In cultural property law, the question is more one of history of ownership.

The need to work on a definition of orphan objects, the role of provenance, the legal status of orphan objects in art collections, and the definition of due diligence in the acquisition of orphan objects, were identified as issues that could fall within the scope of the project. Following discussions and consultations, a consensus was reached to propose giving a higher priority to the project, subject to the identification of sufficient resources, to the General Assembly at its 81<sup>st</sup> session in December 2022. The General Assembly agreed to increase the project’s priority level to medium.

The first meeting of an Exploratory Expert Group was held in Geneva and via videoconference on 12 September 2022 for a preliminary discussion on the selected topics and meetings of subgroups were proposed for the first trimester of 2023.

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

Despite the low priority level allocated to this subject, work has been carried out thanks to partners of the UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project (UCAP). UNIDROIT presented this project, *inter alia*, at the “Due Diligence, Digital Databases and Cultural Property Law and Policy” Conference organised by the Harry Radzyner School of Law at Reichman University in Herzliya, Israel in March 2022, as well as at the “Culture and Law” Conference organised by the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) and the *Centro Mexicano de Derecho Uniforme* in Mexico City, Mexico in April 2022.

## 9. International Interests in Mobile Equipment

### a. Depository Functions of UNIDROIT

- *Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol*

UNIDROIT has been designated as the Depository of the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention) pursuant to Article 62(1) of the Convention and Article XXXVII(1) of Aircraft Protocol, both of which entered into force on 1 March 2006. As of 31 December 2022, there were 84 Contracting States and one Contracting Regional Economic Integration Organisation to the Convention and 81 Contracting States and one Contracting Regional Economic Integration Organisation to the Aircraft Protocol. Between 1 January and 31 December 2022, one State (Niger) deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention and to the Aircraft Protocol.



On 17 November 2022, H.E. Ambassador of Niger to Italy Fatimata Cheiffou deposited with UNIDROIT the original copy in due form of the instruments of accession of the Republic of Niger to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and to the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment. H.E. Ambassador Cheiffou was accompanied by Farid Sanda, First Secretary at the Embassy of Niger to Italy. The visit was also an occasion to discuss how to strengthen

the relations between the Republic of Niger and UNIDROIT, as well as the benefits of other UNIDROIT instruments for her country.

- *Luxembourg Rail Protocol*

UNIDROIT has been designated Depository of the Luxembourg Protocol on matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock pursuant to Article XXXIV(1) of the Rail Protocol. The Luxembourg Rail Protocol was adopted on 23 February 2007 at a Diplomatic Conference held in Luxembourg. As of 31 December 2022 it had eight Signatory States (France, Germany, Italy, Mozambique, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom), three Contracting States (Gabon, Luxembourg and Sweden) and one Contracting Regional Economic Integration Organisation (the European Union). Between 1 January and 31 December 2022, one State (South Africa) signed the Luxembourg Rail Protocol. The Protocol is not yet in force.

On 22 March 2022, the Republic of South Africa signed the Luxembourg Rail Protocol, through H.E. Fikile Mbalula, Minister of Transport of South Africa. The signature of the treaty was recognised as a first step towards the country's planned ratification of the Protocol, for which an in-principle ministerial agreement was reached.

After signing the Rail Protocol in November 2021, the Government of Spain continued with the ratification process, which was concluded at the end of November 2022 with the signature by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and submission for promulgation by the King. The Kingdom of Spain deposited its instrument of ratification on 20 January 2023.

- *MAC Protocol*

UNIDROIT has been designated as Depository of the MAC Protocol by virtue of its Article XXXVII(1). As of 31 December 2022, the Protocol has been signed by five States (Congo, Gambia, Nigeria, Paraguay, and the United States of America) and one Regional Economic Integration Organisation (the European Union). The Protocol is not yet in force.

On 20 September 2022, the European Union, which is already a Party to the Cape Town Convention, the Aircraft Protocol, and the Luxembourg Rail Protocol, became a Signatory to the MAC Protocol. H.E. Hana Hubáčková, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Italy, Presidency-in-Office of the Council of the European Union, and H.E. Antonio Parenti, Head of the European Commission Representation in Italy, signed, on behalf of the European Union, the MAC Protocol at a ceremony held at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome.





**b. Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock (Luxembourg Rail Protocol)**

**Preparatory Commission**

Eleventh session (29-30 November 2022)

- *Preparatory Commission: Work of the Negotiating Team set up at the tenth Session of the Preparatory Commission*

Pursuant to the conferral of the mandate by the Rail Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of the International Registry for Railway Rolling Stock under the Luxembourg Protocol ("Preparatory Commission") at its tenth Session, the UNIDROIT Secretariat continued, throughout 2022, to provide support for, and participate in several remote plenary meetings of the Negotiating Team, which had been set up at that session to conduct negotiations in relation to a proposed change of ownership or control of the Registrar-designate Regulis S.A. The Negotiating Team was composed of the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Commission, as well as representatives of OTIF, UNIDROIT and the Rail Working Group. Further, the UNIDROIT Secretariat participated in several in-person and remote workshops organised to advance the work of the Negotiating Team with a view to agreeing on all necessary adjustments to the existing Registry Agreements.

- *Preparatory Commission: Eleventh Session*

On 29-30 November 2022, OTIF and UNIDROIT jointly convened the eleventh session of the Preparatory Commission, which was held both in person at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome and via videoconference, and was co-chaired by Peter Bloch (USA) and Antti Leinonen (Finland).



The session was attended by 20 State delegations and was opened by the Secretaries General of UNIDROIT and OTIF. The opening of the session also featured statements from H.E. Michèle Pranchère-Tomassini, Ambassador of Luxembourg to Italy, and H.E. Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile, Ambassador of South Africa to Italy.

Notably, after reviewing the Final Report of the Negotiating Team, the Preparatory Commission approved by consensus the change of control in the Registrar-designate Regulis S.A. from SITA BV to ISC Atlantic Services Inc, as well as the consequent amendments to the contracts regarding the operation of the Registry, and the assignment of the Master Service Agreement, Software Security Agreement, and Deed of Business Continuity from SITA Ireland to ERS.

The approval by the Preparatory Commission will enable the setting up of an operational Registry by the time of the entry into force of the Protocol, expected in 2023.

The Report of the Preparatory Commission session is available [here](#).

- *Development of the Model Rules for the Permanent Marking of Railway Rolling Stock*



On 4 and 5 May 2022, UNIDROIT, represented by Deputy Secretary-General Professor Anna Veneziano, participated in the fifth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Group of Experts on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock (GE\_PIRRS), which addressed the development of the Model Rules on the Permanent Marking of Railway Rolling Stock ("Model Rules") ensuring the implementation in practice of the Unique Rail Vehicle Identification System (URVIS) under the Luxembourg Rail Protocol.

From 1 to 3 June 2022, UNIDROIT also participated in the informal drafting group meeting set up at the fifth session of GE\_PIRRS with the aim of implementing the decisions taken at that session and finalising the draft Model Rules and the Terms of Reference for the Revision Committee.

Professor Veneziano also participated in the sixth session of GE\_PIRRS on 29 and 30 August 2022 which approved the final draft of the Model Rules and agreed that the updated Model Rules be submitted to the Working Party on Rail Transport for adoption.

The Model Rules were approved by the Inland Transport Committee in November 2022 and were submitted to the Working Party for final approval (scheduled for February 2023).

- *Ratification Task Force actions and promotional activities*

Throughout 2022, the Secretariat continued to actively cooperate with OTIF, the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Commission, and the Rail Working Group in preparatory work for the establishment of the Supervisory Authority for the operation of the International Registry, the International Registry itself, and in the organisation of promotional activities. The Secretariat also continued to cooperate with other global and regional organisations in order to maximise efforts towards dissemination of information on the advantages of implementing the Luxembourg Rail Protocol. Promotional events included presentations at:

- the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Legal Information Series (10 January 2022);
- the UNIDROIT International Summer School, where the Protocol was discussed as a tool for sustainable economic development for Africa (11 July 2022);
- the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO) (27 September 2022);
- the International Academy of Comparative Law IACL-UNIDROIT Workshop on finance instruments within the framework of the IACL XXI Congress in Asunción, Paraguay (25 October 2022);
- the Asia-Pacific Private International Law Summit on Facilitating Access to Credit in the context of the Hong Kong 2022 Legal Week (7 November 2022).

In addition, the Rail Working Group continued to further the promotion of the Protocol, including by the organisation of, and participation in, an event hosted by the Luxembourg Ambassador in Berlin in October 2022.

The UNIDROIT Secretariat also continued to actively liaise with potential contracting States, to assist the Rail Working Group in drafting, or directly drafting, support documentation for interested governments, and to meet with governmental representatives of several States, including China, India, Italy, Mauritius, Mongolia, and the Philippines.

Finally, at the end of 2022 UNIDROIT was informed of the finalisation of the process of ratification of the Protocol by Spain. This milestone event would fulfil one of the conditions for the entry into force of the Protocol (the other being the certification by OTIF that the International Registry is operational (see above, on page 28).

**c. Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction equipment (MAC Protocol)**

***Preparatory Commission***

Fourth session (17-18 January 2022)

Fifth session (22-23 November 2022)

- *Meetings of the MAC Preparatory Commission and Working Group*

Pursuant to Resolution 1 of the diplomatic Conference, a Preparatory Commission was established to act as Provisional Supervisory Authority until the Protocol enters into force. The Preparatory Commission operates under the guidance of the Governing Council and the General Assembly of UNIDROIT.

The Preparatory Commission met twice in 2022. The Commission's fourth session took place as a hybrid event on 17 and 18 January 2022. The fourth session was attended by 41 participants from 11 Member States of the Commission, one observing State, one observing Regional Economic Integration Organisation, one observing organisation, *ex officio* observers from the diplomatic Conference, and members of the UNIDROIT Secretariat. The fifth session took place on 22-23

November 2022 and was attended by 40 participants from 10 Member States of the Commission, three observing organisations, *ex officio* observers from the diplomatic Conference, and members of the UNIDROIT Secretariat.

In addition, quarterly virtual meetings were held with the MAC Working Group.

Throughout 2022, the Preparatory Commission continued to make progress regarding its three key responsibilities: (i) appointment of a Supervisory Authority, (ii) selection of a Registrar to operate the MAC Protocol International Registry, and (iii) preparation of a first edition of the International Registry Regulations.

Regarding the appointment of the Supervisory Authority, at its 101<sup>st</sup> session in June 2022, the Governing Council decided to establish an *ad hoc* Committee to consider the public international law issues associated with either (a) UNIDROIT undertaking the role of Supervisory Authority, or (b) the creation of a new international entity to undertake the role, with UNIDROIT as its Secretariat. The *ad hoc* Committee began its work in November 2022 and will report back to the Governing Council at its 102<sup>nd</sup> session in May 2023.

Regarding the selection of a Registrar, the Request for Proposals for the establishment of the future International Registry for MAC Equipment was published on 21 March and closed on 1 September 2022. The Secretariat also hosted a Solicitation Conference on 1 April 2022 relating to the Request for Proposals. An Evaluation Committee assessed the bids that were submitted and reported back to the Preparatory Commission at its fifth session.

Regarding the preparation of the first edition of the International Registry Regulations, a first draft of the Regulations was provided as part of the Request for Proposals published in June 2022.

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

On 10 January 2022, the UNIDROIT Secretariat made a virtual presentation to the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB)'s Legal Department on how the Cape Town Convention and the MAC Protocol in particular could support the AIIB's core work.

On 27 January 2022, to promote the MAC Protocol in Europe, the UNIDROIT Secretariat carried out a presentation of the MAC Protocol's benefits for the European Union to the European Union Working Party on Civil Law Matters in Brussels.

The Secretariat also made a presentation of the MAC Protocol at an APEC Workshop in Japan on Modernising Secured Transaction Legal Regimes in APEC Economies (May 2022).

During the UNIDROIT International Summer School in Rome (June 2022), the Secretariat presented the MAC Protocol as a tool for economic development in Africa to a group of African legal experts.

The Secretariat also discussed the MAC Protocol at the Cape Town Academic Conference in Cambridge (September 2022).

Furthermore, the Secretariat carried out a discussion regarding coordinating implementation of the MAC Protocol at the fifth Secured Transactions Coordination Conference at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome (October 2022).

In November 2022, the Secretariat presented the MAC Protocol both at the Asia Pacific Private International Law Summit in Hong Kong and at the Asian Development Bank in Manila, Philippines.

## **B. PROMOTION OF INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED BY UNIDROIT**

Within the limits imposed by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Secretariat continued to do its utmost in 2022 to promote the UNIDROIT Conventions and other instruments, notably presenting them at conferences and publishing related articles.

Annexe II provides an overview of the instruments drawn up, as well as the status of implementation of Conventions prepared by UNIDROIT and approved at diplomatic conferences convened by UNIDROIT Member States. For the implementation of instruments based on work conducted within UNIDROIT, see Annexe III.

## 1. Cape Town Convention and its Protocols

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences on the Cape Town system and Aircraft Protocol*

In 2022 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, the following are representative examples.

On 10 January 2022, the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols were presented at an event of the Legal Information and Management Series, organised by the Legal Department of the Asian Infrastructure Development Bank (AIIB). This event featured a presentation by UNIDROIT entitled: “The Cape Town Convention and its Protocols – Using international secured transactions law to increase certainty in high-value asset-based financing”.



On 17 June 2022, the Secretary-General participated in the Ninth Air Law Conference organised by the L.U.I.S.S. University in a panel moderated by Ms Laura Pierallini, where he reported on the resilience of the Cape Town Convention and its Aircraft Protocol during the Covid-19 pandemics.

On 8 July 2022, the Cape Town Convention and its Aircraft Protocol were presented in the framework of the UNIDROIT International Summer School, with participation of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and Professor Jeffrey Wool.

On 4 and 5 October 2022, the Joint Network for Coordinating and Supporting Secured Transactions Reforms held the fifth International Coordination of Secured Transactions Reform Conference which was hosted by UNIDROIT in Rome in its capacity as the 2022 Chair of the Joint Network. Over the two days, 40 panellists and 70 experts, participating both in person and virtually, discussed a variety of issues associated with the coordination of secured transactions reform, including: the coordination of new instruments with the existing legal secured transactions framework; coordination among legislative organisations, private sector associations, and regulatory agencies; financial inclusion; and access to credit in the agricultural sector.



On 14 December 2022, UNIDROIT participated remotely in a workshop on International Best Practice on Security Interest Registration. Organised as a joint initiative between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and supported by the Swiss Cooperation Office in Viet Nam, the event brought together international experts and Vietnamese stakeholders to share their experiences in secured transactions reform. During the event, UNIDROIT Senior Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson presented on UNIDROIT’s work on the Guide on Best Practices for Electronic Collateral Registries (a joint initiative under the Cape Town Convention Academic Project), as well as the design and operation of registries under the Cape Town Convention system and the future UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring. Vietnamese stakeholders demonstrated strong interest in the Mining, Agriculture and Construction (MAC) Protocol to the Cape Town Convention, with a specific focus on how the Vietnamese collateral registry could serve as an entry point to the future International Registry for MAC equipment, in order to improve access to finance for Vietnamese mining, agriculture and construction companies.

- *Participation in ministerial meetings on the ratification of the Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol*

Throughout 2022, UNIDROIT Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General participated in several meetings of an inter-ministerial working group coordinated by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide expertise on the ratification of the Cape Town Convention and its Aircraft Protocol.

On 15 March 2022, Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano further took part in a parliamentary audition concerning the economic and legal implications of the ratification of the Convention and the Aircraft Protocol by Italy.

- *Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters specific to Space Assets (Space Protocol)*

Throughout 2022, the UNIDROIT Secretariat delivered several academic lectures on the theme of the Space Protocol, notably at:

- the University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridsk" in Bulgaria (5 January 2022);
- the Gennadiy Zhukov International Space Law Centre of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (18 February 2022);
- the International Institute for Air and Space Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands (14 May 2022);
- the Institute of Space Technology in Islamabad, Pakistan (22 June 2022);
- the UNIDROIT International Summer School (16 July 2022);
- the National University of Singapore (24 August 2022); and
- Aston University in the United Kingdom (6 December 2022).

Additionally, the Space Protocol was the subject of additional presentations, including:

- as part of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Legal Information Series (10 January 2022);
- at a training session delivered to all the judges of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts (24 February 2022);
- at the virtual "United Nations/Chile Conference on Space Law and Policy: Governance and Legal Perspectives on Space Activities in Earth[']s Orbit and Beyond" (10-12 May 2022); and
- at the International Astronautical Congress in Paris, France (18-22 September 2022).

Moreover, an update on the Space Protocol was delivered at the 61<sup>st</sup> session of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) Legal Subcommittee (29 March-8 April 2022). Likewise, the Space Protocol was highlighted as part of UNIDROIT's statement at the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the UNOOSA General Assembly in Vienna, Austria (1-10 June 2022).

Notably, on 14 June 2022, UNIDROIT signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Space Court Foundation (SCF) to strengthen cooperation between the institutions in furthering their respective goals for peaceful dispute resolution through private international law, with an emphasis on promoting research in space law, with a particular focus on the financing of space activities.

- *Cape Town Convention Academic Project*

In 2022, the Cape Town Convention Academic Project (CTCAP) created the Cape Town Convention (CTC) international moot court programme (CTC moot court) whose purpose is to familiarise students and judges with the CTC in the context of complex hypothetical fact patterns and to provide students with educational exercises involving these instruments in a simulated judicial setting. The hypothetical and related materials will be modified on a jurisdictional basis, depending on the venue of the CTC moot court. The major change will be that such a venue will be the assumed country where the aircraft is registered under the Chicago Convention of 1944. The program will work around the world with local universities. The CTC moot court will be heard by sitting judges from their respective jurisdictions. Alternatively, the fact pattern may be used as the basis of discussion and debate among judges and/or students.

The sixth Workshop on the Best Practices in the Field of Electronic Registry Design and Operation (BPER) Project was organised by the CTCAP at the Cavonius Centre, Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge (and remotely) on 12 September 2022 and it involved 35 participants. This project continued to be supported by the UNIDROIT Foundation and Aviareto. Following the publication of a Guide on Best Practices for Electronic Collateral Registries, the BPER Project is presently working towards the preparation of a Guide on Best Practices for Electronic Business Registries. The sixth Workshop featured a review of a preliminary structure for the Guide on Electronic Business Registries, as well as discussions on questions of scope, differences between business registries and collateral registries, and the structure of the guide on business registries. Furthermore, the Workshop also examined Critical Performance Factors for business registries, received input from international organisations and practitioners, and drew comparisons with other international instruments in this area. The Workshop also included input from various national and international organisations involved in the design and operation of companies' registries.



In addition, the eleventh annual CTCAP Conference took place at Robinson College at the University of Cambridge (and remotely) on 13 and 14 September 2022. The Conference was organised by the CTCAP under the auspices of the Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law (3CL). The focus was on Public International Law and the Cape Town Convention. The first day featured a Keynote Address by Professor Philippa Webb (King's College London), which was followed by a presentation on the "Application of public international law concepts to actions taken in Russia which have an impact on CTC obligations", and a discussion on "Public and private aviation treaties: CTC and the Chicago Convention". Day 2 of the Conference featured presentations on "Sanctions and the CTC: the relationship between sanctions and treaty obligations affected by sanctions", on "Private actor recourse against states in respect of treaty violations", remarks on "State-to-state diplomatic practice on treaty compliance and impact on CTC obligations", and a presentation on "The internationality of property interests: what can we learn in the CTC context from the intellectual property experience?". The Conference was concluded by a presentation on "Public international law and institutional items: case study on supervisory authority role in CTC".

## 2. *International Protection of Cultural Property*

### a. **1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally exported Cultural Objects**

- *Status*

The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention entered into force in 1998. As at 31 December 2022, the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects had 54 Contracting States (cf. Annexe II). Madagascar acceded on 6 December 2021 (with entry into force 1 June 2022), Mexico acceded on 11 May 2022 (with entry into force on 1 November 2022), and Morocco acceded on 3 August 2022 (with entry into force on 1 February 2023).

### b. **Institutional cooperation**

- *The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)*

On 28 January 2022, UNIDROIT was invited to attend the Technical Expert Consultation on the preliminary draft capacity building program related to UNESCO Operational Strategy for Priority Africa Flagship programme 3: "Fostering cultural heritage and capacity development" and its objective 2 "Supporting African Member States in the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property within the framework of the 1970 Convention; and in facilitating the return and restitution of cultural property in the framework of the Intergovernmental Committee for



Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP), as well as the promotion of museums.



UNIDROIT was also invited to two regional consultation events on cultural policies and sustainable development hosted by UNESCO under the presidencies of Senegal and Mexico, respectively, on 30 January and 1 February, for the African region, and on 14 and 15 February 2022, for Latin America and the Caribbean, ahead of the Mondiacult 2022 conference (September 2022). Both occasions were an opportunity to recall the role of UNIDROIT instruments in matters concerning the international protection of cultural objects, which not only allow for an effective fight against abuse committed in the framework of international trade of cultural objects, but also contribute to increasing legal certainty related to the circulation and trade of cultural objects worldwide.



From 28 to 30 September 2022, UNIDROIT Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and Principal Legal Officer and Treaty Depository Marina Schneider attended the UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development in Mexico City, which brought together almost 2600 participants, 150 State delegations, 135 Ministers of Culture, 32 intergovernmental organisations,

83 non-governmental organisations, and nine UN agencies. Professor Tirado intervened as observer in the Ministerial Thematic Session II on "Heritage and cultural diversity in crisis", and Principal Legal Officer and Treaty Depository Schneider moderated the Ministerial Thematic Session III on the same subject.

The Final Declaration was adopted by acclamation and, among other, emphasised the commitment of States to intensify the fight against illicit trafficking in cultural property and called for an open and inclusive international dialogue for the return and restitution of cultural property to countries of origin. UNIDROIT featured twice in the Final Declaration. At that time, Mexico had recently acceded to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention.

On 10 and 11 November 2022, UNIDROIT participated in the first National Consultation for the Prevention of Crimes and Violations against Cultural Heritage initiated by the Office of the President of Mongolia and organised by the Ministry of Culture, the Department of Culture and Arts Authority of the Implementing Agency of the Government of Mongolia and the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with the UNESCO Beijing Office. The accession to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention was largely discussed. This consultation followed the visit of a delegation of Mongolia to UNIDROIT on 2 May 2022 led by the Vice-Minister of Justice and Home Affairs and comprising other representatives of the Ministry, as well as members of Parliament, and the Director of the National Legal Institute of Mongolia.



- *The International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)*

UNIDROIT attended a Conference organised by ICCROM Sharjah and the Ministry of Culture of Saudi Arabia for 52 high-level Saudi participants and invitees from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), including Yemen, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates, on 9 May 2022. It gave an online course on its instruments on international protection of cultural property.



- *Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)*

UNIDROIT pursued its cooperation with ECOWAS and attended some technical meetings to accompany States in the process of accession to the 1995 Convention.

### **c. The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project**

The Academic Project of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention (UCAP) aims at increasing awareness and knowledge of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and at promoting and linking relevant (inter)national research carried out by entities and universities teaching in the field of cultural heritage law.

In the framework of UCAP, starting in January 2022 and slated to end in June 2023, UNIDROIT is partnering with the Art Law Centre of the University of Geneva in the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Geneva. This programme is aimed at providing a high level of knowledge and understanding of the substantive themes of international cultural heritage law through a modern and dynamic problem-based learning method. A specific presentation on UNIDROIT instruments took place on 10 September 2022.

In 2022, three new individual partners joined UCAP, one of which contributed with a “technical report on the model clauses for the legal purchase and sale of cultural assets” posted on the UCAP website.

### **d. Legal assistance, Conferences and capacity-building workshops**

UNIDROIT was invited to participate in various academic programmes and conferences, capacity-building workshops and expert meetings organised in 2022, including:

- the third edition of the Master in Cultural Property Protection in Crisis Response of the Università degli studi di Torino, with a presentation in Turin (Italy) on 16 February 2022;
- the “Culture and Law” conference, organised in April 2022 in Mexico City by the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) and the *Centro Mexicano de Derecho Uniforme*;
- a training course for Afghanistan, organised by the *Institut National du Patrimoine and Expertise France* on 25 May 2022;
- the conference entitled, “The Italian Law of Cultural Heritage: a Dialogue with the United States”, organised on 17 and 18 June 2022 in Florence (Italy) by the Faculty of Law of the University of Florence and the *Soprintendenza* of Florence, Pistoia and Prato;
- a presentation to officials and leaders of the Ministries of Culture of various States of the African Union on 21 June 2022;
- the Eleventh International Symposium on Theft and Illicit Trafficking of Works of Art, organised by INTERPOL (6 July 2022);
- UNIDROIT Summer School 2022, presentation of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and the Model Provisions (13 July 2022);
- the International Conference on the Protection of Cultural Property “The Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Properties—An ASEAN Perspective”, organised on 5 to 8 September 2022 by the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of the Kingdom of Cambodia as the 2022 Chair of ASEAN, in cooperation with the Antiquities Coalition, in Siem Reap, Cambodia (online presentation);
- the conference entitled, “Acting together against archaeological looting in France and in the Mediterranean basin and the trafficking of antiquities”, organised in Marseille (France) by the Regional Directorate of Cultural Affairs of Provence-Côte d’Azur on 12 and 13 October 2022;
- National Training Workshop on Building Capacities on the Fight against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Objects: Protection, Mitigation & Recovery in Emergency, organised by UNESCO on 24 to 28, October 2022, in Adama, Ethiopia;
- a high-level virtual panel discussion marking the third International Day Against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property, hosted by the Qatar National Library about the efforts to counter the sale and illegal circulation of antiquities and documentary heritage in the Middle East and North Africa (14 November 2022);



- the sixth International Study Day, "Heritage in Danger and the Fight against Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Property", on the theme of "Illicit Circulation and Money Laundering of National and Oriental Cultural Property in the Art Worlds", on 8 December 2022 in Poitiers (France);
- the "Heritage at Risk" colloquium, co-organised by the *Centre de recherche Droits et Perspectives du droit* (CRDP), the *Institut Droit Éthique Patrimoine* (IDEP), the *Institut d'Études de droit public* (IEDP) and the *Centre de Recherche Juridique Pothier* (CRJP) at the University of Orléans (France) on 9 December 2022 in Paris.
- training and awareness raising courses organised by the Italian Carabinieri for African Union countries (Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Niger, Senegal, Seychelles, Togo and Tunisia);
- National Training Workshop on Building Capacities on the Fight against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Objects: Protection, Mitigation & Recovery in Emergency, organised by UNESCO on 24 to 28, October 2022, in Adama, Ethiopia; and
- UNESCO regional capacity-building workshops on the fight against illicit trafficking in cultural property in Central and Eastern Africa (Libreville and Nairobi in December 2022).

### 3. UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

Over the course of 2022, the UPICC were presented at a number of seminars, conferences and lectures to interested academic, governmental and business circles, the following being representative examples with participation of the UNIDROIT Secretariat.

On 11 March 2022, the Deputy Secretary-General participated in a seminar organised by the Department of Law of Roma Tre University on "Transnational Issues in the Adaptation of Long-Term Contracts to New Circumstances", where the role of the UPICC as a model for national legislation and for the drafting of contractual clauses was discussed.



On 28 and 29 March 2022, UNIDROIT Legal Officer Philine Wehling delivered a lecture on "UNIDROIT & the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts" to postgraduate students of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) in Turin. The two-day lecture also introduced the students to UNIDROIT's mandate and working methods, to then focus on the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts.

Subsequently, the group explored the influence of the UNIDROIT Principles on other instruments developed under the auspices of UNIDROIT, such as the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming and the UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts. The lecture was part of the Master of Laws in International Trade Law programme, which is co-organised by the ITC-ILO, the University of Turin, and the University Institute of European Studies, in collaboration with the Turin School of Development.

On 2 May 2022, Ms Wehling delivered a presentation on the UPICC to a delegation from Mongolia that visited UNIDROIT, led by the Vice-Minister of Justice and Home Affairs and comprising other representatives of the Ministry, as well as members of Parliament, and the Director of the National Legal Institute of Mongolia. She provided an overview of the development and content of the Principles as well as their influence on other international instruments, in particular the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming.

On 11 May 2022, the UPICC were the object of the customary annual lecture at the Master on International Commercial Law at the L.U.I.S.S. University in Rome.

On 5 July 2022, the UPICC were presented in the framework of the UNIDROIT Summer School, with participation of professors Michael Joachim Bonell and Don Wallace. The afternoon was dedicated to a workshop on the practical application of the UPICC co-organised with the Department of Law of Roma Tre University, in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding concluded with them.

Furthermore, the UPICC were featured at a conference co-organised with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and ICC Italy and hosted by UNIDROIT, on the ICC Force Majeure and Hardship Clauses (14 October 2022), with participation of the Deputy Secretary-General.

Additionally, the UPICC featured prominently at the XXI Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Asunción (IACL) (Paraguay), particularly in one of the opening sessions of the Congress addressing investment contracts and the proposed ICC-UNIDROIT project on this topic (with participation of Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and UNIDROIT’s President Maria Chiara Malaguti). They were also discussed in a dedicated panel on UPICC and judicial activity, co-organised by IACL and UNIDROIT on 26 October 2022 and moderated by the Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano, with participation of international experts and enriched by the contribution of Supreme Court Justice of Paraguay Minister Eugenio Jiménez Rolón, with express mention of local cases citing the UPICC.

The UPICC were also presented at the Workshop on ASEAN Online Dispute Resolution, held on 9 November 2022, as one of UNIDROIT’s instruments strengthening contractual enforcement, in the context of the 2022 Hong Kong Legal Week.

On 24 November 2022, Professor Veneziano and Ms Wehling delivered an online lecture on “The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts” to over 100 students of the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL) as part of the 2022 SHUPL Partner Fair Event Overseas Lectures organised by the University. The lecture was followed by a lively Q&A session with students.

#### 4. UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

The UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming (LGCF) was presented at a number of seminars, conferences and lectures to relevant academic institutions during the course of 2022, the following being representative examples of occasions of UNIDROIT Secretariat’s participation.



On 25 February 2022, UNIDROIT participated in a Workshop on Responsible Contract Farming organised by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the Liberia Ministry of Agriculture, the MAP Liberia Land Platform, and the William N. Tolbert College of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Liberia. The workshop brought together policymakers, farmer organisations, civil

society representatives, and private sector actors from Liberia to discuss legal, policy and institutional innovations to support and promote contract farming, as an important inclusive business model for responsible investment in agriculture. Legal Officer Philine Wehling provided an overview of the development and content of the LGCF. The presentation was followed by a lively Q&A session with the participants concerning possible uses and challenges of contract farming within the context of Liberia’s existing legal framework.

On 24 June 2022, the LGCF was presented by Legal Officer Priscila Andrade at a conference entitled “Making the Supply Chain Work – Drafting Effective International Contracts” held in Vienna and organised by the International Association of Lawyers (UIA), with the support of the Vienna Bar Council and the Austrian Bar Association.

On 6 July 2022, the LGCF was discussed during the UNIDROIT Summer School, with participation of UNIDROIT and FAO representatives, including Governing Council Member Professor Henry Gabriel.

On 26 October 2022, the LGCF was presented at a dedicated panel, co-organised by the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) and UNIDROIT during the XXI IACL Congress, where participants discussed the role of uniform law for sustainable development. The panel was moderated by Governing Council Member Dr Jorge Sanchez Cordero and featured a presentation by the Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano and Professor Alejandro Garro.

## **5. UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts**

- *Translation*

The translation and editing of the French version of the UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts (ALIC) was finalised in 2022 and the publication will be launched in 2023.

- *Presentations, seminars and conferences*

The ALIC Legal Guide was presented at various events over the course of 2022.

On 25 February 2022, Senior Legal Officer Carlo Di Nicola and Legal Officer Priscila Andrade presented the ALIC Legal Guide during a Workshop on Responsible Contract Farming organised in Liberia to showcase how responsible agricultural land investment may be promoted through various types of contracts, including ALIC and Community Development Agreements.

On 18 May 2022, the ALIC Legal Guide was presented at the International Bar Association (IBA) Agricultural Law Section's capacity-development webinar for lawyers on responsible investments in agriculture.

On 23 May 2022, the ALIC Legal Guide was discussed during a breakout session entitled "Showcasing best practices on promoting responsible land-based investments" organised in the context of the Global Land Forum.

On 7 July 2022, the ALIC Legal Guide was discussed during the UNIDROIT Summer School and presented at a conference organised by the University of Ferrara for the development of the European Law Institute project on "Climate Justice: New Challenges for Law and Judges".

On 27 September 2022, during the "École d'été lex climatica de renforcement des capacités des acteurs africain", the ALIC Legal Guide was introduced to exemplify how climate challenges are considered in UNIDROIT instruments.

On 26 October 2022, the ALIC Legal Guide was presented at the XXI IACL Conference.

Lastly, the ALIC Legal Guide was presented at the IBA's Annual Conference on 4 November 2022.

## **6. Transnational Civil Procedure: ELI-UNIDROIT Model Rules**

On 30 June 2022, UNIDROIT was invited to participate in the presentation of the Spanish translation of the black-letter ELI-UNIDROIT European Model Rules on Civil Procedure, organised at the IE University in Madrid by Professor Marco de Benito, with which a Memorandum of Understanding was later on signed between Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and the IE Dean Soledad Atienza. Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano shared the opening panel with working group members John Sorabj and Fernando Gascón Inchausti.

For more information on the other completed and planned translations see below, page 46.

On 14 July 2022, the ALI-UNIDROIT Principles and ELI-UNIDROIT Model Rules were presented at the UNIDROIT Summer School.

## III. NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

### A. LEGAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

#### 1. *UNIDROIT International Summer School 2022*

Thanks to the financial support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation's Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, along with the collaboration of the UNIDROIT Foundation and the ILI-South African Centre for Excellence (ILI-SACE), the first UNIDROIT International Summer School took place in June and July 2022.

The first two weeks of the Summer School were carried out via videoconference, with the following three weeks taking place in person at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome. The programme was attended by 21 judges, public lawyers, and legal drafters coming from 12 countries (Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Tunisia) and one international organisation (the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS).



Further information about various presentations made during the course of the Summer School can be found above among the relevant areas of UNIDROIT's work.

After the success of the first edition, the Summer School has been rebranded for the following year as the "UNIDROIT International Program for Law and Development" 2023 and its activities will operate year-round, based on learning needs and opportunities.

#### 2. *Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme*

Since it was first launched in 1993, the UNIDROIT Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme has enabled the Institute to host over 400 scholars and 390 interns from more than 70 countries to conduct depth research on matters related to the Institute, its instruments and Work Programme. Scholars generally conduct their research at the UNIDROIT Library for a period of two months and interns generally work with the Secretariat for a period of three months. Scholarship recipients are provided with funding to undertake their research at UNIDROIT. Interns undertake internship opportunities with the UNIDROIT Secretariat on both a funded and unfunded basis.

In 2022, donations were received from the UNIDROIT Foundation, the UNIDROIT Alumni Association, the MadrugaBTW Law Firm (Brazil), as well as from Members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

#### 3. *Visiting Scholars*

The Secretariat welcomed six scholars from five different countries in 2022:

Ms Teresa RODRIGUEZ DE LAS HERAS BALLELL (Spain), Professor, University Carlos III, Madrid – Research on "Best Practices for Effective Enforcement, Warehouse Receipts, Digital Assets and Private Law, the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols" - Invited scholar – Recipient of the Sir Roy Goode scholarship - (1 September 2021 - 31 May 2022)

Mr Eugenio PROSPERI (Italy), PhD candidate, University La Sapienza, Rome – Research on: "Law and economics of the secured credit. Analysis of the UNCITRAL Model Law of 2016 and its applicability to the current Italian secured transactions' system" - UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship -Invited scholar – (1 March – 30 April 2022)

Ms Carla REYES (USA), PhD, Assistant Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University Dedman College of Law - Research on: "The Role of Interdisciplinary Language in Legal Harmonisation - UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship - Invited scholar - (23 May - 8 July 2022)

Mr Giulio SANTONI (Italy), Phd Candidate, Università degli Studi di Roma, Tor Vergata, in co-tutorship with the China University of Political Science and Law - Research on: "Secondary Liability of Internet Intermediaries for User Misconduct" - Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) - Invited scholar - (5 September - 31 October 2022)

Ms Chloe JOHANNES (South Africa), PhD candidate, University of Antwerp - Research on: "Recognition of Foreign Judicial Sales of Ships" - Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) - Invited scholar - (17 October - 15 December 2022)

Mr Bruno BARRETO DE AZEVEDO TEIXEIRA (Brazil), PhD candidate, University of São Paulo - Research on: "A New Theoretical Approach to the Integration and Interpretation of International Commercial Contracts" - MadrugáBTW- UNIDROIT 2022 Research Scholarship - Invited scholar - 7 November 2022- 9 January 2023

#### **4. Interns and researchers**

The Secretariat welcomed 43 *interns* from 25 countries in 2022 who collaborated on current projects with the UNIDROIT Secretariat:

Mr Martin Grassi (Australia), Ms Miraslava Kazlouskaya (Belarus), Ms Isabela Costa, Ms Luiza Latini (Brazil), Mr Felipe Viveros (*remotely/in person*) (Colombia), Mr Andrea Škopac (Croatia), Ms Alexandra Delorme, Mr Pierre Raimbourg (France), Mr Philipp Schlueter, Ms Lea-Marie Weischede, Ms Maya Ruhl, Ms Rebekka Forster (Germany), Ms Daphne Farmakis, Ms Katerina Pampouki (Greece), Ms Tanya Agarwal, Mr Pankaj Mehta, Ms Kavya Lalchandani (*remotely*) (India), Ms Leyla Ebrahimi (Iran), Mr Marco Impagnatiello, Ms Agnese Colucci, Mr Francesco Petronio (Italy), Ms Sareh Asgarian (Iran), Ms Nduta Muhindi, Ms Nelly Rotich (Kenya), Mr Yorgo Abi Khalil (Lebanon), Ms Joshany Michelle Reséndiz Alvarez (Mexico), Mr Joshua Ucheakonam Chijoke (Nigeria), Ms Ariana Betalleluz (Peru), Mr Mateusz Blaszczyk (Poland), Ms Xuan Tao, Ms Hu Qiaoli, Ms Ren Mengyuan, Mr Xu Shengkai, Ms Zhai Yue (PRC), Ms Isabel Bistué (Spain), Ms Orianna Haldimann (Switzerland), Mr Yaman Guersel, Ms Ceren Guerel, Ms Gizem Yildiz (Türkiye), Mr Bill Clifford Akakwenzire (Uganda), Ms Kateryna Bovsunovska (Ukraine), Ms Noa Gur-Arie, Ms Marie-Page Phelps (USA).

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

Ms Amy Held (Australia), Mr Nestor Kouami (Benin), Ms Beatriz Estill, Mr Fabio Cavalcante, Ms Janice Borges, Mr Vitor Boaventura, Ms Juliana Loss de Andrade, Mr Rodrigo de Lima Vaz Sampaio (Brazil), Mr Ignacio Araya Paredes, Mr Patricio Lazo, Ms Claudia Mejias Alonso, Mr Jesus Ezurmendia (Chile), Ms Elham Mabrouk (Egypt), Mr Florian Wundrich, Mr Dirk Schmalenbach (Germany), Mr Ilias Ioannou (Greece), Mr Jeremy Lam (Hong Kong), Mr Siddharth Srivastava, Mr Arghan Kumar Jena (India), Ms Mahsa Farshbaf Khoshnazar, Mr Younes Aghapour Sabbagh, Ms Niloofar Foroozanfar, Mr Hessam Oddin Rahimi (Iran), Ms Yuko Nagasawa (Japan), Mr Ihab Arja (Jordan), Mr Pier Mario Lupinu, Mr Giuseppe Spoto, Mr Phillip Fabbio, Mr Edoardo Ruzzi, Mr Fausto Caggia, Mr Giovanni Battista Fauceglia, Ms Mathilde Ratti, Mr Domenico Fauceglia, Ms Rita Elena Maria Tata, Ms Daniela Santarpia, Mr Antonio Morello (Italy), Mr Nicolas Mouttotos (Nicosia), Mr Yang Qi, Mr Zhu Bowen, Ms Li Shu, Mr Jing Ziyuan (PRC), Mr Tomasz Tomaczek, Mr Piotr Lochowski (Poland), Mr Pedro Monteiro Meireles (Portugal), Mr Bence Antonya (Romania), Mr Manuel Sanchez Alvarez, Ms Paula San Miguel Pradera, Ms Cristina Argelich Comelles, Mr Luis Anguita Villanueva, Ms Cayetana Santaolalla, Ms Carmen Jerez Delgado (Spain), Mr Damiano Canapa, Mr Marc-André Renold, (Switzerland), Mr Apipong Sarntikasem, Ms Sirikarn Dittabhakdi (Thailand), Mr Dhafer Dridi (Tunisia), Ms Zeynep Ulku Kahveci (Türkiye), Ms Nova Robinson (USA).

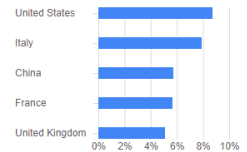
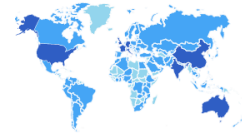
## B. UNIDROIT ON INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA IN 2022

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

The UNIDROIT website was first created in the 1990s and then modernised in 2014 and 2021, becoming more user-friendly. In 2022, the creation of a new page with the correspondents network was decided. The new website was specially designed to be consulted via mobile device and tablets but computers remains the principal access to it.



The website is monitored with Google Analytics. Most users of the UNIDROIT website in 2022 were in the United States (more than 8%), Italy (8%), China and France (almost 6%), and the United Kingdom (5.5%).



The pages most consulted were those relating to the research and internships and the UNIDROIT Principles 2016 and the Model Clauses, followed by those on the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols, the project on Digital Assets, and the 1995 Cultural Property Convention.

### UNIDROIT on Social Media

UNIDROIT launched its social media programme during the Institute’s 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in April 2016. The purpose of the programme was to promote the Institute’s work to a wider audience in an innovative, efficient, and cost-effective manner. UNIDROIT currently maintains accounts on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

The three key performance indicators for the Institute’s social media programme are: (i) number of followers; (ii) the “reach” (the total number of people that see UNIDROIT social media content); and (iii) the number of referrals to the UNIDROIT website. Since its launch, the UNIDROIT’s social media programme has exceeded expectations on all three key performance indicators. At the end of 2022, the Institute had more than 25,000 followers on LinkedIn, 5,400 followers on Facebook, and 2,000 followers on Twitter. As for the Institute’s “reach” across social media, over the past twelve months UNIDROIT content was displayed on news feeds more than 702,398 times on LinkedIn, around 80,537 times on Twitter, and delivered 27,587 times to people on Facebook.

UNIDROIT participates in a Social Media roundtable organised by the US Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome, which brings together the social media officers of the largest Rome-based international agencies to share knowledge and coordinate promotional campaigns. This has allowed UNIDROIT to benefit from the expertise and experience of larger organisations, which have entire teams dedicated to digital communication.

## C. DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES FOR UNIDROIT DOCUMENTATION

Before the age of websites, UNIDROIT asked Member States to appoint specific libraries or other official institutions to act as Depository Libraries for UNIDROIT documentation and to indicate what materials they would be interested in storing (only documents, or also publications, such as the Uniform Law Review, etc.). With the adoption of the policy to post all documentation on the website, the interest in Depository Libraries waned, but some States are still keen to maintain them. The list of Member States on the website indicates also if Depository Libraries have been designated.

At the end of December 2022, 54 libraries in 48 Member States have been designated depositories for UNIDROIT documentation. For a list of Depository Libraries see Annexe IV.

## D. UNIDROIT LIBRARY

### Library cooperation and networking

In 2022 the UNIDROIT Library continued its cooperation strategy with other Roman and foreign libraries. In particular, first steps were taken to create a future collaboration between the UNIDROIT Library and the University Library of Regensburg (Germany).

### *Digitisation*

On the occasion of the Governing Council's 97<sup>th</sup> session, Rome, 2-4 May 2018, 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 UNIDROIT's, accessible in digital form. In 2022, therefore, work progressed on the digitisation project of the Library. Special attention was paid to the digitisation of the collection on comparative law and unification of laws, and to the Chiomenti collection, in order to preserve some of the Library's most valuable historical collections. Thanks to the very fruitful training project with the "Cooperazione HELP" (Rome) Mr Carlo and Mr Riccardo della Fazia collaborated on the digitisation of the library's electronic collection which was increased by a total of 580 digitised titles in 2022.

### *Scialoja collection*

Furthermore, the Library continued with the cataloguing and digitising of the very precious Scialoja collection of about 700 publications, mostly in the form of pamphlets, excerpts from various Italian reviews (in particular law reviews), and by collective works, dating between the last decades of the nineteenth century and early decades of the twentieth century, which was donated to the Library in June 2021 by Professor Achille de Nitto. The publications belonged to the Vittorio Scialoja Library at the Institute of Roman Law.

On the occasion of the Institute's event "Ricordando Gino Gorla", which was organised by the President of UNIDROIT on 19 October 2022, Professor Maurizio Lupoi donated numerous volumes from Professor Gorla's collection, situated in his law studio in Rome. The books will be transferred to the UNIDROIT Library during the first months of 2023. They will be catalogued and afterwards integrated and shelved in the Library's "Gorla collection" room. The Institute expresses its gratitude for the generous and precious donation which is very enriching for the Library.

### *Update of Law Reviews List*

In 2022, work continued on the upgrade of the Library's list of law reviews. The links to those publications that are also available online were added to the relevant bibliographic data sheet in the online catalogue. In particular, a large number of articles available in the databases that the Library is subscribed to, were added to the bibliographical information of the Library's online catalogue, and can now be easily consulted by readers. With the team of agents from "Kluwer International" (Netherlands), evaluations are ongoing for the acquisitions of so-called "e-book packages".

Following a very productive meeting and an individual training with a group of Kluwer agents in October 2022 in Rome, some of the Library's loose-leaf collections, which are less user friendly, were substituted by their respective electronic versions, which can easily be consulted by the Library's users and now offer easy access to legal materials for the Library's guests from all over the world.

### *Lectures*

Taking advantage of the presence of distinguished guests at UNIDROIT, starting as of January 2019, the Secretariat began to organise a series of lectures and presentations on topics related to the guests' areas of research, attended by members of the UNIDROIT Secretariat and current guests in the Library, as well as interested external experts expressly invited to participate. In September 2022 Ms Zeynep Kahveci gave a lecture on "Data Ownership and Data Transfers", in November 2022 Mr Edoardo Ruzzi and Mr Giulio Santoni talked about "Data transactions". The presentations were both followed by Q&A sessions moderated by the Secretary-General, Professor Ignacio Tirado.

### *Acquisitions, donations, exchanges*

In 2022, the Library's holdings increased by 644 titles, of which 379 were purchased outright and 139 were obtained on an exchange basis, while 126 further titles were received as gifts, for a total value of €8,420.00. 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 2022, as in previous years, the Library received donations in kind from the Max-Planck-Institute of Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg.

### *Strengthening the UNIDROIT Library Project Plan*

Thanks to the very generous donation of the Dutch Foundation LARGESSE to the UNIDROIT Foundation, it was possible to draft a project plan to strengthen the UNIDROIT Library, not only with regard to acquisition policy and to upgrading the collection, but also to accelerate the Library's digitisation project and for the general modernisation of the Library's premises, including new technical equipment and renovation of some of the Institute's premises to create additional working space for researchers and interns directly involved in UNIDROIT's activities.

### *Visitors*

The Library continued to attract readers from all over the world. In 2022, the Library welcomed 112 visitors from 35 different countries.

## **E. PUBLICATIONS**

### *The Uniform Law Review*

The *Uniform Law Review*, published by Oxford University Press (OUP), is available by subscription in its paper version and online, or in both modalities. Subscription data indicate a trend of a steady decrease in printed subscriptions. Conversely, online subscriptions have increased, the greatest increase being to collection subscriptions, i.e. subscriptions through the OUP collection of journals available online. In addition, the OUP has a special arrangement for developing countries, which offers subscriptions to journals online at a low rate, at times cost-free. One of the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic was that publishers such as OUP have found that they have to introduce a new online method for submission and treatment of articles, including the peer review system, quicker than they had expected to. The OUP system is the ScholarOne submission system, which will also be applied to the *Uniform Law Review* from 2023 onward.

Among the main features of the ScholarOne system are author submission via an internet site rather than by e-mail, online peer reviews, automated delivery and alerting to production, and automatic e-mail alerting of due dates for all users (including the Editorial Board).

It is estimated that the system will be in place by early or mid-2023, after a period of training provided by OUP, which will also assist in customising the procedures for the *Uniform Law Review*.

### *Monographs*

- *Official Commentaries on the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment*

The fifth edition of the Official Commentary on the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment by Professor Sir Roy Goode was published in May 2022 and formally launched during the 101<sup>st</sup> session of the Governing Council in June 2022.

The Official Commentary consists of narrative text, annotations to the two instruments containing 75 illustrative examples and several appendices, together amounting to over 800 pages. It provides a comprehensive and authoritative guide which is indispensable for all manufacturers, financiers, lessors and their legal advisors involved in transactions relating to aircraft equipment.



An electronic version, with internal and external links, available for the use of subscribers to the International Registry, was prepared following an agreement between the Institute and Aviareto, the registrar of the Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol.



- *ELI/UNIDROIT Model European Rules of Civil Procedure*

The English version of the Model Rules was published by Oxford University Press in August 2021 as an open-access publication within the ELI Instruments Series. The French version of the Model Rules was finalised at the end of 2022 and is expected to be published in 2023.

In June 2022, the Spanish version of the black-letter rules of the ELI/UNIDROIT Model European Rules of Civil Procedure was published. The Spanish version of the Model Rules was prepared by Professor Marco de Benito and Professor Fernando Gascón Inchausti. Work continues on the translation of the integral version of the Model European Rules of Civil Procedure into Chinese, Farsi, German, Hungarian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian. The black-letter rules only are being translated into Italian.

- *UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts*

In 2021 UNIDROIT and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) launched the Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts that the two organisations had produced jointly. The Guide provides guidance on the entire contractual relationship between landowners and investors, from the contractual negotiation stage to the conclusion and return of tenure rights.

At the close of 2022, the French version of the *Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts* was finalised and is expected to be published in 2023.

- *ALI/UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure*

Agreements have been concluded for translations into Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Farsi, Greek, Japanese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

## F. UNIDROIT FOUNDATION

Throughout 2022, the UNIDROIT Foundation (<http://www.unidroitfoundation.org>) continued to support both the substantive and non-legislative work of UNIDROIT.



The Foundation's two active projects, the Best Practices in the Field of Electronic Registry Design and Operation (BPER) Project and the Economic Assessment of International Commercial Law Reform Project, continued to build momentum in 2022.

On 12 September 2022, the sixth Workshop on the BPER Project was organised by the Cape Town Convention Academic Project at the Cavonius Centre, Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge (and remotely).

The Economic Assessment of International Commercial Law Reform Project met twice over the course of 2022, with the seventh meeting held on 10 March at the seat of UNIDROIT and via videoconference, and the eighth meeting held on 15 September at the University of Cambridge and via videoconference. The latter meeting was attended by 20 experts, including representatives of the OECD and the European Commission, who presented their work relating to regulatory impact assessments. The discussion of the Project Group mostly focused on key aspects of *ex ante* economic assessments and the development of a draft Guide on the Economic Assessment of International Commercial Law Reform.

In its work towards further advancing the legislative and non-legislative activities of UNIDROIT, the Foundation sponsored a number of scholarships as part of the UNIDROIT Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme over the course of 2022. Moreover, with the support of the International Law Institute, an Essay Competition was organised on UNIDROIT Instruments and Sustainable Development. Participants were invited to author an essay in English examining how UNIDROIT instruments can contribute towards sustainable development, and help countries achieve their targets for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. The focus of the essay was to be relevant current or future UNIDROIT instrument(s). The Foundation has also continued to support the Institute's social media platforms in order to promote UNIDROIT and its work. Additionally, the UNIDROIT Foundation continued to maintain the UNIDROIT Alumni Association.

Furthermore in 2022, the UNIDROIT Foundation concluded an agreement with the Dutch Foundation LARGESSE, which provided a generous donation for a comprehensive project to renovate and expand UNIDROIT's Library.

The Board of Governors for the UNIDROIT Foundation met in 2022 for its 27<sup>th</sup> session on 7 June 2022 at the seat of UNIDROIT in Rome and via videoconference. A follow-up meeting was held on 8 July 2022, during which the Board received a detailed update on the activities of UNIDROIT.

**ANNEXE I**

**LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE UNIDROIT SECRETARIAT IN 2022 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS WORK PROGRAMME**

The following documents relating to the implementation of the Institute's Work Programme were published in 2022 in English and French unless otherwise stated:

**STUDY LVIIIA – MODEL LAW ON FACTORING (English only)**

**Working Group – Fourth session (remote, Rome, 1-3 December 2021)**

W.G.4 – Doc. 6 Summary Report

**Working Group – Fifth session (remote, Rome, 16-18 May 2022)**

W.G.5 – Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda

W.G.5 – Doc. 2 Issues Paper

W.G.5 – Doc. 3 Draft Model Law on Factoring

W.G.5 – Doc. 4 Proposed Chapter V of the Draft Model Law on Factoring – Priority of a transfer

W.G.5 – Doc. 5 Revised Draft Model Law on Factoring

W.G.5 – Doc. 6 Report

**Working Group – Sixth session (remote, Rome, 28-30 November 2022)**

W.G.6 – Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda

W.G.6 – Doc. 2 Issues Paper

W.G.6 – Doc. 3 Draft Model Law on Factoring

W.G.6 – Doc. 4 Summary table of comments on draft MLF

W.G.6 – Doc. 5 MLF online consultation submissions

**STUDY LXXB – PRIVATE ART COLLECTIONS – ORPHAN OBJECTS**

**Exploratory Expert Group – First session (online, Geneva, 12 September 2022)**

Doc. 1 Annotated draft agenda

Doc. 2 Summary Report

**STUDY LXXIIH – INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE EQUIPMENT ON MATTERS SPECIFIC TO RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK**

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

**Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry for Railway Rolling Stock pursuant to the Luxembourg (Rail) Protocol – 11<sup>th</sup> session (Rome and Remote, 29-30 November 2022)**

Doc. 1 rev.2 Annotated draft agenda

Doc. 2 rev. Final Report of the Negotiating Team

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

**DC13/IR – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY FOR MINING, AGRICULTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT**

**Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry for MAC Equipment pursuant to the MAC Protocol – Fourth session (remote) (Rome, 17-18 June 2022)**

- MACPC4 - Doc. 1 Annotated draft Order of Business
- MACPC4 - Doc. 2 Draft RFP (Confidential - English only)
- MACPC4 - Doc. 3 Evaluation Committee Guidance Document (Confidential - English only)
- MACPC4 - Doc. 4 Intersessional Drafting Suggestions (Confidential - English only)
- MACPC4 - Doc. 5 Report
- MACPC4 - Doc. 6 Rules of Procedure for the Preparatory Commission (as approved by a written procedure concluded on 29 March 2022)

**Registrar Working Group – Seventh session (remote) (13 June 2022)** (English only)

- W.G.7 - Doc. 1 Draft responses to clarifications

**MAC RFP Evaluation Committee – First meeting (remote) (20 September 2022)**

- MACPC/EC/1 Summary Report (Private and Confidential)

**MAC RFP Evaluation Committee – Second meeting (remote) (3 October 2022)**

- MACPC/EC/2 Summary Report (Private and Confidential)

**MAC RFP Evaluation Committee – Third meeting (remote) (12 October 2022)**

- MACPC/EC/3 Summary Report (Private and Confidential)

**MAC RFP Evaluation Committee – Fourth meeting (remote) (31 October 2022)**

- MACPC/EC/4 Summary Report (Private and Confidential)

**Preparatory Commission for the establishment of the International Registry for MAC Equipment pursuant to the MAC Protocol – Fifth session (remote) (Rome, 22-23 November 2022)**

- MACPC5 - Doc. 1 Annotated draft Order of Business
- MACPC5 - Doc. 2 Final Report of the Evaluation Committee (Confidential)
- MACPC5 - Doc. 3 Implementation update and establishment of a Ratification Task Force
- MACPC5 - Doc. 4 2022 Revision of the Harmonized System
- MACPC5 - Doc. 5 Report (Web site version)

**STUDY LXXVIB – BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT** (English only)

**Working Group - Fourth session (Remote, 26-28 April 2022)**

- W.G.4 - Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda
- W.G.4 - Doc. 2 Secretariat's Report on the background, status of the project and intersessional developments
- W.G.4 - Doc. 3 Draft Best Practices regarding Enforcement by way of Authority
- W.G.4 - Doc. 4 Update on Draft Best Practices Regarding Enforcement of Security Rights
- W.G.4 - Doc. 5 Discussion Paper on Online Auctions
- W.G.4 - Doc. 6 Discussion Paper on Enforcement on Digital Assets
- W.G.4 - Doc. 7 Report

**Working Group - Fifth session (hybrid) (Rome, 12-14 December 2022)**

- W.G.5 - Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda
- W.G.5 - Doc. 2 Secretariat's Report on the background, status of the project and intersessional developments
- W.G.5 - Doc. 3 Draft best practices regarding enforcement by way of authority
- W.G.5 - Doc. 4 Draft best practices regarding enforcement of security rights
- W.G.5 - Doc. 5 Additional Information for Study LXXVIB – W.G.4 – Doc. 5 (Online Auctions)
- W.G.5 - Doc. 6 Update of discussion paper on enforcement on digital assets and first draft best practices

**STUDY LXXXC – PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON LEGAL STRUCTURE OF AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES** (English only)

**Working Group – First session (hybrid) (23-25 February 2022)**

- W.G.1 - Doc. 1 Annotated Agenda
- W.G.1 - Doc. 2 Issues Paper
- W.G.1 - Doc. 3 Summary Report

**Working Group – Second session (hybrid) (2-4 November 2022)**

- W.G.2 - Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda
- W.G.2 - Doc. 2 Issues Paper
- W.G.2 - Doc. 3 Summary Report

**STUDY LXXXII – DIGITAL ASSETS AND PRIVATE LAW** (English only)

**Drafting Committee – Second session (hybrid) (Rome, 11 January 2022)**

- DC2 - Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda (confidential)
- DC2 - Doc. 2 Drafting Notes from DC Chair Louise Gullifer (confidential)
- DC2 - Doc. 3(A) Principles on the Private Law of Digital Assets
- DC2 - Doc. 3(B) Principles on the Private Law of Digital Assets
- DC2 - Doc. 4 Draft Commentary (WG4 - Nov. 2021)
- DC2 - Doc. 5 PIL Principles (first draft)

**Drafting Committee – Third session (hybrid) (Rome, 3 February 2022)**

DC3 – Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda

**Working Group – Fifth session (remote) (Rome, 7-9 March 2022)**

W.G.5 – Doc. 1 Annotated Agenda  
W.G.5 – Doc. 2 Master Copy of the Black Letter Principles (Comparison)  
W.G.5 – Doc. 3 Master Copy of the Principles, plus Commentary (with Questions)  
W.G.5 – Doc. 4 Summary Report of the 5<sup>th</sup> session

**Working Group – Sixth session (remote) (Rome, 31 August-2 September 2022)**

W.G.6 – Doc. 1 Annotated Agenda  
W.G.6 – Doc. 2 Master Copy of the Draft Principles and Comments  
W.G.6 – Doc. 3 Tracked Principles and Issues Paper  
W.G.6 – Doc. 3 Comments received by the Steering Committee (Annex)  
W.G.6 – Doc. 4 Summary Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> session

**Working Group – Seventh session (remote) (Rome, 19-21 December 2022)**

W.G.7 – Doc. 1 Annotated Agenda  
W.G.7 – Doc. 2 Draft Principles and Commentary  
W.G.7 – Doc. 3 Issues Paper  
W.G.7 – Doc. 4 Section IV: Enforcement

**STUDY LXXXIII – MODEL LAW ON WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS (English only)**

**Working Group – Fourth Session (hybrid) (Rome, 28 February-12 March 2022)**

W.G.4 – Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda  
W.G.4 – Doc. 2 Issues Paper  
W.G.4 – Doc. 3 Preliminary Drafting Suggestions for the Model Law  
W.G.4 – Doc. 4 Drafting Options on Electronic Warehouse Receipts for the MLWR and Guide to Enactment  
W.G.4 – Doc. 5 Note on Security Rights in Warehouse Receipts  
W.G.4 – Doc. 6 Report

**Drafting Committee – First session (hybrid) (Rome, 3-4 March 2022)**

D.C./1/Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda

**Working Group – Fifth Session (hybrid) (Rome, 5-7 December 2022)**

W.G.5 – Doc. 1 Annotated Draft Agenda  
W.G.5 – Doc. 2 Draft Model Law on Warehouse Receipts  
W.G.5 – Doc. 3 Chapter IV – Rights and Obligations of the Warehouse Operator  
W.G.5 – Doc. 4 Note on Security Rights in Warehouse Receipts  
W.G.5 – Doc. 5 Note on Conflict of Laws Issues

**STUDY LXXXIV – BANK INSOLVENCY** (English only)

**Working Group – Second session (hybrid) (Rome, 11-13 April 2022)**

- W.G.2 – Doc. 1 Annotated agenda
- W.G.2 – Doc. 2 Revised Issues Paper
- W.G.2 – Doc. 3 Summary Report of the session

**Working Group – Third session (hybrid) (Brussels, 17-19 October 2022)**

- W.G.3 – Doc. 1 Annotated agenda
- W.G.3 – Doc. 2 Secretariat's Report
- W.G.3 – Doc. 3 Report of Subgroup 1 for the third session (Confidential)
- W.G.3 – Doc. 4 Report of Subgroup 2 for the third session (Confidential)
- W.G.3 – Doc. 5 Report of Subgroup 3 for the third session (Confidential)
- W.G.3 – Doc. 6 Summary Report of the session

## ANNEXE II

**INSTRUMENTS DRAWN UP BY UNIDROIT / INSTRUMENTS ÉLABORÉS 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)* <sup>1\*</sup>
- 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 (LUFC)* \*
- 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition / *Guide sur les accords internationaux de franchise principale, 2<sup>ème</sup> 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*

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<sup>1\*</sup> The ULIS and ULFIS Conventions have been denounced by Belgium, Germany, Israel, 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 and the United Kingdom / *Les Conventions LUVI et LUFC ont été dénoncées par l'Allemagne, la Belgique, Israël, 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 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*
- 2016 Principles of International Commercial Contracts / *Principes relatifs aux contrats du commerce international*
- 2016 UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming / *Guide juridique UNIDROIT/FAO/FIDA sur l'agriculture contractuelle*
- 2017 UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities / *Guide législatif d'UNIDROIT sur les titres intermédiés*
- 2019 Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Mining, Agriculture and Construction Equipment / *Protocole portant sur les questions spécifiques aux matériels d'équipement miniers, agricoles et de construction à la Convention relative aux garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement mobiles*
- 2020 UNCITRAL-HCCH-UNIDROIT Legal Guide to uniform instruments in the area of international commercial contracts (with a focus on sales) / *Guide juridique CNUDCI-HCCH-UNIDROIT sur les instruments uniformes dans le domaine des contrats du commerce international (notamment de vente)*
- 2020 Joint ELI/UNIDROIT Model European Rules of Civil Procedure / *Règles modèles européennes ELI/UNIDROIT de procédure civile*
- 2020 UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts / *Guide juridique sur les contrats d'investissement en terres agricoles UNIDROIT/FIDA*

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION <sup>1 (\*)</sup> OF CONVENTIONS DRAWN UP BY UNIDROIT  
AND APPROVED AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES CONVENED BY MEMBER STATES OF UNIDROIT /  
ÉTAT DE MISE EN ŒUVRE <sup>(\*)</sup> DES CONVENTIONS PRÉPARÉES PAR UNIDROIT ET APPROUVÉES À DES  
CONFÉRENCES DIPLOMATIQUES CONVOQUÉES PAR DES ÉTATS MEMBRES D'UNIDROIT**

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

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place: Brussels / <i>Lieu: Bruxelles</i> Date: 23-04-1970
<b>Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:</b>	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 24-02-1976 Conditions: 5 ratifications (art. 36)
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	6

<sup>1(\*)</sup> Based on information available to the Secretariat as of 31 December 2022 / *Ce document est basé sur les informations dont dispose le Secrétariat au 31 décembre 2022.*

The UNIDROIT Secretariat may assist States with technical consultations for the ratification of, or the accession to its instruments, as well as for the preparation of legislation based on those instruments / *Le Secrétariat d'UNIDROIT peut apporter son assistance technique aux États en vue de la ratification de ses instruments, ou de l'adhésion à ceux-ci, ainsi que pour l'élaboration de législations basées sur ces instruments.*

<b>Status / État</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/transport/ccv/status/">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/transport/ccv/status/</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/transport/ccv/etat/">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/transport/ccv/etat/</a>
<b>Depository / Dépositaire:</b>	Government of Belgium / <i>Gouvernement belge</i> (art. 34)
<b>UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/transport/ccv/">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/transport/ccv/</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/transport/ccv/">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/transport/ccv/</a>

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

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

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place / <i>Lieu</i> : Washington Date: 26-10-1973
<b>Entry into force:</b> <b>Entrée en vigueur:</b>	Yes/ <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 09-02-1978 Conditions: 5 ratifications (Art. XI)
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	13
<b>Status / État</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/international-will/status/">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/international-will/status/</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/testaments/etat/">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/testaments/etat/</a> <a href="https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Wills-status-table-7.26.21.pdf">https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Wills-status-table-7.26.21.pdf</a>
<b>Depository / Dépositaire:</b>	Government of the United States of America / <i>Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique</i>
<b>UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/international-will/">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/international-will/</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/testaments/">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/testaments/</a>

STATE / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESS. / ADHÉS.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. DÉCL. OU RÉSERVES
Australia / <i>Australie</i>	-	10-09-14	10-03-15	-
Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	17-05-74	21-04-83	21-10-83	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina / <i>Bosnie-Herzégovine</i> *	-	15-08-94	15-08-94	-
Canada for / <i>pour</i>	-	24-01-77		D: Art. XIV
Manitoba			09-02-78	
Newfoundland / <i>Terre Neuve</i>			09-02-78	
Ontario			15-09-78	
Alberta			01-12-78	
Saskatchewan			08-10-82	
Prince Edward Island / <i>Ile du Prince Edouard</i>			22-03-95	
New Brunswick / <i>Nouveau Brunswick</i>			05-12-97	
Nova Scotia / <i>Nouvelle Ecosse</i>			27-05-01	
British Columbia / <i>Colombie britannique</i>			31-03-14	
Yukon			06-01-22	
Croatia / <i>Croatie</i> *	-	18-05-94	18-05-94	-
Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	-	19-10-82	19-04-83	-
Ecuador / <i>Équateur</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>États-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 REPRÉSENTATION EN MATIÈRE DE VENTE INTERNATIONALE DE MARCHANDISES**

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place: Geneva / <i>Lieu: Genève</i> Date: 17-02-83
<b>Entry into force:</b> <b>Entrée en vigueur:</b>	No / <i>Non</i> Conditions: 10 ratifications (art. 33)
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	/
<b>Status / État</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/status-agency">https://www.unidroit.org/status-agency</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/representation/etat/">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/representation/etat/</a> <a href="https://www.eda.admin.ch/dam/eda/fr/documents/aussenpolitik/voelkerrecht/autres-conventions/divers/Cvim-parties_fr.pdf">https://www.eda.admin.ch/dam/eda/fr/documents/aussenpolitik/voelkerrecht/autres-conventions/divers/Cvim-parties_fr.pdf</a>
<b>Depositary:</b> <b>Dépositaire:</b>	Government of Switzerland <i>Gouvernement suisse</i> (art. 21)
<b>UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/agency">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/agency</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/representation">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/representation</a>

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

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

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

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place / <i>Lieu: Ottawa</i> Date: 28-05-88
<b>Entry into force:</b> <b>Entrée en vigueur:</b>	Yes / <i>Oui</i> Date: 01-05-95 Conditions: 3 ratifications (art. 16.1)
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	11 <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/leasing/convention/status/">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/leasing/convention/status/</a>

**Status / État** <https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/credit-bail/credit-bail-international/etat/>  
<https://treaty-accord.gc.ca/details.aspx?id=104674>

**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/>  
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/credit-bail/credit-bail-international/>

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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	-
Marschall Islands / <i>Iles Marshall</i>	19-10-11	19-10-11	01-05-12	-
Morocco / <i>Maroc</i>	04-07-88	-	-	-
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	28-05-88	25-10-94	01-05-95	-
Panama	31-12-90	26-03-97	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>États-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 / *Lieu*: Ottawa  
 Date: 28-05-88

**Entry into force:** Yes / *Oui* Date: 01-05-95  
**Entrée en vigueur:** Conditions: 3 ratifications (art. 14.1)

**Contracting States / États contractants** 9

**Status / État** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/factoring/status/>  
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/affacturation/etat/>  
<https://www.treaty-accord.gc.ca/details.aspx?lang=eng&id=104673&t=637574452955155017>

**Depositary / Dépositaire:** Government of Canada / *Gouvernement du Canada* (art. 23.1)  
**UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/factoring/>  
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/affacturation/>

STATE / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHÉSION	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DÉCL. ou RÉSERVES
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	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>États-Unis d'Amérique</i>	28-12-90	-	-	-

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

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place / <i>Lieu</i> : Rome Date: 24-06-1995
<b>Entry into force:</b> <b>Entrée en vigueur:</b>	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-07-1998 Conditions: 5 ratifications (Art. 12)
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	54
<b>Status / État</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Tableau-August-2022.pdf">https://www.unidroit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Tableau-August-2022.pdf</a>
<b>Depositary / Dépositaire:</b>	Italian Government / <i>Gouvernement italien</i>
<b>UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/cultural-property/1995-convention">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/cultural-property/1995-convention</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/biens-culturels/convention-de-1995">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/biens-culturels/convention-de-1995</a>

STATE / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHÉS.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECLARATIONS
Afghanistan	-	23-09-05	01-03-06	Arts. 16, 17
Algeria / <i>Algérie</i>	-	09-04-15	01-10-15	Arts. 16, 17
Angola	-	19-06-14	01-12-14	Arts. 16, 17
Argentina / <i>Argentine</i>	-	03-08-01	01-02-02	Arts. 16, 17
Azerbaijan / <i>Azerbaïdjan</i>	-	06-06-03	01-12-03	Arts. 16, 17
Benin / <i>Bénin</i>	-	11-01-21	01-07-21	Arts. 16, 17
Bolivia / <i>Bolivie</i>	29-06-96	13-04-99	01-10-99	Arts. 16, 17
Bosnia and Herzegovina / <i>Bosnie Herzégovine</i>	-	08-05-17	01-11-17	Arts. 16, 17
Botswana	-	28-08-17	01-02-18	Arts. 16, 17
Brazil / <i>Brésil</i>	-	23-03-99	01-09-99	Arts. 16, 17
Burkina Faso	24-06-95	02-10-18	01-04-19	Arts. 16, 17
Cambodia / <i>Cambodge</i>	24-06-95	11-07-02	01-01-03	Arts. 3(5), 16
China / <i>Chine</i>	-	07-05-97	01-07-98	Arts. 3(5), 16
Colombia / <i>Colombie</i>	-	14-06-12	01-12-12	-
Côte d'Ivoire	24-06-95	23-12-20	02-06-21	Arts. 16, 17
Croatia / <i>Croatie</i>	24-06-95	20-09-00	01-03-01	Arts. 16, 17
Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	-	02-03-04	01-09-04	-
Denmark / <i>Danemark</i>	-	01-01-11	01-07-11	Arts. 14(1), 16, 17
Ecuador / <i>Équateur</i>	-	26-11-97	01-07-98	Arts. 3(5), 16
El Salvador	-	16-07-99	01-01-00	Arts. 16, 17
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	-	-	-
Ghana	-	20-09-19	01-03-20	Arts. 16, 17
Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	-	19-07-07	01-01-08	Arts. 3(5), 13(3), 16, 17
Guinea / <i>Guinée</i>	24-06-95	-	-	-
Guatemala	-	03-09-03	01-03-04	Arts. 3(5), 16, 17
Honduras	-	27-08-13	01-02-14	-
Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	24-06-95	08-05-98	01-11-98	Arts. 3(5), 16, 17
Iran (Islamic Rep. of / <i>Rép. islamique d')</i>	-	22-06-05	01-12-05	Arts. 16, 17
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	24-06-95	11-10-99	01-04-00	Arts. 13(3), 16, 17
Lao People's Democratic Republic / <i>Rép. dém. Populaire lao</i>	-	18-05-17	01-11-17	Arts. 16, 17
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	08-02-19	01-08-19	Arts. 16, 17
Lithuania / <i>Lituanie</i>	24-06-95	04-04-97	01-07-98	Arts. 16, 17
Madagascar	-	06-12-21	01-06-22	Arts. 16, 17
Mexico / <i>Mexique</i>	-	11-05-22	01-11-22	Arts. 16, 17
Montenegro / <i>Monténégro</i>	-	08-07-19	01-01-20	Arts. 16, 17
Morocco / <i>Maroc</i>	-	03-08-22	01-02-23	Arts. 16, 17
Myanmar	-	20-06-18	01-12-18	Arts. 3(5), 16, 17
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	Arts. 16, 17

Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	-	10-12-05	01-06-06	-
North Macedonia / <i>Macédoine du nord</i>	-	22-08-13	01-02-14	Arts. 16, 17
Norway / <i>Norvège</i>	-	28-08-01	01-03-02	Arts. 13(3), 14, 16, 17
Pakistan	27-06-96	-	-	-
Panama	-	26-06-09	01-12-09	Arts 3(5), 16, 17
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	Arts. 16, 17
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	Arts. 16, 17
Slovenia / <i>Slovénie</i>	-	08-04-04	01-10-04	Arts. 16, 17
South Africa / <i>Afrique du sud</i>	-	09-01-18	01-07-17	Arts. 16, 17
Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	-	21-05-02	01-11-02	Arts. 3 (5),13(3), 16, 17
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	-	28-06-11	01-12-11	Arts. 13(3), 16, 17
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	26-06-96	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Rep. / <i>Rép. arabe syrienne</i>	-	27-04-18	01-10-18	Arts. 16, 17, D
Togo	-	03-09-21	01-03-22	Arts. 16, 17
Tunisia / <i>Tunisie</i>	-	02-03-17	01-09-17	Arts. 16, 17
Zambia / <i>Zambie</i>	24-06-95	-	-	-

**CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE EQUIPMENT  
CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES  
PORTANT SUR DES MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place: Cape Town / <i>Lieu: Le Cap</i> Date: 16-11-2001
<b>Entry into force:</b> <b>Entrée en vigueur:</b>	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-03-2006 Conditions: 3 ratifications (Art. 49(1))
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	83
<b>Status / État</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/181219-ctc-print-ef.pdf">https://www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/181219-ctc-print-ef.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/01-Status-list-CTC-Niger-Nov.-2022.pdf">https://www.unidroit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/01-Status-list-CTC-Niger-Nov.-2022.pdf</a>
<b>Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique</b>	1
<b>Depositary / Dépositaire:</b>	UNIDROIT
<b>UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/cape-town-convention">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/cape-town-convention</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/convention-du-cape">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/convention-du-cape</a>

STATE / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHÉS.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DÉCL. ou RÉSERVES
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)
Argentina / <i>Argentine</i>	-	10-04-18	01-08-18	D: Art. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 53, 54(2)
Australia / <i>Australie</i>	-	26-05-15	01-09-15	D: Art. 39(1)(a), 53, 54(2), 55
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	01-12-18	D: Arts. 53, 54(2)

Annexe II

Côte d'Ivoire	-	09-02-15	01-07-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*, 40*, 52*, 53*, 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>Égypte</i>	-	10-12-14	01-04-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*, 53*, 54(2)*
Eswatini	-	17-11-16	01-09-17	D: Art. 54(2)
Ethiopia / <i>Éthiopie</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	20-12-18	01-04-19	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 53, 54(2), 60(1)
Iceland / <i>Islande</i>	-	23-06-20	01-10-20	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2), 55
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 <sup>3</sup>	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)
Kyrgyzstan / <i>Kyrgyzistan</i>	-	13-05-21	01-09-21	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	08-02-11	01-06-11	D: Art. 39(1)(a)*, 40*, 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	01-06-19	D: Art. 54(2)
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)
Namibia / <i>Namibie</i>	-	23-07-18	01-11-18	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 39(4), 54(2), 55
Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i> <sup>4</sup>	-	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
Niger	-	17-11-22	01-03-23	D: Art. 54(2)
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)
Paraguay	-	19-12-18	01-04-19	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 53, 54(2)
Qatar	-	08-01-20	01-05-20	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	-	30-03-18	01-07-18	D: Arts. 39(1)(b), 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	<sup>1</sup>	-
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 <sup>1</sup>	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b)*, 40*, 52, 53*, 54(2)
Sudan / <i>Soudan</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	-	30-12-15	01-04-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 40, 54(2)
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	16-11-01 (ad ref.)	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic / <i>République arabe syrienne</i>	-	07-08-07	<sup>1</sup>	-
Tajikistan / <i>Tadjikistan</i>	-	31-05-11	01-09-11	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*-(b)*, 54(2)
Togo	-	25-01-10	01-04-12 <sup>3</sup>	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*-(b)*, 40*, 53*, 54(2)*
Tonga	16-11-01	-	-	-
Türkiye	16-11-01	-	-	-
Ukraine	09-03-04	31-07-12	01-11-12	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 50, 54(2) D: Arts. 50, 53, 54(2)

United Arab Emirates / <i>Emirats arabes unis</i>	-	29-04-08	01-08-08	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	16-11-01	27-07-15-	01-11-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*-(b)*, 39(4)*, 52*, 53*, 54(2)*
United Rep. of Tanzania / <i>Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie</i>	16-11-01	30-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. 54(2)
United States of America / <i>États-Unis d'Amérique</i>	09-05-03	28-10-04	01-02-05	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 54(2)
Uzbekistan / <i>Ouzbékistan</i>	-	31-01-18	01-05-18	D: Arts. 53, 54(2)
Viet Nam	-	17-09-14	01-01-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Zambia / <i>Zambie</i>	-	07-09-20	01-01-21	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 54(2)
Zimbabwe	-	13-05-08	1	-

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European Union / <i>Union européenne</i>	-	28-04-09	01-08-09	D: Arts. 48(2), 55
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<sup>1</sup> Subject to Article 49(1) / *Sous réserve de l'article 49(1).*

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

<sup>3</sup> 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](http://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*

<sup>4</sup> 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 SPÉCIFIQUES AUX MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT AÉRONAUTIQUES A LA CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES PORTANT SUR DES MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place: Cape Town / <i>Lieu: Le Cap</i> – Date: 16-11-2001
<b>Entry into force:</b>	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-03-2006
<b>Entrée en vigueur:</b>	Conditions: 8 ratifications (Art. XXVIII(1))
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	81
<b>Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique</b>	1
<b>Status / État</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/181219-ctc-ac-print-ef.pdf">https://www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/181219-ctc-ac-print-ef.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/02-Status-list-Aircraft-Protocol-Niger-Nov.-2022.pdf">https://www.unidroit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/02-Status-list-Aircraft-Protocol-Niger-Nov.-2022.pdf</a>
<b>Depositary / Dépositaire:</b>	UNIDROIT
<b>UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/aircraft-protocol">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/aircraft-protocol</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-aeronautique">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-aeronautique</a>

STATE / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHÉS.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DÉCL. ou RÉSERVES
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)
Argentina / <i>Argentine</i>	-	10-01-18	01-08-18	D: Arts. XIX, 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)*



## Annexe II

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	-	-	-
Costa Rica	-	08-08-18	01-12-18	-
Côte d'Ivoire	-	01-03-16	01-07-16	D: Arts. XIX(1)*, XXIX*, XXX(1)*,(2)*,(3)*
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>Égypte</i>	-	10-12-14	01-04-15	D: Arts. XIX(1)*, XXX(1)*,(2)*,(3)*
Eswatini	-	26-05-17	01-09-17	-
Ethiopia / <i>Éthiopie</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	20-12-18	01-04-19	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Iceland / <i>Islande</i>	-	23-06-20	01-10-20	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
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	-
Kyrgyzstan / <i>Kyrgyzistan</i>	-	13-05-21	01-09-21	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	08-02-11	01-06-11	D: Art. XXX(1)*
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> <sup>2</sup>	-	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)
Moldova	-	19-02-19	01-06-19	D: Art. XXX(1)
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)
Namibia / <i>Namibie</i>	-	23-07-18	01-11-18	D: Art. XXX(1)
Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i> <sup>3</sup>	-	17-05-10	-	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (2)
New Zealand / <i>Nouvelle-Zélande</i>	-	20-07-10	01-11-10	D: Arts. XXIX, XXX(1), (3), (5)
Niger	-	17-11-22	01-03-23	-
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)
Paraguay	-	19-12-18	01-04-19	D: Arts. XIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Qatar	-	08-01-20	01-05-20	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	-	30-03-18	01-07-18	D: Art. XXX(1)
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 / Afrique du sud	16-11-01	18-01-07	01-05-07	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Spain / Espagne	-	27-11-15	01-03-16	D: Arts. XIX, XXIX, XXX(1)
Sudan / Soudan	16-11-01	-	-	-
Sweden / Suède	-	30-12-15	01-04-16	D: Art. XXX(1)
Switzerland / Suisse	16-11-01 (ad ref.)	-	-	-
Tajikistan / Tadjikistan	-	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	-	-	-
Türkiye	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 / Emirats arabes unis	-	29-04-08	01-08-08	D: Arts. XIX, XXIX, XXX(1),(2),(3)
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	16-11-01	27-07-15	01-11-15	D: Arts. XXIX*, XXX(1)*, (2)*, (3)*
United Rep. of Tanzania / Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie	16-11-01	30-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. XXX(1)*,(2)*,(3)*
United States of America / États-Unis d'Amérique	09-05-03	28-10-04	01-03-06	D: Arts. XIX(1), XXX(1)
Uzbekistan / Ouzbékistan	-	31-01-18	01-05-18	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Viet Nam	-	17-09-14	01-01-15	D: Arts. XIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
Zambia / Zambie	-	07-09-20	01-01-21	-
<b>Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique</b>				
European Union / <sup>1</sup> Union européenne	-	28-04-09	01-08-09	D: Arts. XXVII(2), XXX(5)

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

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/information-contractingstates.htm) // *Cet État 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*

<sup>3</sup> 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 SPÉCIFIQUES AU MATÉRIEL ROULANT FERROVIAIRE À LA CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES PORTANT SUR DES MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

<b>Adoption:</b>	Place / Lieu: Luxembourg Date: 23-02-2007
<b>Entry into force:</b> <b>Entrée en vigueur:</b>	No / Non Conditions: 4 ratifications (Art. XXIII(1))
<b>Contracting States / États contractants</b>	3
<b>Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique</b>	1
<b>Status / État</b>	<a href="https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/rail-protocol/status/">https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/rail-protocol/status/</a> <a href="https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-ferroviaire/etat/">https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-ferroviaire/etat/</a>

**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 / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHÉS.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DÉCL. ou RÉSERVES
France	03-03-17	-	-	-
Gabon	23-02-07	04-04-17	-	-
Germany / Allemagne	21-11-12	-	-	D
Italy / Italie	23-02-07	-	-	D
Luxembourg	23-02-07	31-01-12	-	-
Mozambique	15-11-16	-	-	-
South Africa / Afrique du sud	22-03-22	-	-	-
Spain / Espagne	10-11-21	-	-	-
Sweden / Suède	27-06-17	02-07-18	-	D: Art. XXVII(1)
Switzerland / Suisse	23-02-07	-	-	-
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	26-02-16	-	-	-
<b>Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique</b>				
European Union / Union européenne	10-12-09	18-12-14	-	D: Art. XXII(2)

**UNIDROIT CONVENTION ON SUBSTANTIVE RULES FOR INTERMEDIATED SECURITIES  
 CONVENTION D'UNIDROIT SUR LES RÈGLES MATÉRIELLES RELATIVES AUX TITRES INTERMÉDIÉS**

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

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

**Contracting States /  
 États contractants** /

**Status / État** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/capital-markets/geneva-convention/status/>  
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/marches-financiers/convention-de-geneve/etat/>

**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/convention-de-geneve/>

STATE / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHÉSION	ENTRY INTO FORCE ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DÉCL. ou RÉSERVES
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 SPÉCIFIQUES AUX BIENS SPATIAUX A LA CONVENTION  
 RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES PORTANT SUR  
 DES MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

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

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

**Contracting States /  
 États contractants** /

**Status / État** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/space-protocol/status/>  
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-spatial/etat/>

**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 / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHÉS.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. OR RESERV. / DÉCL. OU RÉSERVES
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	-	-	-

**PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE EQUIPMENT ON MATTERS SPECIFIC TO MINING, AGRICULTURE AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT**

**PROTOCOLE PORTANT SUR LES QUESTIONS SPÉCIFIQUES  
AUX MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT MINIERES, AGRICOLES ET DE CONSTRUCTION  
À LA CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES PORTANT  
SUR DES MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

**Adoption:** Place / *Lieu*: Pretoria  
Date: 22-11-2019

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

**Contracting States / États contractants** /

**Status / État** <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/mac-protocol/status/>  
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-mac/etat/>

**Depositary / Dépositaire:** UNIDROIT

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

STATE / ÉTAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHÉS.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. OR RESERV. / DÉCL. OU RÉSERVES
Congo	22-11-19	-	-	-
Gambia / <i>Gambie</i>	22-11-19	-	-	-
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	22-11-19	-	-	-
Paraguay	22-11-19	-	-	-
United States of America / <i>États-Unis d'Amérique</i>	01-10-20	-	-	-
<b>Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique</b>				
European Union / <i>Union européenne</i>	20-09-22	-	-	-

**IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUMENTS BASED ON  
WORK CONDUCTED WITHIN UNIDROIT <sup>1(\*)</sup>****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.  
*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-B-11&chapter=11&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-11&chapter=11&clang=en)
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.  
*Status:* <https://en.unesco.org/protecting-heritage/convention-and-protocols/states-parties>
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.  
*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XIV-3&chapter=14&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XIV-3&chapter=14&clang=en)
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 XVII<sup>th</sup> session for use as a model in the drawing up of bilateral conventions or uniform laws for separate adoption by each State.  
*Status:* <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=38>
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.  
*Status:* <https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/041/signatures>
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.  
*Status of the 1959 Convention:* [https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/029/signatures?p\\_auth=S5RsyC98](https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/029/signatures?p_auth=S5RsyC98)

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<sup>1</sup> Based on information available to the Secretariat as of 31 December 2022.

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.

*Status:* <https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list?module=signatures-by-treaty&treatyenum=019>

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. 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.

*Status of Protocol No. 1:* [https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XII-4&chapter=12&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XII-4&chapter=12&clang=en)

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.

*Status of Protocol No. 2:* [https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XII-4&chapter=12&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XII-4&chapter=12&clang=en)

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.

*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg\\_no=X-10&chapter=10&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=X-10&chapter=10&clang=en)

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.

*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-B-26&chapter=11&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-26&chapter=11&clang=en)

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.

*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-B-11-b&chapter=11&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-11-b&chapter=11&clang=en)

## **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.

*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-D-1&chapter=11&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-D-1&chapter=11&clang=en)

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.

*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-D-2&chapter=11&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-D-2&chapter=11&clang=en)

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.  
*Status:* [https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/056/signatures?p\\_auth=92tvxnflU](https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/056/signatures?p_auth=92tvxnflU)
  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.  
*Status:* [https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/079/signatures?p\\_auth=92tvxnflU](https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/079/signatures?p_auth=92tvxnflU)
  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.  
*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-E-1&chapter=11&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-E-1&chapter=11&clang=en)
  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.  
*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-B-30&chapter=11&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-30&chapter=11&clang=en)
  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.  
*Status:* [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=X-13&chapter=10&clang=en](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=X-13&chapter=10&clang=en)
- C. EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE BASED ON A 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.**
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.



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- 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.cancelleria.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://nationallibrary.bg/wp/?page\\_id=1417&lang=en](http://nationallibrary.bg/wp/?page_id=1417&lang=en)
- 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  
<https://minrel.gob.cl/>
- Colombia:** Biblioteca Luis Angel Arango  
<http://www.banrepcultural.org/bogota/biblioteca-luis-angel-arango>
- Czech Republic:** Library of the International Law Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade  
<https://www.mpo.cz/>  
Charles University in Prague  
<https://www.cuni.cz/UKENG-1.html>
- Egypt:** Documentation Center, General Directorate of International and Cultural Co-operation, Ministry of Justice, Cairo  
[www.jp.gov.eg](http://www.jp.gov.eg)
- Estonia:** Eesti Rahvusraamatukogu  
<https://www.nlib.ee/>
- Finland:** Eduskunnan Kirjasto  
<https://www.eduskunta.fi/EN/naineduskuntatoimii/kirjasto/Pages/default.aspx>
- France:** Bibliothèque Inter-universitaire Cujas  
<http://biu-cujas.univ-paris1.fr/>
- Germany:** Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Abteilung Amtsdrukschriften und Internationaler Amtlicher Schriftentausch  
<https://staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/en/>
- 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  
<https://www.lumsa.it/>
- 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://kemlu.go.id/portal/en>
- Iran:** Institute of Comparative Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran  
<https://ut.ac.ir/en/page/619/institute-of-comparative-law> (<https://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/EN/index.html>
- Latvia:** Department of European and International Law, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia  
<https://www.tm.gov.lv/en>
- Luxembourg:** Bibliothèque Nationale  
<http://www.bnl.public.lu/fr/index.html>  
University of Luxembourg  
[https://www.uni.lu/luxembourg\\_learning\\_centre](https://www.uni.lu/luxembourg_learning_centre)
- 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  
<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/ministeries/ministerie-van-justitie-en-veiligheid>
- Norway:** Det juridiske fakultetsbibliotek, Universitetsbiblioteket i Oslo  
<http://www.ub.uio.no>
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