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Dear Madam President:

RE: Working Group on Arbitration Legislation

The Working Group hereby submits its January 2014 Report and Commentary and a revised new uniform International Commercial Arbitration Act (**New Uniform ICAA**) for the Conference's consideration.

At the Conference's August 2013 meeting, the Working Group presented drafts of the proposed New Uniform ICAA and a Report and Commentary. At that time, certain provisions of the draft New Uniform ICAA had not yet been reviewed by legislative counsel assisting the Working Group. As well, although a French-language translation of the draft New Uniform ICAA was available, the Working Group's Report and Commentary had not been translated into French in time for the Conference's August 2013 meeting. At that meeting, the Working Group received comments from representatives, including suggestions for improvements to the draft materials. The New Uniform ICAA and the draft Report and Commentary received the Conference's conditional approval at the August 2013 meeting.

After the August 2013 meeting, the Working Group revised the New Uniform ICAA to address issues discussed at that meeting and further drafting improvements recommended by legislative counsel assisting the Working Group. The Working Group then reviewed and approved the final text of the New Uniform ICAA. The Working Group revised its Final Report and Commentary to address the revisions made following the Conference's August 2013 meeting. The revised New Uniform ICAA and Report and Commentary were then translated into French. The Working Group wishes to acknowledge the very substantial contribution of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, which performed the translation of the Final Report and Commentary at no cost to the ULCC.

The Working Group now asks the Conference to approve the French and English texts of the final draft of the New Uniform ICAA and the Report and Commentary.



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