

STATEMENT BY
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN
ON THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW ON THE WORK OF ITS 5th SESSION

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Mr. / Madame Chair,

At the outset, I wish to express my gratitude to the Chair of the United Nations
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report on its fiftyfifth session. Let me also express my sincere appreciation to the
UNCITRAL Secretariat for providing support to enable the Commission and its working
groups to make progress notwithstanding the continued challenges posed by COVID
including by making available the holding of both in person and virtual meetings. It is
indeed remarkable that the Commission finalized and adopted several texts despite the
continued constraints caused by the pandemic.

I would like to comment briefly on the most recent developments regarding
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(1) Working Group I (Micro, Small and Medium -sized Enterprises)

With respect to Working Group I, Japan recognizes the importance of reducing
legal obstacles faced by micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) throughout
their life cycle, particularly in developing economies. H D U H S T A T E D O C U M E N T
to contribute to the discussions on the topic of access to credit for MSMEs by engaging
our relevant experts.

(2) Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)

As for Working Group II, Japan would like to first congratulate UNCITRAL on
its finalization of the explanatory note to the UNCITRAL Expedited Arbitration Rules.
We are convinced that this instrument will provide parties with useful options to resolve
their disputes in an expeditious and effective manner.

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preliminary determination, W H F K Q U R H O O D W H G G L V S X W H U H V R O X W L R Q D
Japan attaches great importance to the work in progress and remains fully committed to
actively take part in the discussions. Japan hopes to collaborate further with all
participants of the Working Group so as to achieve further progress on this topic.

(3) Working Group III (Investor -State Dispute Settlement Reform)

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project in its entirety for the initial year. Japan is also ready to contribute the funds necessary for the second year in due course.

Japan is convinced that such activities will bring extremely meaningful outcomes, and looks forward to collaboration with the UNCITRAL Secretariat, interested States and relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the project.

(8) Enlargement of UNCITRAL Membership
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Japan would also like to refer to the progress made regarding the enlargement of UNCITRAL's membership.