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Annexe 3

UNIDROIT MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA TRANSNATIONAL LAW

ADVANCING THINKING AND MATERIALS

(WORKING DOCUMENT)

During the period in which UNIDROIT is considering the institutional aspects of a stable project in this area, Professor Ignacio Tirado, Secretary General of UNIDROIT, invited Professor Jeffrey Wool, Senior Academic Fellow at UNIDROIT and designated project lead, to continue work on the matter. This includes advancing the reflection and preparing materials for discussion purposes on the items debated at, or deriving from the MENA symposium, with a view to presenting future work in more concrete terms.

The work focuses on the following items:

Items	Key points
Course materials for joint or parallel teaching of comparative, transactional and transnational commercial and investment law.	Initial modules are being developed and will be shared. Expressions of interests are sought on prototype joint/parallel teaching.
MENA commercial and investment law and case/arbitration database (AI aided).	Basic architecture is being developed and initially populated with AI content.
Academic study of the interplay between religious law and commercial law and transactional practice, historically and currently.	AI assisted outline of study on digital assets, including cryptocurrency and Islamic law. Starting point list of basic themes and topics for further study is being developed.
Special Economic Zones in MENA, including best practices and foundational materials.	Initial study on registration systems in SEZ, technical and legal items.
Commercial and investment best practice law, for possible adoption in jurisdictions.	Law firm being requested to provide <i>pro bono</i> support Model laws are being prepared, starting with international best practice forms.
Educational events examining and promoting UNIDROIT instruments.	Initial events may focus on the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols.