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The Honorable Renaud Sorieul  
Secretary  
United Nations Commission  
on International Trade Law  
Vienna International Centre  
1400 Vienna  
Austria

Re: Comments on UNCITRAL draft revised Arbitration Rules


Dear Secretary Sorieul:

On behalf of the American Bar Association Sections of International Law and Dispute Resolution (the "Sections"), we are pleased to present our compliments to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. We wish to thank the Commission for providing us the opportunity to comment on the draft revised UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as transmitted to the ABA in the Secretariat's letter dated March 29, 2010. The views expressed herein are being presented on behalf of the Sections only. They have not been approved by the House of Delegates or the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and should not be construed as representing the position of the American Bar Association.

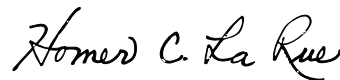
The UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, adopted in 1976, have played an important role in promoting resolution of international disputes – both public and private – through binding arbitration. The ABA has long supported the existence and use of such alternative dispute resolution procedures.

The Sections recognize and appreciate the years-long efforts of the Commission and UNCITRAL Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation) to update the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. We extend our congratulations to the UNCITRAL Working Group II for a job well done, and we urge the Commission to adopt the draft revised UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules at the forty-third session of the Commission this summer.

Very truly yours,



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