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2018: A YEAR IN A NUTSHELL

In August 2018, I took office as Secretary General of UNIDROIT. I found a beautiful red Roman villa, a garden surrounded by decapitated statues and dozens of shiny-green parrots singing outside my office. At first, I found the combination awkward. The palazzo hosts one of the oldest legal international organisations in existence. All within the Institute I found to be aligned with its prestige: structured, orderly, efficient, and in most adequate form. The excellent work of my predecessor and the firm leadership of President Mazzone had indeed much to do with that; as did the sublime and elegant way in which Professor Anna Veneziano conducted the transition until I arrived. I am indebted to the three of them. But my debt is also to each and every member of this extraordinary institution, who -while very few- are capable of doing with little what many, in other institutions, cannot accomplish with much more. This introduction seeks to explain the achievements of the year 2018. Much was achieved before I arrived; and, for the rest, I only availed myself of the excellence of my colleagues. I have now come to understand that old villas, beheaded statues and green parrots are just a metaphor for this place, where the passing of time embellishes, absence symbolises resilience, and diversity strengthens the quality of the work accomplished. I was the awkward piece, but am slowly striving to fit in.

2018 has been an important year in terms of institutional renovation. The Secretariat has made significant improvements in its administration and sustainability, in particular through the implementation of staff compensation reforms and the achievement of substantial progress towards the implementation of the social security reforms. Moreover, steps towards a modernisation of UNIDROIT's Regulations are well underway. The foundations of a renewed and strengthened institutional framework for the Institute have been laid.

The Cape Town Convention has featured prominently in 2018. The Cape Town family has grown to 79 States, an amount equalled by very few treaties in the international commercial arena, and the registry of the Aircraft Protocol has recorded its one millionth registration. Under the leadership of Anna Veneziano, the Rail Protocol is gathering momentum: Sweden has now ratified the Protocol, joining the European Union and other ratifying States. The Preparatory Commission session held at our Seat was attended by over 30 States, with several enthusiastic statements that suggest a number of forthcoming ratifications are in the pipeline. But 2018 has placed the MAC Protocol at centre stage. The Governing Council approved the convening of a Diplomatic Conference to formally adopt the Protocol. The South African Government will host the Conference in Pretoria in November 2019, but preparations for the big event were commenced straight away. During the second half of 2018, the Secretariat and a group of international experts analysed the draft text of the Protocol, interacted with governments and stakeholders and held national and international consultation events. Additionally, an independent economic assessment of the MAC Protocol's impact was finalised, with remarkable results: over a ten-year period, the MAC Protocol may increase the stock of MAC equipment by \$90 billion in developing countries and is predicted to have a positive annual impact on GDP for UNIDROIT Member States equivalent to \$30 billion. I am certain this will allow me to write a story of success in next year's Annual Report. A special word is owed to the excellent work of William Brydie-Watson, who has led the Secretariat's efforts on this complex matter.

And yet, there is life at the Institute beyond Cape Town. The Secretariat has toiled on a number of fronts, teaming up successfully with other institutions. The ELI/UNIDROIT project on Regional Rules on Civil Procedure has reached its final stages, and the Working Group on the Principles of Reinsurance Contracts, based on the UNIDROIT Principles, has completed its project. But perhaps the most impressive progress has been made in our collaboration with FAO and IFAD on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts (ALIC). Galvanised and ably supported by Neale Bergman, the Working Group has continued its development of the future Legal Guide through two highly productive meetings, videoconferences and substantial intersessional work. That work has resulted in a first full consolidated draft which is to be made available to the Governing Council at its 98th session as well as to Member States and stakeholders for extensive consultations during 2019.

The Secretariat has intensified its efforts on a number of non-legislative activities. The promotion of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming around the world has been highly successful, and its translation into Portuguese and Chinese are a clear sign of the interest it has raised. Frédérique Mestre's work on this front cannot be overestimated. In the area of cultural property, the Institute has launched the UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project to promote a favourable legal environment for the restitution and return of stolen or illegally exported cultural objects through our 1995 Convention. In this area, we have continued to partner closely with UNESCO and other international organisations, as always under the leadership of Marina Schneider. Further, the Secretariat, directly or through the UNIDROIT Foundation, has continued to work on several projects highly relevant to our mandate, including the Best Practices on Electronic Registries project and the Economic Assessment project, undertaken in partnership with Oxford University and the University of Washington; or the Human Centred Business Model project, where we have shared efforts with the OECD, the World Bank and other international organisations.

UNIDROIT has been and should again be a centre of international legal thinking as well as a research hub. In 2018 we started shifting attention back to our library, increasing available resources and reviving its research activities with frequent seminars and open academic exchanges. This is to be combined with the Institute's publications, an activity that –together with other relevant but less visible tasks– is so carefully crafted by Lena Peters, in the manner of an artisan watchmaker.

All these accomplishments could not have been achieved without the silent but indispensable work of all those staff members who work behind the scenes to make sure everything is ready: kindness and efficiency are a beautiful habit here.

Before I ever set foot in Villa Aldobrandini, I had heard several times that UNIDROIT felt like a family. Now I understand that it is in its remarkable human touch where a good part of its magic resides. I have been gifted with such a legacy. More, again, in 12 months. And hopefully, at least, just as good.

PROFESSOR IGNACIO TIRADO
Secretary-General

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I. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION

A. PRESIDENCY, GOVERNING COUNCIL, GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE *

1. *Presidency and Governing Council*

The 97th session of the *Governing Council*¹ was held in Rome from 2 to 4 May 2018 under the chairmanship of the President of the Institute, Professor Alberto Mazzoni. The Governing Council, after approving the Secretary-General's *a.i.*, Professor Anna Veneziano, report on the activity of the Institute in 2017, appointed Professor Arthur Hartkamp as First Vice-President, and Professor Jorge Sánchez Cordero Davila as Second Vice-President until its 98th session.

Following the decision taken by the Governing Council at its 90th session (Rome, 9-11 May 2011) to make systematic use of the authority given to it by article 16 of the UNIDROIT Regulations to request representatives of member Governments that have no nationals sitting on the Council to attend its meetings in a consultative capacity. 13 such Member States were represented at the 97th session of the Council.

The Council appointed Mr Ignacio Tirado, at the time Professor at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, as Secretary-General in accordance with Article 8(1) of the Statute. Mr Tirado took up his post on 27 August 2018.

When discussing the draft budget for 2018, the Council commended the positive impact of cost-saving measures and management efficiencies.

2. *General Assembly and Finance Committee*

The 77th session of the General Assembly was held in Rome on 6 December 2018 under the presidency of H.E. Mr Paul Dühr, Ambassador of Luxembourg in Italy, and was attended by the diplomatic representatives in Italy of 57 Member States. The Secretary-General outlined the work of the Organisation in 2018.

The General Assembly elected the members of the Governing Council for the next five years. The following candidates were elected: Stefania Bariatti (Italy), Hans-Georg Bollweg (Germany), Baiba Broka (Latvia), Yusuf Çalışkan (Turkey), Alfonso-Luis Calvo Caravaca (Spain), Eugenia G. Dacornia (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 Kilgarrieff (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).

* This report covers the activities of UNIDROIT from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

¹ Composition of the Governing Council (2013-2017): Stefania Bariatti (Italy), Radu Bogdan Bobei (Romania), Hans-Georg Bollweg (Germany), Nuria Bouza Vidal (Spain), Baiba Broka (Latvia), B. Bahadır Erdem (Turkey), Henry D. Gabriel (United States of America), Arthur S. Hartkamp (Netherlands), Monique Jametti (Switzerland), Hideki Kanda (Japan), Miklós Király (Hungary), Alexander S. Komarov (Russian Federation), Antti T. Leinonen (Finland), Lyou Byung-Hwa (Republic of Korea), Jose Antonio Moreno Rodriguez (Paraguay), Jan Lambert Neels (South Africa), Monika Pauknerova (Czech Republic), Wojciech Popiolek (Poland), Jorge Sanchez Cordero Davila (Mexico), Rachel Sandby-Thomas (United Kingdom), Alvaro Sandoval Bernal (Colombia), Shi Jingxia (People's Republic of China), Daniel Tricot (France), Spyridon Vrellis (Greece) and Roger Wilkins (Australia).

During the debate on financial issues, the Assembly approved the Accounts for the 2017 financial year as well as the adjustments to the 2018 budget. The General Assembly also adopted the draft budget for 2019.

The Finance Committee² met twice in 2018 under the chairmanship of Mr Benito Jiménez (Mexico), in particular to discuss the new compensation and social security package offered to UNIDROIT staff. The 84th session was held on 15 March 2018 and the 85th session took place on 4 October 2018. The Committee made recommendations on various financial issues later submitted for consideration by the General Assembly.

3. Secretariat

The Secretary-General, Mr Ignacio Tirado, took his functions at UNIDROIT on 27 August 2018.

On 31 December 2018 the Secretariat was made up of 18 members, of which seven professional staff (Category A), nine administrative, Library and secretarial staff (Category B) and three technical support staff (Category C). The Secretariat was also assisted by one research assistant.

B. DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES, STUDY GROUPS AND EXPERT COMMITTEES

The following meetings were organised by the Institute in 2018:

1. Transnational Civil Procedure - Formulation of Regional Rules

Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee ELI/UNIDROIT and of Co-Reporters (Rome, 9-10 April 2018).

Joint ELI/UNIDROIT Project Meeting and conference co-organised by ERA (Trier, 26-27 November 2018).

2. Luxembourg Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock

Meetings of the Ratification Task Force (through teleconference on 9 February, 19 March, 8 May, 29 August, 22 October, as well as on 12 April and 19 September in Oxford).

8th session of the Rail Preparatory Commission (Rome, 6-7 December 2018).

3. Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Space Assets

Teleconferences of the Sub-Group established to reassess industry participation for the promotion and development of the Space Protocol were held on 6 April, 20 July, and 26 October 2018.

4. Preparation of a Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment

International Consultation events on the scope of the draft MAC Protocol (Oxford, 11 September 2018).

² At its 76th session in 2017, the General Assembly appointed the Finance Committee, for three years commencing on 1 January 2018, the following countries: Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

5. Preparation of an international guidance document on agricultural land investment contracts

Third meeting of the Working Group (Rome, 25 - 27 April 2018).

Fourth meeting of the Working Group (Rome, 9 - 11 October 2018).

Video conference meetings of the Working Group on 8 February and 2 July 2018.

C. RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS

On 31 December 2018 UNIDROIT had 63 Member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Germany, Finland, France, 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, Rep. of Korea, Rep. of Serbia, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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

On 31 July 2018, the Ministry of Justice of Japan and UNIDROIT co-organised an Invitational Workshop on the draft MAC Protocol to the Cape Town Convention, which was held at Gakushuin University (Tokyo). The Workshop was opened by Mr Muneki Uchino (Counselor of the Civil Affairs Bureau, of the Japanese Ministry of Justice), Professor Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General elect, UNIDROIT), and Professor Hideki Kanda (UNIDROIT Governing Council member - Gakushuin University). The Workshop was attended by eminent representatives of the Japanese Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, as well as representatives from the relevant industries and academia.

On 5 September 2018, the Secretary-General delivered a keynote speech during the first day of the conference "Society, Law, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics" in Prague (the SOLAIR Conference, 5-6 September). The conference was mainly focussed on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its legal implications across different fields. The interventions included a discussion on possible future cooperation between UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT on a subject matter which may be part of UNIDROIT's future Work Programme.

D. CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN THE FORMULATION OF PRIVATE LAW RULES

On 12-14 March 2018, the Secretary-General *a.i.* Professor Anna Veneziano participated on behalf of UNIDROIT in the HCCH Council on General Affairs and Policy.

The customary co-ordination meeting between the Secretaries-General of the Hague Conference of Private International Law, UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT took place in Vienna on 28 April 2018.

E. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

1. Meetings and conferences

In the course of the period under review, the Institute was represented at several meetings organised by other international organisations including the Italian Association for Arbitration (AIA), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the European Law Institute (ELI), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), the

International Bar Association (IBA), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the International Insolvency Institute, INTERPOL, the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Bank. It also cooperated with a number of academic groups and institutions (for the events focusing on specific items of the Work Programme, please see below in the relevant parts).

On 18 February 2018, the Secretary-General *a.i.* Professor Anna Veneziano was invited to speak at the University of Tokyo at an event organised by the Global Private Law Forum regarding “Current Challenges in Uniform Law: The Perspective of UNIDROIT”. Participants in this event, hosted by Professor Tomotaka Fujita, included Governing Council member Professor Hideki Kanda, Professors Souichirou Kozuka and Hiroo Sono, as well as Professor Megumi Hara and other invited academics and governmental experts.

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Cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

From 3-4 March 2018, Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson represented the UNIDROIT Secretariat at an APEC Workshop organised under the Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure (SELI) group of the APEC Economic Committee. UNIDROIT attended as a Guest Organisation of APEC, a status granted to UNIDROIT in 2017 following its participation at other SELI Workshops in 2016 (Peru) and 2017 (Viet Nam). The UNIDROIT Secretariat made two presentations at the Workshop, one on International Instruments that facilitate the use of modern technology for contract management and another on International Instruments for dispute resolution and prevention. The Secretariat also attended the SELI Friends of the Chair (FoTC) meeting. The forum discusses past Workshops organised under the auspices of SELI as well as future initiatives.

On 21-22 March 2018, the UNIDROIT Secretariat participated in an APEC Workshop on Secured Transactions - Best Practices for Dynamic Business Growth in Mexico City. On the second day of the Workshop Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson made a presentation on the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols.

Cooperation with the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development (GFLJD)

A partner of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development (GFLJD) – an initiative of the World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency - and a member of its Steering Committee, and as a follow up to UNIDROIT’s preliminary work toward the preparation of a legal regimen governing social enterprises carried out in 2010, UNIDROIT joined the GFLJD Project “The Human-Centered Business Model (HCBM): A Holistic Approach to a New Model for Doing Business”. The Project aims to bridge the gap between for-profit and non-profit models of doing business. In accordance with the Governing Council’s decision at its 96th session (10-12 May 2017) UNIDROIT agreed to take a co-leading role with the University of Florence for the second pillar of the project, which focuses on legal frameworks and governance. The UNIDROIT Secretariat has provided support to the project with preliminary research work and the participation

in promotion events together with a broad range of interested stakeholders, aiming at eliciting the interest of sponsoring institutions for the project.

The UNIDROIT Secretary-General, Professor Ignacio Tirado, participated in the World Bank's LJD Week (Washington, 5-9 November 2018) to pursue further collaboration with the World Bank Group and the Global Forum on LJD and to raise awareness about UNIDROIT's work, including by leading two sessions. First, in a session entitled "UNIDROIT Secretary-General's Vision on Law and Development" on 7 November, he debated how UNIDROIT could support economic empowerment and achievement of the SDGs, together with Ms Nathalie Rey (Senior Counsel, Export-Import Bank of the United States of America) who discussed the future MAC Protocol and with Ms Yuliya Panfil (Investment Manager, Property Rights Initiative, Omidyar Network) who discussed the future Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts. Second, in a session entitled "Community of Practice on Private Law and Agricultural Development" on 8 November, he considered, together with Professor Thomas McInerney (Rule of Law for Development Institute, Loyola University Chicago School of Law), how the Global Forum's Community of Practice could promote UNIDROIT's work in this area, contribute to a fairer and more secure legal environment and respond to economic and social challenges in agriculture.

On 12-13 November 2018, as part of the cooperation with the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development (GFLJD), UNIDROIT hosted a workshop organised jointly with the OECD Development Centre, to discuss the progresses of the *Human-Centered Business Model* project and the preliminary results of Pillar 1 (Guiding Principles) and Pillar 2 (Legal Framework and Corporate Governance).

Cooperation with the International Bar Association (IBA)

At the initiative of Don Wallace jr., Chairman of the International Law Institute, Washington D.C., and of Christopher R. Seppälä, Legal Advisor of the FIDIC Contracts Committee, the International Bar Association (IBA) set up a task force composed of a large number of international lawyers coordinated by Willem Calkoen (Netherlands), with a view to assisting UNIDROIT to further promote the knowledge and use of the UNIDROIT Principles in international contract and dispute resolution practice all over the world. A MoU was signed between the two organisations in relation to the publication of the results of this research.

On 9 October 2018, the IBA Working Group on the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts discussed practical cases on the application of the UNIDROIT Principles at the Annual IBA Conference in Rome. The panel was introduced by project coordinator Willem Calkoen (NautaDutilh, Amsterdam) and Co-chair of the IBA international sales committee Cristina Martinetti (ELEXI, Turin), co-chaired by Simon Hotte (FIDAL, Lyon) and Ina Popova (Debevoise & Plimpton, NY) and saw Karina Goldberg (Ferro Castro Neves Daltro & Gomide Advogados, Sao Paulo), Sanjeev Kapoor (Khaitan & Co, New Delhi) and Gerard Meijer (NautaDutilh, Amsterdam) as speakers. Deputy Secretary-General Professor Anna Veneziano participated in the session together with Professor Michael Joachim Bonell.

Cooperation with academic institutions

Between 13-15 April 2018 the Queen Mary – UNIDROIT Institute of Transnational Commercial Law, in association with the University of Oxford Harris Manchester College Commercial Law Centre, organised a conference entitled "Development Finance in Emerging Markets: Challenges, Innovations and Results". On the first day of the conference, which was opened by Professors Roy Goode and Rosa Lastra, Secretary-General *a.i.* Anna Veneziano chaired a panel focusing on "the Importance of an Effective Legal Regime for Secured Transactions: The Cape Town Convention and its Protocols", which featured presentations by Professor Ignacio Tirado (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, World Bank), Dr Marek Dubovec (NatLaw) and Ms Frédérique Dahan (EBRD). On the second day of the conference, Sir Roy Goode chaired a panel on "Intermediated Securities Versus Direct Holdings: The Benefits and Challenges of Book Entry Securities in EMDEs". On this panel, Dr Thomas Kejisier (Radboud University Nijmegen) presented on the Geneva Securities Convention and the 2017 UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities among other presentations by Professor Luc Thévenoz (University of Geneva), Dr Maria Vermaas (Strate), Dr Timi Austen-Peters (Austen-Peters & Co) and Mr Guy Morton (formerly Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer). On the final day of the conference, UNIDROIT President Professor Alberto Mazzoni chaired a session on

“Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, and Enforcing Judgements in emerging markets and developing countries: Recent developments”.

On 12 June 2018, Secretary-General *a.i.* Professor Anna Veneziano and Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson delivered a joint lecture on the Cape Town Convention and future MAC Protocol to LLM students at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa. The lecture was organised by UNIDROIT Governing Council member Professor Jan Neels and focused on the major features and legal operation of the two instruments. During the institutional visit, the Secretariat was also taken on a tour of the University’s main library which is a Depository Library for UNIDROIT.

On 27 July 2018, Secretary-General *ad interim* Professor Anna Veneziano delivered a lecture on “UNIDROIT’s work on sustainable development – the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming” at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, at a seminar hosted by Professor Hiroo Sono. The lecture was followed by a discussion with faculty members and graduate students.

On 11 September 2018 UNIDROIT partnered with the Commercial Law Centre of Harris Manchester College in convening an international consultation event on the scope of the draft MAC Protocol. The consultation event brought together 35 Governmental representatives and legal experts from 21 countries, including the Ambassador of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic his excellency Mr Sayakane Sisouvong. The event was chaired by UNIDROIT Secretary-General Professor Ignacio Tirado and featured presentations from Sir Roy Goode, UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General Professor Anna Veneziano, UNIDROIT Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson and MAC Working Group Director of Global Outreach Dr Marek Dubovec. The event provided a valuable opportunity for States to share their experiences in conducting domestic consultations on the scope of the draft MAC Protocol as determined by the Harmonized System.

On 28 September 2018, Roma Tre University and UNIDROIT co-hosted the Fifth Edition of the Annual International Arbitration Lecture entitled “Use of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: from scepticism to confidence”, as part of the programme of the International Commercial and Investment Arbitration Theory and Practice Certificate, jointly organised by Roma Tre, the Italian Arbitration Association, the International Court of Arbitration, and the Chamber of Arbitration of Milan. Professor Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General of UNIDROIT) and Professor Andrea Zoppini (Faculty of Law, Roma Tre University) opened the event and introduced the Keynote speaker, Mr John Beechey CBE (Founding Partner at Beechey Arbitration and Past President of the International Court of Arbitration at ICC). Some 90 participants gathered in the UNIDROIT Library to attend the event.

On 16-17 October 2018 UNIDROIT participated in the second Conference on International Coordination of Secured Transaction Law Reforms: Advancing Global Reforms and Building a Uniform System in Madrid, Spain. Co-sponsored by NatLaw, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and the International Insolvency Institute, the Conference brought together representatives from the World Bank, IFC, UNCITRAL, EBRD, OAS and APEC as well as leading academics to advance the discussion began at the first coordination conference held on 9-10 February 2017 at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. During the Conference, UNIDROIT Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado presented on a panel examining how secured transactions reform is assessed, and UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano presented on a panel discussing procedures, strategies and working methods on institutional coordination.

On 18 October 2018, the Faculty of Administration of the University of São Paulo hosted a Colloquium on the legal, economic and social implications of contract farming to celebrate the launch of the Portuguese version of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming, co-organised with UNIDROIT. UNIDROIT Senior Legal Officer Ms Frédérique Mestre participated in the opening of the event, with Professor Dr. Decio Zylbersztajn (University of São Paulo), Professor Dr. Moacir de Miranda Oliveira (University of São Paulo) and Professor Dr. Kassia Watanabe (Universidade Federal do Recôncavo da Bahia), and subsequently presented UNIDROIT’s perspectives on the Legal Guide on Contract Farming.

On 25 October 2018, the Faculty of Law of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso - PUCV, Chile, hosted an International Colloquium on “El contrato agrícola: experiencias y desarrollos en el derecho latinoamericano y uniforme”, with an opening lecture by Ms Frederique Mestre, Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT, on “Hacia un modelo de regulación de la agricultura por contrato: La tarea de

UNIDROIT. The Colloquium concluded with the launch of the book of the (reprint) Spanish version of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD, published by "Derecho PUCV".

Members of the Secretariat also participated in various meetings and conferences where they presented the UNIDROIT instruments and the work of the Institute in general. Details of some of these meetings are set out elsewhere in this report.

2. Co-operation agreements

In 2018, UNIDROIT signed several co-operation agreements with the following different institutions:

- In May 2018, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (ZUEL) (P.R. China) and UNIDROIT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the promotion of UNIDROIT's purposes and achievements as part of the ZUEL School of Law's academic activity and promoting participation of the ZUEL School of Law in the UNIDROIT research and internship programme.
- In May 2018, the Islamic Azad University (Iran) and UNIDROIT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote academic, educational and scientific cooperation in the legal area.
- In June 2018, a cooperation agreement between the Institute and the *Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso* (Chile) was signed to collaborate in research projects and encourage reciprocal support in initiatives related to areas of common interest and promote publications in Chile and Latin America.
- In November 2018, the *Asociacion Chilena de Derecho Internacional Privado* (ADIPRI) and UNIDROIT signed a cooperation agreement to collaborate on activities for the dissemination, extension and research of the various areas of private international law and with a view to achieving their development.
- Finally, in December 2018, a Cross-Licensing agreement was signed between the International Bar Association (IBA) and UNIDROIT on royalty fee, worldwide cross licences regarding the publication of the volume "Perspectives in Practice of the UNIDROIT Principles".

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. WORK IN PROGRESS

1. *Private Law and Agricultural Development*

Preparation of an international guidance document on agricultural land investment contracts

At its 95th session (Rome, 18-20 May 2016), the Governing Council considered the feasibility study that had been prepared by the Secretariat (UNIDROIT 2016 – C.D. (95) 7(b)) and took note of it, ultimately deciding to recommend to the General Assembly that it retain work on an international guidance document on agricultural land investment contracts in the UNIDROIT Work Programme for the 2017-2019 triennium with a high level of priority. The General Assembly endorsed that recommendation at its 75th session (Rome, 1 December 2016).

Consistent with the high level of priority, the Working Group on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts continued to study and prepare a future Legal Guide on such contracts (the “Legal Guide”).³ As envisioned by the Working Group, the future Legal Guide is to build upon the success of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and offer guidance on agricultural land investment contracts involving leases of agricultural land from governments and local communities that is consistent with the high-level principles and standards set out in the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) and the CFS Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (CFS-RAI Principles).

Further to the preparation of the Legal Guide, the Working Group took the following key steps in 2018.⁴

- On 8 February 2018, the Working Group met via videoconference to discuss the input received from the informal meeting held on 11 October 2017 in the context of the CFS’ 44th plenary session (Rome, 9-13 October 2017), to review an initial draft of the Preface and Introduction of the future Legal Guide and to consider the experts’ questions and comments relating to their respective drafting responsibilities.
- On 25-27 April 2018, the Working Group held its third meeting, at which the Group considered the future Legal Guide’s scope and key themes, and reviewed in detail 14 Working Papers containing drafts of nearly all the chapters and sections identified in the draft outline.
- On 2 July 2018, the Working Group held another videoconference to discuss recent developments, drafting and revising notes prepared by the Secretariat for use by the experts in revising their drafts, and various questions regarding the drafts and next steps.

³ The Working Group is chaired by Mr José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez, a member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, and currently includes: Mr Lorenzo Cotula, Principal Researcher in Law and Sustainable Development at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); Mr Daryono, Professor at Universitas Terbuka, Jakarta; Ms Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson, Professor at Université Paris 2; Mr James Gathii, Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law and Professor of Law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law; Ms Jean Ho, Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore; Mr Pierre-Etienne Kenfack, Professor at Université Yaoundé 2; Ms Yuliya Panfil, Associate, Investments at Omidyar Network and Mr Virgilio de los Reyes, Professor, De La Salle University, Manila. The Working Group also includes representatives of FAO; IFAD; the International Land Coalition; the World Farmers Organisation; the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS); the Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment (CCSI); the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD); and Welthungerhilfe.

⁴ For additional background on the Working Group and its initial meetings, see UNIDROIT 2017 – A.G. (76) 2 rev., paras. 31-35.

- On 9-11 October 2018, the Working Group held its fourth meeting, at which the Group reviewed in detail drafts for all of the chapters and sections of the future Legal Guide and discussed next steps, including the plan for broad and extended consultations on a consolidated version of the draft Legal Guide, for incorporating the input received and for finalising the Legal Guide.

In addition, the Secretariat, in conjunction with the Working Group, has participated in various conferences and events to raise awareness about the future Legal Guide and to seek stakeholder input on it. Such participation includes:

- on 22 March 2018, a presentation by the Secretariat on the future Legal Guide as part of a panel on "Land Governance and the VGGT" at the World Bank's Annual Land and Poverty Conference (Washington, 19-23 March 2018);

- on 8 October 2018, a presentation by Professor James Gathii, a Working Group expert, on the future Legal Guide and some of the key contractual issues that it will address as part of a panel on "Sustainable investment in agriculture" at the International Bar Association's Annual Meeting (Rome, 7-12 October 2018);

- on 18 October 2018, a Side Event, entitled "Improving Agricultural Investment Contracts and the Contracting Process" and organised jointly with FAO and IFAD, at the CFS' 45th plenary session (Rome, 15-19 October 2018). The latter event was moderated by Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado and included expert panellists – Ms Margret Vidar (FAO), Mr Charles Forrest (IFAD), Mr Lorenzo Cotula (IIED), Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM/CFS) and Ms Ilaria Bottigliero (IDLO) – who discussed the future Legal Guide, examined some of the key issues and safeguards addressed in it and sought input from participants.

Following the Working Group's fourth meeting and the CFS Side Event, the Secretariat began working to revise and consolidate the various drafts of the future Legal Guide in coordination with Working Group members. Subject to the draft Legal Guide's progress, the Secretariat is planning to make the consolidated draft available online in order to hold an open online consultation, as has been done for the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming, and consultation events around the world in coordination with Working Group experts, with the input received from stakeholders to be incorporated into the future Legal Guide by the Secretariat together with Working Group members.

2. *International Interests in Mobile Equipment*

a. *Draft Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction equipment*

The draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment ("MAC Protocol") is rapidly progressing towards adoption. At its 97th session (Rome, 2-4 May 2018), the UNIDROIT Governing Council approved the convening of a Diplomatic Conference in 2019 to formally adopt the MAC Protocol. Following consultations with a number of interested States, the Secretariat accepted an offer from the Republic of South Africa to host the MAC Protocol Diplomatic Conference, which will be held in Pretoria between 11 – 22 November 2019.

In 2018 the Secretariat focused on three priorities (i) assisting States in their consideration of the Protocol, (ii) further examining the future Protocol's legal rules and scope, and (iii) determining its economic impact.

UNIDROIT organised a comprehensive series of domestic, regional and international consultation events on the MAC Protocol throughout 2018. Consultations were held in 11 countries: Australia, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, South Africa, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. The major 2018 event was an international consultation event on the scope of the MAC Protocol, which was convened on 11 September 2018 in partnership with the Commercial Law Centre of the University of Oxford's Harris Manchester College. The consultation event brought together 35 Governmental representatives and legal experts from 21 countries.

In consultation with a number of international experts, the Secretariat continued to examine the legal issues that were not fully resolved at the Committee of Governmental Experts meetings in 2017. To allow States the opportunity to provide input on the scope of the MAC Protocol, the Secretariat established a process for States to propose Harmonized System (HS) codes to be added to the 42 HS codes currently in the annexes to the draft MAC Protocol. The process was established pursuant to a request by the Committee of Governmental Experts (CGE) at its second session (Rome, 2–6 October 2017). UNIDROIT received proposals from six States in relation to 22 additional HS codes.

Regarding the economic impact of the future treaty, upon request of the Committee of Governmental Experts, the Secretariat commissioned Warwick and Associates to undertake an independent ex ante Economic Assessment of the MAC Protocol. The MAC Protocol Economic Assessment was majority funded by the MAC Working Group. The final Economic Assessment⁵ was presented at the 7th Cape Town Convention Academic Project Conference in September 2018. The assessment estimates that over a ten-year period, the MAC Protocol may increase the stock of MAC equipment in developing countries by \$90 billion and is predicted to have a positive impact of \$23 billion in developing countries and \$7 billion in developed countries, for a total annual impact on GDP for UNIDROIT Member States equivalent to \$30 billion.

Seminars and conferences

- On 12 June 2018 Secretary-General *a.i.* Professor Anna Veneziano and Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson delivered a joint lecture on the Cape Town Convention and future MAC Protocol to LLM students at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa. The lecture was organised by UNIDROIT Governing Council member Professor Jan Neels and focused on the major features and legal operation of the two instruments. During the institutional visit, the Secretariat was also taken on a tour of the University's main library which is a Depository Library for UNIDROIT;

- On 31 July 2018, the Ministry of Justice of Japan and UNIDROIT co-organised an Invitational Workshop on the MAC Protocol to the Cape Town Convention, which was held at Gakushuin University (Tokyo). The Workshop was opened by Mr Muneki Uchino (Counselor of the Civil Affairs Bureau, of the Japanese Ministry of Justice), Professor Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General elect, UNIDROIT), and Professor Hideki Kanda (UNIDROIT Governing Council member - Gakushuin University). Professor Megumi Hara (Japanese Delegate to the Committee of Governmental Experts for the MAC Protocol) then coordinated a Panel in which Mr Susumu Masuda (Delegate of Japan for the CTC and Aircraft Protocol) presented on the Practical Merits of the Cape Town Convention, followed by Secretary-General *a.i.* Professor Anna Veneziano on the Cape Town Convention and the Recent Developments of the MAC Protocol, a presentation on the Economic Analysis of the MAC Protocol by UNIDROIT Secretary-General elect Professor Ignacio Tirado, and a presentation on the HS Codes proposed by Japan for inclusion in the MAC Protocol annexes by Dr Marek Dubovec (Executive Board member of the MAC Protocol Working Group), followed by comments from Ms. Hitomi Yamanaka (Attorney of the Civil Affairs Bureau, of the Japanese Ministry of Justice). The Workshop was attended by eminent representatives of the Japanese Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, as well as representatives from the relevant industries and academia;

- On 11 September 2018, UNIDROIT partnered with the Commercial Law Centre of Harris Manchester College in convening an international consultation event on the scope of the MAC Protocol. The consultation event brought together 35 Governmental representatives and legal experts from 21 countries, including the Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic his excellency Mr Sayakane Sisouvong. The event was chaired by UNIDROIT Secretary-General Professor Ignacio Tirado and featured presentations from the author of the Official Commentaries to the Cape Town Convention Protocols Sir Roy Goode, UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General Professor Anna Veneziano, UNIDROIT Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson and MAC Working Group Director of Global Outreach Dr Marek Dubovec. The event provided a valuable opportunity for states to share their experiences in conducting domestic consultations on the scope of the MAC Protocol as determined by the Harmonized System.

⁵ <https://www.unidroit.org/english/documents/2018/study72k/1808-final-mac-protocol-ea.pdf>

b. Space Protocol to the Cape Town Convention

Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Registry

Pursuant to Resolution 1 of the diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the draft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Space Assets (Berlin, 27 February-9 March 2012), a Preparatory Commission was set up to act as Provisional Supervisory Authority for the establishment of the International Registry for Space Assets under the guidance of the UNIDROIT General Assembly. The Commission is chaired by Sergio Marchisio, former Chairman of the Commission of the Whole at the Berlin Conference and the following States agreed to serve as members of the Preparatory Commission: Brazil, the People's Republic of China, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United States of America.

Seminars and conferences

In addition to the meetings of the informal Subgroup established by the Preparatory Commission to reassess the establishment of a Space Working Group, the Secretariat participated in the following related events:

- On 2 October 2018, UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General Anna Veneziano presented on "The Space Protocol of the Cape Town Convention: An International Secured Transactions Regime for Space Assets", within the International Institute for Space Law's session on "Financing space: Procurement, competition and regulatory approach" at the 69th International Astronautical Congress held in Bremen (1-5 October 2018). The presentation was based on a paper co-authored with UNIDROIT research assistant Hamza Hameed.

- On 8 October 2018, Professor Anna Veneziano was invited by co-chairs of the Space Law Committee of the IBA, Ms Caroline Videlier-Gutmann and Ms Grace Nacimiento, to address the Legal and Financial Pros and Cons of the Space Protocol, which was included in a "Hot Topics" session at the IBA Annual Conference in Rome.

- On 23 October 2018, UNIDROIT was invited to participate in a panel discussion on 'Space Markets' at the SIRIUS Space Talks'18 conference in Toulouse, France. The conference was organised by SIRIUS Chair - a business chair founded on a private-public partnership between CNES, Airbus Defence and Space, Thales Alenia Space, Toulouse Capitole 1 University and the Toulouse Business School. The theme for this year's conference was: "Space Economy: Urgent Need for New Global Regulation?". Hamza Hameed (UNIDROIT) delivered a presentation titled: "Asset-based Financing in the Space Industry: The Space Protocol of the Cape Town Convention – An International Instrument to Enable Secured Transactions in Space Assets", in a panel chaired by Alain de Boisseson (Head of Legal Department at CNES) with co-panellists Diane Howard (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University) and Cécile Gaubert (Avocat - Paris Bar).

- From 6 to 9 November 2018, UNIDROIT was invited to participate at the 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agencies Forum organised jointly in Singapore by the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) and the Singapore Space and Technology Association (SSTA). Hamza Hameed (UNIDROIT) delivered a presentation in the Academic Workshop on Space Policy and Law Perspectives for Space Debris Management titled: 'Asset-based Financing in the Space Industry – Asset-based Financing to Facilitate Investment in Space Assets to Augment Space Debris Management', and one to the plenary in the session on Space Cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Region titled: 'Asset-based Financing in the Space Industry – The Space Protocol of the Cape Town Convention – An Internationally Coordinated Effort to Introduce a Harmonised System of Secured Transactions Law to the Space Industry'. APRSAF-25 was attended by over 300 delegates from space agencies, governments, international organisations, and space industry participants primarily from within the Asia-Pacific Region.

- On 14 November 2018, UNIDROIT Secretary-General Professor Ignacio Tirado participated in a panel discussion titled 'Legal Regime of Outer Space and Global Space Governance' at the 'United Nations/Germany High Level Forum: The way forward after UNISPACE+50 and on Space2030' in Bonn, Germany. The Secretary-General presented on 'UNIDROIT and the Financing of the Space Industry'. The panel also included presentations from Sumaya Al Hajeri (UAE Space

Agency), Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd (DLR), Bayar Goswami (McGill University), Marco Ferrazzani (ESA), Oliver Heinrich (BHO-Legal) and Andzej Misztal (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland).

c. Luxembourg Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention

Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Registry

A Preparatory Commission was established by Resolution 1 of the Luxembourg diplomatic Conference in order to prepare the International Registry under the Rail Protocol. The Preparatory Commission, at its 7th Session held in Rome in December 2014, set up a special Ratification Task Force. The Ratification Task Force (composed, for the time being, of the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Commission, the Government of Luxembourg, representatives of the Rail Working Group, Regulis SA as designated Registrar and SITA as well as OTIF and UNIDROIT) set up an intense agenda for its work and continued to meet several times (mostly through teleconference) also during 2018, with the aim of coordinating the strategy towards early implementation of the Protocol.

On 6-7 December 2018, UNIDROIT and OTIF held the 8th session of the Rail Preparatory Commission for the establishment of an International Registry under the Luxembourg Rail Protocol in Rome, immediately after the UNIDROIT General Assembly. The session was attended by 32 State delegations. It was opened by the Chairman of the UNIDROIT General Assembly, Ambassador of Luxembourg in Rome Paul Dühr, UNIDROIT Secretary-General Professor Ignacio Tirado, and Chief of Technical Interoperability of OTIF Mr Bas Leermakers. The Commission, Co-chaired by Mr Peter Bloch, Chief Negotiator, Office of the General Counsel US Department of Transportation and Ms Mervi Kaikkonen, Transport Counsellor Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU (who participated remotely), approved the Statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the Supervisory Authority, as well as future steps leading to the entry into force of the Protocol. A number of participating delegations made statements relating to the benefits connected with the future operation of the Protocol as well as to the status of the ratification process in their legal system. On the second day, panellists briefed interested delegations on the Protocol and its implementation.

For other events organised to promote the Rail Protocol in 2018 with participation of UNIDROIT see below, para. B, No. 3, lit.a.

d. Preparation of other Protocols to the Cape Town Convention

On recommendation from the Governing Council, the General Assembly at its 75th session (Rome, 1 December 2016) decided to include on the Institute's 2017-2019 Work Programme the preparation of additional Protocols to the Cape Town Convention on matters specific to (i) ships and maritime transport equipment, and (ii) renewable energy equipment. Both projects were assigned a low priority by the General Assembly.

For ships and maritime equipment, consistent with the assigned low level of priority, the Secretariat continued to monitor developments in this area. Such monitoring includes the following: (a) the ongoing work by an International Working Group of the *Comité Maritime International* (CMI), which is examining "Ship Financing Security Practices";⁶ (b) UNCITRAL's decision to "allocate[]" to the first available working group, possibly Working Group VI" work on judicial sale of ships,⁷ which could address enforcement issues relevant to a future Protocol on matters specific to ships and maritime transport equipment;⁸ and (c) the continued interest of the African Shipowners Association in the possible preparation of the Protocol.⁹

Consistent with the low priority assigned to the project in the Institute's Work Programme for the triennium 2017-2019, in 2018 the Secretariat continued to conduct research and engage with

⁶ See, e.g., CMI, Ship Financing Security Practices, <https://comitemaritime.org/work/ship-finance/>; CMI Assembly, Programme for London Events (8-9 November 2018), <http://comitemaritime.org/events/london-programma/>.

⁷ See, Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, 51st session (25 June-13 July 2018), UN Doc. A/73/17, para. 252.

⁸ See UNIDROIT 2016 – C.D. (95) 13 Add. 4 rev., para. 12 et seq.

⁹ See, e.g., UNIDROIT 2016 – C.D. (95) 13 Add. 4 rev. para. 2 and Annex 1 (containing letter from the Secretary-General of the African Shipowners Association).

industry to further determine the viability of a future Protocol on renewable energy equipment. A 2018 article published in the *Uniform Law Review*¹⁰ by Ole Boger, judge in the Hanseatic Court of Appeal in Bremen, supported the project and concluded that there are no general impediments to the extension of the Cape Town Convention to renewable energy equipment. However, the article also identified important issues that would need to be addressed in order for the instrument to be successful.

3. Transnational Civil Procedure – Formulation of Regional Rules

The ALI/UNIDROIT Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure, prepared by a joint American Law Institute (ALI)/UNIDROIT Working Group and adopted in 2004 by the UNIDROIT Governing Council, were intended to help reduce the impact of differences between legal systems in lawsuits involving transnational commercial transactions. Their purpose was to propose a model of universal procedure that follows the essential elements of due process of law. They were accompanied by a set of “Rules of Transnational Civil Procedure”, which were not formally adopted by either UNIDROIT or ALI but constituted “the Reporters’ model implementation of the Principles, providing greater detail and illustrating concrete fulfilment of the Principles”. The Rules might be considered either for adoption “or for further adaptation in various legal systems,” and along with the Principles can be considered as “a model for reform in domestic legislation”.

The Annual Steering Committee meeting with the Co-reporters of all Working Groups was held in Rome on 9-10 April 2018. The meeting addressed the current working drafts on “Judgements”, “Parties”, and “*Lis Pendens* and *Res Judicata*”, as well as the progress of the Working Groups on “Costs” and “Appeals”. The overarching Working Group concerned with “Structure” also presented on the main issues and solutions for the Structure of the Consolidated Draft.

Seminars and conferences

- On 6 September 2018, the ELI/UNIDROIT project on Transnational Rules of Civil Procedure was presented at the 2018 ELI Annual Conference in Riga. ELI President Diana Wallis and Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT Anna Veneziano co-chaired a panel, which was dedicated first to providing a brief overview of the progression of the Structure Group and its current status with possible topical issues including the scope/layout of the structure, use of comparative materials and the positioning of certain sections/topics. Further, the panel explored how the projects would confront the new developments of the digital age. Finally, the latest draft of the Working Group dedicated to Parties was addressed to show how the group had tackled certain topical issues (i.e. collective redress) given the new EU proposals and third party funding. The panel, which included Professors Xandra Kramer (University of Rotterdam), Mr John Sorabji (Principal Legal Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice and Master of the Rolls, Judicial Office for England and Wales), and Professor Emmanuel Jeuland (La Sorbonne), stimulated a lively discussion among the participants.

- The ELI/UNIDROIT Project on Transnational Civil Procedure – Formulation of Regional Rules was showcased at a conference held on 26-27 November 2017 in Trier, with participation of project members and external commentators. The conference, hosted by the Academy of European Law (ERA), was opened by Dr Angelika Fuchs (Head of European Private Law Section, ERA), Diana Wallis (Former President of ELI, Independent European Lawyer, Hull), Professor Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT) and Mr Robert Bray (Former Head of Unit, Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament), and featured three focus panels addressing key project issues, namely “Parties, collective redress and funding”, “Civil procedure, the challenges of modern technology and artificial intelligence”, and “Structure of civil proceedings – towards a coherent model law”, as well as an introductory panel, chaired by Professor Anna Veneziano, which featured an overview on various aspects of the draft provided by the project Working Groups.

¹⁰ (UNIF. L. REV., Vol. 23, 2018, 242–269).

4. UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

a. Formulation of Principles of Reinsurance Contracts

In July 2015, the Secretariat was approached by a group of scholars and practicing lawyers led by Professor Anton K. Schnyder and Professor Helmut Heiss (University of Zurich, as “Lead Agency”), Professor Martin Schauer (University of Vienna) and Professor Manfred Wandt (University of Frankfurt), who were examining the feasibility of formulating “Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law” (PRICL). The purpose of the project is to formulate a “restatement” of existing global reinsurance law, which is largely embedded in international custom and usage, but is seldom the object of legislation. The project leaders expressed the view that the proposed principles presupposed the existence of adequate rules of general contract law. Rather than attempting to re-create such rules, the proposed new principles should be drafted as a “special part” of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts. With a view to ensuring consistency between the PRICL and the UNIDROIT Principles, UNIDROIT was invited to participate.

The Governing Council decided to recommend this topic for inclusion in the UNIDROIT Work Programme for the triennium 2017-2019 by the General Assembly and recommended to assign it with a low level of priority. The General Assembly endorsed this recommendation of the Governing Council at its 75th session, on 1 December 2016.

On 16-17 January and 6-8 June 2018 UNIDROIT participated in the 5th and 6th PRICL Workshops in Vienna and Frankfurt respectively, with the main focus on this occasion being to ensure consistency with and provide interpretation of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, particularly on the Rules concerning Remedies.

b. UNILEX

The UNILEX database, with Mr Michael Joachim Bonell, Emeritus Professor, University of Rome I, as Editor-in-Chief, is accessible through the UNIDROIT website as well as directly. It has two sections, one on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) (Vienna, 1980), the other on the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts. They include analysed and classified case law and bibliographies, as well as the texts of the instruments. Both sections are updated regularly and as of 31 December 2018, the section on the UNIDROIT Principles contained a total of 265 cases decided by domestic courts in 30 countries plus the Court of Justice of the European Communities, the Economic Court of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the Iranian-U.S. Arbitral Tribunal, and of 194 arbitral awards rendered by international arbitral tribunals, including the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

In the course of 2018, the Internet provider of UNILEX informed the Editor that the programming language of the database, which dates back to the year 2000, would soon become technically obsolete with the risk that in a near future the database could no longer be hosted on the internet. Hence the necessity to rewrite the whole system in a new programming language, and thanks to a generous gift received by a German donor Mr. Bonell was able to commission the new software for UNILEX. It is hoped that the new version, which will have also some interesting modifications of substance, will be ready on time for the forthcoming session of the Governing Council so as to permit its presentation to the Members of the Council.

The UNILEX database is consulted extensively, its analytical apparatus facilitating consultation and offering a value-added product.

5. International Sales Law

Preparation of a guidance document on existing texts in the area of international sales law in cooperation with UNCITRAL and the Hague Conference on Private International Law

On 14 December 2015, the Secretariat received a communication from the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) inviting UNIDROIT and the Hague Conference on Private International Law to cooperate on a project for the “creation of a roadmap to

the existing texts in the area of international sales law (sales contracts) prepared by each organisation, primarily the CISG, the UNIDROIT Principles, and the Hague Principles, and providing an assessment of interactions between the texts, their actual and potential use, application, and impact, all with the goal to facilitate promotion of their appropriate use, uniform interpretation, and adoption.”

The Governing Council decided to recommend this topic for inclusion in the UNIDROIT Work Programme for the triennium 2017-2019 by the General Assembly and proposed to assign it a high level of priority. The General Assembly endorsed this recommendation at its 75th session, on 1 December 2016.

The small joint group established by the three organisations held a teleconference on 18 July 2017 to agree upon an outline and timeline for the Guide. The group agreed to hold its first face-to-face meeting, kindly hosted by Professor Stefan Vogenauer in Frankfurt on 25 October 2017. The Group of Experts as well as representatives of the three Secretariats - UNIDROIT Secretary-General *a.i.* Prof. Anna Veneziano, Mr Luca Castellani (Legal Officer - UNCITRAL), Ms Ning Zhao (Senior Legal Officer - HCCH) - met with the aim to clarify scope, methodology and timeline of the project.

The very fruitful meeting permitted the group to agree on the table of contents of the guide: Introduction, Determination of the Law Applicable to International Commercial Contracts, Substantive Law of Sales, Recurring Legal Issues Arising in connection with Sales Contracts, Guidance for Specific Business Sectors, each chapter to be assigned to a sub-group.

The project was discussed at the Meeting of the Council on General Affairs and Policy of the HCCH (13-15 March 2018), and subsequently by the Governing Council of UNIDROIT (2-4 May 2018).

The three Secretariats also agreed to consult relevant stakeholders, including associations of judges and practitioners, for comments before seeking formal approval of their respective governing bodies. In this context, the first version of the draft guide was presented at the International Bar Association Annual Conference in Rome (8-12 October 2018). As far as the timeline of approval of the Guide is concerned, UNCITRAL has expressed the wish to have the finalised text, including the consultation period, approved by its organs by July 2020, in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the CISG. The three Secretariats agreed on this timeline; a consolidated draft should be however produced by the Experts and ready for distribution to the UNIDROIT Governing Council by May 2019.

6. Transactions on international and connected capital markets

UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities

The final session of the diplomatic Conference to adopt a Convention on Substantive Rules regarding Intermediated Securities (Geneva, 5-9 October 2009), *inter alia*, adopted the UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities (“Geneva Securities Convention”) and established a Committee on Emerging Markets Issues, Follow-Up and Implementation (“Emerging Markets Committee”) to assist with the Convention’s promotion and implementation. The Emerging Markets Committee has been responsible for overseeing the preparation of a draft Legislative Guide containing principles and rules capable of enhancing trading in securities in emerging markets, which is a high priority item in UNIDROIT’s Work Programme for the triennium 2017-2019. At its 96th session (Rome, 10-12 May 2017), the Governing Council considered and adopted the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities (the “Legislative Guide”),¹¹ which had been recommended for adoption by the Emerging Markets Committee at its fourth meeting (Beijing, 29-30 March 2017).

¹¹ The Legislative Guide is the third instrument resulting from UNIDROIT’s work in the area of transactions on transnational and connected capital markets, which has sought to promote legal certainty and sustainable growth in this very significant area of economic activity. The Legislative Guide complements and promotes the first instrument – the Geneva Securities Convention – by summarising the Convention’s key principles and rules and by offering guidance on choices to be made and matters to be addressed or clarified in establishing an intermediated securities holding system or evaluating an existing one. The Legislative Guide also complements and promotes the second instrument – the UNIDROIT Principles on the Operation of Close-Out Netting Provisions, which were adopted by the UNIDROIT Governing Council at its 92nd session (Rome, 8-10 May 2013) – by offering guidance consistent with those Principles and incorporating references to them.

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B. FOLLOW-UP OF INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED BY UNIDROIT

The Secretariat continued to do its utmost, in 2018, to promote the UNIDROIT Conventions and other instruments by presenting them at conferences or by publishing articles focussing on them.

Annex II provides an overview of the instruments drawn up by UNIDROIT as well as the state 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 Annex III.

1. Private Law and Agricultural Development

UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming

UNIDROIT has set a *Forum on Legal Aspects of Contract Farming* – formerly *Community of Practice* – linked to the IFAD/FAO Project of Implementation of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming which came to completion at the end of 2017. The purpose of the *Forum* is to promote a favourable legal environment for contract farming operations through knowledge sharing and dissemination, as well as projects pursued individually by the partners and members or the basis of joint initiatives. The CoP's website (<http://www.unidroit.org/community-of-practice/home>) serves as a repository of information, and particularly worth of mention is the Legal Resources Webpage which offers a wealth of references on legal bibliography, regulations and good practices regarding contract farming and agricultural contracts.

Linguistic versions of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming

A Portuguese translation of the Legal Guide prepared by Professor Dr Iacyr de Aguiar Vieira (Universidade Federal de Viçosa), Professor Dr Kassia Watanabe (Universidade Federal do Recôncavo da Bahia), Dr Nunziata Stefania Valenza Paiva (Justice of Goiás Court of Justice), and Professor Dr. Regel Antonio Ferrazza (Universidade Federal de Viçosa), published by Editora UFV – Universidade Federal de Viçosa – was released in October 2018.

¹² Overview, <https://www.unidroit.org/instr-capitalmarkets-legislative-guide>.

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¹⁶ The 2018 ASIL Annual Meeting, ASIL, <https://www.asil.org/events/2018-asil-annual-meeting> (containing meeting programme).

A (reprint) Spanish version of the Legal Guide was published in Chile by "Derecho PUCV" (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso).

Seminars and conferences

The UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming was presented and discussed on the following occasions:

- on 18 January 2018, Ms Frédérique Mestre (Senior Legal Officer, UNIDROIT Secretariat), delivered an on-line lecture to the Master on Global Development Law and Policy - University of Washington (USA), on "Contract Farming: a win-win business model for farmers and buyers?"

- on 15 February 2018, the UNIDROIT Secretary-General *a.i.* was invited to deliver a Keynote Lecture at the 5th International Conference on Legal Institution Design on "Land Grabbing and Development", hosted and organised by Nagoya University. Professor Veneziano delivered a lecture on "UNIDROIT's work on sustainable development: the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Guide on Contract Farming and the Project on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts".

- On 27 July 2018, the Secretary-General *a.i.* Anna Veneziano delivered a lecture on "UNIDROIT's work on sustainable development – the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming" at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, at a seminar hosted by Professor Hiroo Sono. The lecture was followed by a discussion with faculty members and graduate students.

- On 9 October 2018, Ms Frederique Mestre, Senior Legal Officer, participated in an all-fora session on "The Future of Food: a Global Issue for Humanity" in the Annual IBA Conference in Rome, designed to debate the multifaceted nature of food security, resources, quality, transportation and production. Ms Mestre's presentation focused on contract farming and the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming. The session was moderated by Monica Weimann (Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Madrid, Spain).

- On 12 October 2018, Ms Frédérique Mestre delivered a lecture to a group of young farmers as part of the "Gymnasium Programme" organised by the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO-OMA) on "UNIDROIT Work Related to Agriculture - A Focus on Contract Farming".

- On 18 October 2018, the Faculty of Administration of the University of São Paulo hosted a Colloquium co-organised with UNIDROIT on "The Legal, Economic and Social Implications of Contract Farming" to celebrate the launch of the Portuguese version of the UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming. Ms Frédérique Mestre made a presentation on "UNIDROIT's perspectives on the Legal Guide on Contract Farming".

- on 25 October 2018, the Faculty of Law of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso - PUCV, Chile, hosted an International Colloquium on "*El contrato agrícola: experiencias y desarrollos en el derecho latinoamericano y uniforme*", with an opening lecture by Ms Frédérique Mestre on "Hacia un modelo de regulación de la agricultura por contrato: La tarea de UNIDROIT".

2. UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

Promotion of the UNIDROIT Principles 2016

In the course of 2018, the UNIDROIT Principles 2016 were presented at a number of seminars, conferences and lectures to interested academic and business circles:

- On 23 April 2018, Neale Bergman, UNIDROIT Legal Officer, delivered a lecture entitled "The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts" at the campus of International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) to students from around the world enrolled in the ITC-ILO's Master of Laws (LL.M) programme on international trade law;

- On 18 May 2018, on the occasion of the award ceremony of the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum, Prof. Michael Joachim Bonell, Member of the Expert Committee composed of 16 eminent academics from all over the world and entrusted with the selection of the winner of the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum Private Law Prize, was invited to deliver a recorded

lecture on “The Law Governing International Commercial Contracts and the Actual Role of the UNIDROIT Principles” then posted on the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum web-side;

- On 25 May 2018, the Secretary-General *a.i.* Professor Anna Veneziano was invited to deliver a lecture in the 6th Edition of the Masters LUISS Business and Company Law: European and International Perspectives, entitled “Formulating rules for transnational contracts: the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (UPICC)”;

- In May 2018, Mr José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, promoted the Principles and their applicability regarding arbitration clauses found in standard terms or general conditions at the Latin American Arbitration Conference, held in Cusco;

- On 7 June 2018, Prof. Michael Joachim Bonell, on the invitation of Prof. Reinhard Zimmermann, Director at the *Max Planck Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht* in Hamburg, participated in a workshop to discuss the actual role of the UNIDROIT Principles of international commercial contracts and dispute resolution practice;

- The International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) held its quadrennial colloquium from 23 to 27 July 2018 in Fukuoka (Japan). UNIDROIT Governing Council member Professor José Moreno Rodriguez and Professor Alejandro Garro presented the General Report on “The use of the UNIDROIT Principles in order to interpret or supplement national contract law”. Among the National Reporters who contributed to this topic Secretary General *a.i.* Anna Veneziano prepared the Italian National Report (together with Eleonora Finazzi Agrò), which was published in the *Annuario di Diritto Comparato*. Professor Monika Pauknerová, UNIDROIT Governing Council member, prepared with Magdalena Pfeiffer, the Czech National Report with a contribution entitled “UNIDROIT Principles as Reference for Uniform Interpretation of national Laws, Czech Republic”. These will be published in a volume edited by the General Reporters and published by Springer Verlag;

- On 14 September 2018, UNIDROIT was invited to participate in an International Conference entitled “China’s Belt and Road Initiative - Opportunities and Challenges for International Dispute Resolution and Contracting” (Hamburg 13-15 September). The conference was a celebratory event organised on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the CEAC (Chinese European Arbitration Centre), by its Managing Director Professor Eckart Brödermann. Deputy Secretary-General Professor Anna Veneziano participated as co-moderator for two panels, one entitled “Common Law and Civil Law Perspective of the UNIDROIT Principles”, with panellists Roger E. Barton (US), Mohamed Hossam Loutfi (Egypt), Dharshini Prasad (UK), Prof. Jingxia Shi (China, UNIDROIT Governing Council member), Prof. Stefan Vogenauer (Germany), Prof. Gerhard Wegen (Germany), and another on the “Interaction between the CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles – a hot topic for China related contracts”, with panelists Angelo Anglani (Italy), Prof. Lauro Gama (Brazil), Prof. Ingeborg Schwenzer (Switzerland), and Prof. Bruno Zeller (Australia);

- On 28 September 2018, Roma Tre University and UNIDROIT co-hosted the Fifth Edition of the Annual International Arbitration Lecture entitled “Use of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: from skepticism to confidence”, as part of the programme of the International Commercial and Investment Arbitration Theory and Practice Certificate, jointly organised by Roma Tre, the Italian Arbitration Association, the International Court of Arbitration, and the Chamber of Arbitration of Milan. Professor Ignacio Tirado (Secretary-General of UNIDROIT) and Professor Andrea Zoppini (Faculty of Law, Roma Tre University) opened the event and introduced the Keynote speaker, Mr John Beechey CBE (Founding Partner at Beechey Arbitration and Past President of the International Court of Arbitration at ICC);

- in November Mr. Michael Joachim Bonell, Emeritus Professor, University of Rome I, and Consultant, UNIDROIT, at the invitation of the Law Faculty of the University of Würzburg (Germany), held a four-week course of lectures on “International Commercial Contracts in Europe and Worldwide (Domestic Laws vs. Uniform Law)”. The course, attended by students from Germany and abroad, was focused on selected items of general contract law such as party autonomy, contract formation & precontractual liability, contract interpretation, illegality, force majeure & hardship and liquidated damages & penalty clauses, and with respect of each of these items the solutions provided by the major legal systems were compared with the approach taken by the UNIDROIT Principles;

Also, Professor Monika Pauknerová, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, published with Magdalena Pfeiffer an article entitled "The Use of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts to interpret or supplement Czech contract law" (The lawyer Quarterly, No. 4, Prague 2018, 452-468).

Cooperation with the International Bar Association (IBA)

At the initiative of Don Wallace jr., Chairman of the International Law Institute, Washington D.C., and of Christopher R. Seppälä, Legal Advisor of the FIDIC Contracts Committee, the International Bar Association (IBA) set up a task force composed of a large number of international lawyers coordinated by Willem Calkoen (Netherlands), with a view to assisting UNIDROIT to further promote the knowledge and use of the UNIDROIT Principles in international contract and dispute resolution practice all over the world.

On 28 and 29 May 2018, a delegation of the IBA task force met with the President of UNIDROIT, the Secretary-General *a.i.*, members of Secretariat and Prof. Michael Joachim Bonell at the seat of UNIDROIT and, under the chairmanship of Mr Calkoen, proceeded to a first examination of the "Compiled Summaries of Selected Cases" prepared by the more than 40 members of the IBA task force.

On 9 October 2018, the IBA Working Group on the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts discussed practical cases on the application of the UNIDROIT Principles at the Annual IBA Conference in Rome. The panel was introduced by project coordinator Willem Calkoen (NautaDutilh, Amsterdam) and Co-chair of the IBA international sales committee Cristina Martinetti (ELEXI, Turin), co-chaired by Simon Hotte (FIDAL, Lyon) and Ina Popova (Debevoise & Plimpton, NY) and saw Karina Goldberg (Ferro Castro Neves Daltro & Gomide Advogados, Sao Paulo), Sanjeev Kapoor (Khaitan & Co, New Delhi) and Gerard Meijer (NautaDutilh, Amsterdam) as speakers. Deputy Secretary-General Professor Anna Veneziano participated in the session together with Professor Michael Joachim Bonell.

3. International Interests in Mobile Equipment

a. Cape Town Convention and its Protocols

Depositary

UNIDROIT has been designated as the Depositary of the *Cape Town Convention* (pursuant to Article 62(1) of the Convention) and the *Aircraft Protocol* (pursuant to Article XXXVII(1) of the Aircraft Protocol), which both entered into force on 1 March 2006. As at 31 December 2018, there were 79 Contracting States and one Contracting Regional Economic Integration Organisation to the Convention and 75 Contracting States and one Contracting Regional Economic Integration Organisation to the Aircraft Protocol.

Between 1 January and 31 December 2018 Argentina, Ghana, Namibia, Paraguay, Romania and Uzbekistan deposited their instruments of accession to the Convention and Aircraft Protocol. Costa Rica deposited its instrument of accession to the Aircraft Protocol.

UNIDROIT has been designated as the Depositary of the *Luxembourg Protocol* (pursuant to its Article XXXIV(1)). The Luxembourg Protocol was adopted on 23 February 2007 at a diplomatic Conference held in Luxembourg, has 9 Signatory States (France, Gabon, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Mozambique, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom), 3 Contracting States (Gabon, Luxembourg and Sweden) and one Contracting regional economic integration organisation (European Union). Between 1 January and 31 December 2018, Sweden deposited its instrument of ratification. The Luxembourg Rail Protocol has not yet entered into force.

Seminars, conferences and lectures

During 2018 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 (and in addition to what was already mentioned above, para. A, No. 2):

- The Aviation Working Group invited key stakeholders to attend an important Aviation Working Group (AWG) African regional event on the Cape Town Convention and its Aircraft Protocol (CTC) and cross border transferability of aircraft (XBT). This AWG event was hosted by, and was held in association with, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), with the support of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and UNIDROIT, in Cape Town on 19-20 June 2018.

- On 25 September 2018, UNIDROIT was invited to attend the General Assembly of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), the future Secretariat of the Supervisory Authority, which coincided with the celebration of OTIF's 125th anniversary. After an introduction by OTIF Secretary-General Mr François Davenne, UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General Prof Anna Veneziano presented the Rail Luxembourg Protocol, together with Ms Elizabeth Hirst (Managing Director of Regulis SA, the Registrar) and Mr Peter Bloch (Co-Chair of the Preparatory Commission), who each also gave presentations respectively on the functioning of the Registry and the role of the Supervisory Authority. The General Assembly gave the OTIF Secretariat the mandate to continue with all actions required for the Registry to begin its operation and the Supervisory Authority to be set up.

- On 17 October 2018 UNIDROIT partnered with the Rail Working Group to deliver a Luxembourg Rail Protocol stakeholder briefing in Madrid, hosted by Bird&Bird. Building upon earlier implementation activities in Spain, the event brought together legal experts, manufacturers and private sector stakeholders to discuss the Rail Protocol's possible future implementation in Spain. The event was opened by UNIDROIT Secretary-General Ignacio Tirado with expert presentations from Anna Veneziano (UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General), Howard Rosen (Rail Working Group Chairman), Elizabeth Hirst (Managing Director of Regulis SA) and Teresa de las Heras Ballell Rodriguez (Professor of Commercial Law at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

b. Cape Town Convention Academic Project

The Cape Town Convention Academic Project, a joint endeavour of the University of Oxford, Faculty of Law, and the University of Washington, School of Law (as well as under the auspices of UNIDROIT for the repository and the journal), held its 7th Annual Conference in Oxford on 12 and 13 September 2018 at the Blavatnik School of Government. The Conference covered and discussed a number of crucial issues relating to the interpretation and implementation of all three existing protocols of the Cape Town Convention, as well as the developments of the draft MAC Protocol. In particular, a comparative legal analysis of the MAC Protocol and the other Protocols was provided by Legal Officer William Brydie-Watson, together with Aviareto Managing Director Rob Cowan, and Deputy Secretary-General Professor Anna Veneziano delivered a paper on the Contours of 'Commercial reasonableness' under the Cape Town Convention, which was commented on by Professor Edwin Peel (University of Oxford).

For more information see <http://www.ctcap.org/>.

4. International Protection of Cultural Property

a. 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally exported Cultural Objects and UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects

Status

On 31 December 2018, there were 45 Contracting States of the *UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects* (cf. Annex II). South Africa (on 9 January), the Syrian Arab Republic (on 27 April), Myanmar (on 20 June) and Burkina Faso (on 2 October) ratified or acceded to the Convention in 2018. Other instruments of ratification/accession are to be deposited with the Depositary and procedures are in progress in other countries.

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 73/130

Resolution 73/130 "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 December 2018 reaffirmed "the importance of [...] the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects, [...]" and

"invite[d] Member States that have not already done so to consider becoming parties to the aforementioned conventions and protocols that specifically address the return and restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin".

The Resolution also "8. Acknowledge[d] the launch of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project and the creation of the Informal Ratification Task Force as a platform for the exchange of views, information and assistance on issues such as the ratification and implementation of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects;".

European Parliament – Committee on Legal Affairs – adoption of Report on cross-border restitution claims of works of art and cultural goods looted in armed conflicts and wars

In December 2003, the plenary of the European Parliament adopted the resolution calling on Member States to make all necessary efforts to adopt measures to ensure the creation of mechanisms that would favour the return to their rightful claimants of looted works of art. It also requested action from the Commission, which should have undertaken a study on different aspects related to civil and procedural law rules, provenance research, cataloguing systems, alternative dispute resolution mechanism, and the value of creating a cross-border coordination administrative authority. The Commission did not give any follow up to the requests from Parliament.

On 13 December 2018, the Committee of Legal Affairs of the European Parliament adopted a draft report on cross-border restitution claims of works of art and cultural goods looted in armed conflicts and wars to be submitted to the European Parliament. In this report, the Committee asks Member States to accede to the 1995 Convention and the Commission, in its future work, to take into account or incorporate the principles set out in the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on issues relating to rules on provenance research, to documentary record or transaction register, to cooperation with third countries and to establishing fruitful partnerships favouring the return of the cultural property,

Report Sarr-Savoy on "The Restitution of African Cultural Heritage. Toward a New Relational Ethics"

In November 2017, the President of the French Republic declared "Starting today, and within the next five years, I want to see the conditions put in place so as to allow for the temporary or definitive restitution of African cultural heritage to Africa" referring to objects taken during colonial times. A report was then commissioned which was submitted in November 2018. The third and final section ("Accompanying the returns") defines the chronological, juridical, methodological and financial framework in which the return of African cultural heritage items can be effectuated back to Africa.

The report also indicates that, to guarantee the permanence of the African collections to Africa, and not to affect the future of restitutions, "both France and the African states concerned ratify the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention. This Convention puts in place an automatic mechanism of restitution for any future claims. This Convention is the only juridical tool capable of compensating for the present imbalance and thereby establishing a common law for restitution as well as insuring the permanence of the process undertaken for the cultural objects stockpiled during the colonial period. In other words, the ratification of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention will inscribe the restitutions within a perspective of durability. We will note that the European States have already established such an ambition among themselves by infusing the principles of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention into the 2014 European Directive and, as such, the extension of these principles to extra-European States, using the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention as a springboard, shouldn't pose any difficulties."

The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project

On November 2017, UNIDROIT officially launched the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project ("UCAP").¹⁷ UCAP takes the form of an online platform of shared materials related to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention, and is designed primarily to raise awareness on UNIDROIT's instruments aiming at protecting cultural heritage from illicit conduct.

¹⁷ <https://1995unidroitcap.org>.

UCAP addresses universities and professors holding classes in the field of cultural heritage law or art law, which will be encouraged to set up courses in partnership with UNIDROIT to create an academic network. UCAP also aims at involving, *inter alia*, practicing lawyers, judges, other governments' officials, as well as art market players so as to assess the implementation of the Convention at national level and the influence of the UNIDROIT Convention in States not yet party to the Convention.

In 2018, several individuals and institutions/universities from all over the world joined UCAP with various projects (specific university classes, explanatory report on the 1995 Convention, conferences...). Memoranda of Understanding have also been concluded with the University of Nicosia (Cyprus) and the University of Opole (Poland) with projects to be developed in the coming months in the framework of UCAP.

UNIDROIT contributed to a course of the Geneva Summer School of International Cultural Heritage Law – University of Geneva, on 20 June 2018. The module taught by Ms Marina Schneider, UNIDROIT Senior Legal Officer and Treaty Depositary, focused on the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and its impact on Swiss law. A presentation was also made on the 1995 Convention at an international scientific conference on "Law and cultural values" held at the University of Plovdiv in November 2018.

UNIDROIT and its partners

UNIDROIT continues to collaborate closely with UNESCO and other organisations such as INTERPOL (member of its Expert Group on Stolen Objects), UNODC, WCO (with ARCHEO network), ICOM (International Observatory on Illicit Traffic), and ICCROM (the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property).

UNIDROIT was closely involved in the trainings UNESCO organised together with the European Commission to engage the art market in the protection of cultural heritage and the fight against illicit trafficking (Paris, March 2018) and to involve law enforcement and the judiciary (UNIDROIT was also member of the Peer Review Committee of the specific Toolkit prepared). This last occasion permitted UNIDROIT to strengthen ties with magistrates of various countries who will assist UNIDROIT in gathering case law on the Convention to feed UCAP.

In the framework of the MoU with ICCROM, UNIDROIT participated in the second experts meeting (after the first held in Krakow in 2017) convened by ICCROM Office in Sharjah, to discuss the current situation of cultural heritage in the region, and identify the challenges of its protection, management and promotion, and priority areas of intervention including: Enhancing institutional and legal framework, international cooperation, and capacity building. The operational phase will be implemented by the partners (ICCROM, UNESCO, UNIDROIT and INTERPOL) within their respective mandates.

As to the cooperation with the Council of Europe, its Parliamentary Assembly adopted on 29 June 2018 a Resolution 2234 (2018) and a Recommendation 2139 (2018) on "Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage" calling the Member States to engage in co-operation activities with the Council of Europe, UNESCO, UNIDROIT and other relevant organisations with a view to develop strategies required for the protection of threatened heritage in archaeologically sensitive potential combat zones. The two Secretariats are working on a possible follow-up.

UNIDROIT was also invited to participate in various capacity-building workshops or other expert meetings organised by its partners in 2018 among which:

- Workshop on "Countering Antiquities Trafficking in the Mashrep" jointly organised by UNESCO and the Association for Research into Crimes against Art (ARCA) (Beirut, April 2018);
- Sixth Session of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention (UNESCO HQ, 28-29 May 2018) and Twenty-First session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation (UNESCO HQ, 30 -31 May 2018);
- 4th and 5th Stakeholders' Committee / Joint Meetings with the National Coordinators of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH) (Brussels, April and June 2018);

- UNESCO Workshops on the Fight against Illicit Traffic of Cultural Property for Ethiopia (Addis Ababa, July 2018), Sudan (Khartoum, October 2018), Mauritania (Nouakchott, November 2018); Several workshops on "Countering illicit trafficking of cultural property" jointly organised by UNESCO and the Italian Carabinieri for representatives of Chile, Jordan, Republic of Moldova and CARICOM countries, (Rome 2018).

b. Private art collections

Taking into consideration the fact this subject is on the Work Programme 2017-2019 with a low priority, UNIDROIT continued to consider the project to identify the private law aspects that fall within its mandate. UNIDROIT therefore co-organised with the International Society of Research and Cultural Heritage Law (ISCHAL), the Institut des sciences sociales du politique (CNRS-ENS Cachan-Université Paris-Nanterre) and BonelliErede law firm a conference in Rome in 2017 and participated in a training workshop on ethics for collectors in the United Arab Emirates and other States of the Gulf organised by UNESCO in 2017.

To date, UNIDROIT is evaluating the topic's potential and moving towards new collaborations for future studies

5. Capital markets instruments

UNIDROIT's work in the area of capital markets has resulted in three instruments for all of which the Secretariat is ready to assist implementing States.

Geneva Securities Convention and UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities

The Convention, which was adopted at the final session of the diplomatic Conference to adopt a Convention on Substantive Rules regarding Intermediated Securities (Geneva, 5-9 October 2009), seeks to enhance the internal stability of domestic financial markets and their cross-border compatibility, and currently has one Signatory State, Bangladesh.

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Principles on the Operation of Close-out Netting Provisions

The Netting Principles were adopted by the UNIDROIT Governing Council at its 92nd session (Rome, 8-10 May 2013) and provide detailed guidance to national legislators of implementing States seeking to revise or introduce legislation relevant to the functioning of close-out netting.

²⁰ Model examples for the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities, <https://www.unidroit.org/model-examples>.

²¹ Bibliography for the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities, <https://www.unidroit.org/instr-capitalmarkets-legislative-guide-select-bibliography>.

²² Development Finance in Emerging Markets: Challenges, Innovations and Results, Oxford Law Faculty, <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/events/development-finance-emerging-markets-challenges-innovations-and-results>.

²³ The 2018 ASIL Annual Meeting, ASIL, <https://www.asil.org/events/2018-asil-annual-meeting> (containing meeting programme).

III. LEGAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME AND NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. LEGAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

The broad aim of the legal co-operation programme is to promote relations between UNIDROIT and Member and non-Member States with a view to achieving the statutory aims of the Organisation. The Programme is designed above all for countries lacking sufficient resources to participate in the legal harmonisation process, in particular developing countries and countries in economic transition, and essentially focuses on the efforts undertaken to implement and disseminate the work of the Institute, and provides training and research opportunities for high-level jurists, by means of a Scholarships Programme. For the Organisation's institutional relations with Governments (visits and seminars in Member and non-Member countries), see *supra* p. 7.

1. Co-operation with partner organisations

The UNIDROIT Secretariat maintains close institutional co-operation links with a broad range of organisations with a universal or regional mandate. This includes the exchange of information and consultations with respect to topics of common interest, in particular in the framework of the Institute's legislative activities (see *supra*).

2. Research Scholarships Programme

Since it was first launched in 1993, the Programme has enabled the Institute to host over 380 researchers from more than 64 countries with a view to their conducting in-depth research on their chosen subject, in line with UNIDROIT's activities involving uniform law, in the Institute Library for an average of two months.

In 2018, donations were received from the UNIDROIT Foundation, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM), as well as from members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council.

The Secretariat hosted ten researchers from seven different countries in 2018 under the Legal Co-operation Programme:

Mr Mael DESCHAMPS (France), Master Candidate, Sciences Po, Paris - Research on: "Agricultural land investment contracts" - UNIDROIT Foundation Scholarship (8 January to 30 March 2018);

Ms Wanlu ZHANG (PRC), PhD Candidate, International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University - Research on: "The Principal Effect of Ratification of the MAC Protocol on China: Benefits and Legal Challenges" - Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) (8 January to 30 March 2018);

Ms Olivia Natasha MARYATMO (Indonesia), Bachelor of Laws, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta - Research on: "The legality of customary land as an object of agricultural land Contract in Indonesia" - UNIDROIT Foundation Scholarship (15 January to 16 March 2018);

Ms Priscila PEREIRA DE ANDRADE (Brazil), PhD, Université Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne - Research on: "New trends in Agricultural Investment Land Contracts: the contribution of UNIDROIT to the implementation of environmental protection clauses" - UNIDROIT Foundation Scholarship (5 February - 27 April 2018);

Ms Hanna KLUCZNIK (Poland), PhD Candidate, University of Silesia in Katowice - Research on: "International instruments of securing the interest of the creditor" - UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (9 April to 18 May 2018);

Ms Nataliya BOCHAROVA (Russian Federation), PhD, Associate Professor, Moscow State University, - Research on: "The doctrine of *res judicata* before foreign courts and international arbitral tribunals" - UNIDROIT Foundation scholarship (14 May to 22 June 2018);

Ms Adriana CASTRO PINZON (Colombia), PhD Candidate, Universidad Externado de Colombia - Research on: "Uniform conflict of laws rules for transnational electronic commerce activities as the tool to overcome tension with public policy (order public)" – UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (22 May to 20 July 2018);

Mr Weimin DIAO (PRC), Master of Law, Professor, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation Law Research Center, Beijing - Research on: "Application of the Cape Town Convention and improvement of the Chinese Law on Aircraft Leasing" – Scholarship of Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) (10 September to 10 December 2018);

Ms Alicja JAGIELSKA -BURDUK (Poland), PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Opole - Research on: "Special Status of Cultural Goods in International Trade and Commercial Law" – UNIDROIT General Fund Scholarship (8 October to 7 December 2018);

Ms Yu GUO (PRC), PhD, Associate Professor, Law School, Beijing University - Research on: "Legal Structure for Electronic Delivery in International Trade" – Scholarship of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) (19 November 2018 - 15 February 2019);

3. Collaborators, fellows, interns and researchers

The following persons were received as *Research Assistants* in the UNIDROIT Secretariat in 2018:

Ms Giuditta Giardini (Italy), LL.B., Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Research Assistant in the UNIDROIT Secretariat, working on Cultural Property;

Mr Hamza Abdul Hameed (Pakistan), Advanced LL.M., Leiden University, Assistant to the UNIDROIT Foundation;

Mr Paul Fabel (Germany), M.A. International Relations, Dresden University of Technology, Mercator Fellow on International Affairs, Mercator Foundation, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin.

The following students were welcomed as *Interns* collaborating on current projects within the UNIDROIT Secretariat:

Ms Delfina Isoardi (Argentina/Italy), Ms Nandini Baijaj, Ms Ashna Taneja (Australia), Mr David Wouters (Belgium), Mr Pedro Marcon, Ms Isabel Saraiva Braga (Brazil), Mr Kevin Cubeddu, Ms Celia Devron, Ms Marin Torterat, Ms David Sabri, Ms Gabrielle Lataste (France), Ms Kristina Birgitta Gross (Germany), Mr Hossein Mazaherifar (Iran), Ms Tehilla Schwartz (Israel), Ms Alessandra Pedinotti, Mr Alessandro Neroni, Ms Giovanna Amelio, Mr Davide Zanoni (Italy), Mr Jasper Lupeto (Kenya), Ms Irais Reyes de la Torre (Mexico) Ms Chen Jie, Ms Li Sentao, Ms Yue Siyu, Mr Li Jiankun, Ms Sun Wenjia (PRC), Ms Claudia Quinones Vila (Puerto Rico), Ms Ksenia Kalmykova (Russian Federation), Ms Thongmeensuk Saliltorn (Thailand), Ms Neda Senturk, Ms Beyza Olcer (Turkey), Ms Alicia Dixon (USA).

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

Mr Joao Pedro de Oliveira (Brazil), Mr Alvaro Vidal Olivares, Mr Jaime Alcalde Silva, Ms Lorena Carvajal Arenas, Ms Claudia Mejias Alonzo (Chile), Mr Lionel Charry Villalba, Mr Diego Franco Victoria, Mr William David Hernandez Martinez (Colombia), Ms Josipa Sustic (Croatia), Ms Veronika Vanisova, Mr Ondrej Sbovoda (Czech Republic), Mr Thomas Genicon (France), Enrique Martinez Guzman (Guatemala), Mr George Das (India), Ms Mahsa Farshbah Khoshnazar, Mr Younes Aghapour Sabbagh (Iran), Celia Fassberg (Israel), Mr Emanuele Stabile, Mr Vito Pacillo, Ms Francesca Saut, Chiara Benvenuto, Elisa Colletti (Italy) Mr Benedict Antonin Schuijling (Netherlands), Ms Milena Sljivich Gomez (Paraguay), Ms Mila Drljevic (Serbia), Ms Angustias Martos Calabrus, Mr Alvaro Nunez Iglesias, Joaquin Valcarcel Martinez (Spain) Mr Mustafa Halil Conkar (Turkey), Ms Oksana Matiyash (Ukraine).

B. UNIDROIT ON INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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

The UNIDROIT website is monitored with Google Analytics. The data below relates to the use of the website from 29 March 2017 to 4 February 2018.

The page most consulted was the English page on the UNIDROIT Principles 2016 (7.63% of the pages consulted), followed by the page on Scholarships and internships (4%), the Cape Town Convention (3.64%), the page giving an overview of the Organisation (3.18%), the UNIDROIT Principles 2010 (2.61%), the status of the Cape Town Convention (2.26%), the Aircraft Protocol (1.64%), the 1995 Cultural Property Convention (1.64%), and information about the membership of the Organisation (1.26%).

The source of entry to the UNIDROIT website most used in the period examined was Google organic²⁴ (65.64%), direct search came second (19.19%), and Bing organic third (2.55%). A considerable number of entries were by referral: from UNESCO (1.83%), UNCITRAL (0.31%), and the Aviation Working Group (0.21%). Facebook and the Wikipedias in the different languages were also important sources of entry.

Most users in the period examined were in the United States (8.87%), France (8.65%), the United Kingdom (5.68%), and Italy (5.62%). The first Asian country to be listed was India, in fifth position with 3.58% of the users, the first African country Morocco, in 35th position with 0.69% of the users.

UNIDROIT on Social media

The purpose of the Institute's social media program is to promote UNIDROIT's work to a wider audience in an innovative, efficient and cost-effective manner.

UNIDROIT launched its social media program during the Institute's 90th anniversary celebrations in April 2016. UNIDROIT currently maintains accounts on LinkedIn (2016), Facebook (2016), Twitter (2018) and YouTube (relaunched in 2019). Maintaining a presence on LinkedIn allows the Institute to inform practitioners and legal professionals about its projects, whereas Facebook promotes UNIDROIT to a younger generation of lawyers, academics and students. UNIDROIT expanded its presence on social media by establishing a Twitter profile in February 2018, to allow UNIDROIT to reach an additional audience in the promotion of the Institute. Twitter also allows researchers, visiting professionals, interns and other stakeholders to interact with UNIDROIT in a more dynamic manner. At the start of 2019 UNIDROIT relaunched its presence on YouTube in order to promote videos of expert presentations made at the Institute by international legal experts and visiting scholars.

The three key performance indicators for the Institute's social media program are (i) number of followers, (ii) the "reach" of the social media program (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 social media program has exceeded expectations on all three key performance indicators. As of 8 March 2019, the Institute had 3,646 followers on LinkedIn, 2,768 followers on Facebook, and 337 followers on Twitter who receive several weekly updates on UNIDROIT activities. These figures represent an annual growth rate of 98% for LinkedIn followers and 43% for Facebook followers. In relation to the Institute's "reach" on social media, UNIDROIT content was delivered to 182,894 people on Facebook, while it was displayed on news feeds 263,327 times on LinkedIn, and around 198,000 times on Twitter over the past twelve months. In the year 2018, social media referred 3,397 people to the UNIDROIT website making it one of the largest source of referrals for the website except search engines. 68% of these referrals came from Facebook, highlighting the continued importance of UNIDROIT's presence on that particular platform.

²⁴ Organic search is a method for entering one or a plurality of search items in a single data string into a search engine. Organic search results are listings on search engine results pages that appear because of their relevance to the search terms, as opposed to their being advertisements (*source: Wikipedia*).

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, 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 appointed.

To date, 55 libraries in 48 Member States have been designated depositories for UNIDROIT documentation. For a list of Depository Libraries see Annex IV.

D. UNIDROIT LIBRARY

Library cooperation and networking

In 2018 the UNIDROIT Library continued its cooperation strategy with other Roman and foreign libraries. In particular, first steps have been taken to join the “European Library network”.

Library management software upgrading

The Library’s software management system Aleph500 was upgraded to the latest version Aleph 21.4.4 without any interruption of services for the Institute’s professional staff or the researchers in the Library.

Digitisation

On the occasion of the Governing Council’s 97th 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 the UNIDROIT Library, accessible in digital form.

In 2018 the Library continued, therefore, on the implementation of an in-house digitisation project. About 400 monographs and articles were scanned in-house by the Library staff in 2018, and were added to the digital collection. Thanks to the library management software module ADAM for the implementation of the digitised objects into the online catalogue, distributed by the firm Ex Libris, it is now possible to easily connect a large quantity of electronic documents to the catalogue data.

The scanned materials were subjected to quality control by the Library staff, and prepared for presentation in the library catalogue. Furthermore, other important issues of copyright were clarified.

Acquisitions, donations, exchanges

In 2018, the Library’s holdings increased by 989 titles, of which 563 were purchased outright, 132 were obtained on an exchange basis, while 294 further titles were received as gifts for a total value of € 10.290,00. 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 2018, as in previous years, the Library received donations in kind from the Max-Planck-Institute of Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg.

Visitors

The Library continues to attract readers from all over the world. Among the 1031 visitors in 2018, the 74 foreign guests came from 30 different countries.

E. PUBLICATIONS

The Uniform Law Review

2018 saw the completion of the first five years of the relationship with Oxford University Press (OUP). Under the agreement with OUP the OUP took over the publication of the Uniform Law Review, its distribution and editing.²⁵

The Uniform Law Review is available both on paper and online. Subscriptions can be to either or to both. Data on subscriptions indicate that subscriptions to print (i.e. paper) copies have decreased year by year, while at the same time subscriptions to online copies increased. The greatest increase has been to collection subscriptions, i.e. subscription through OUP collections of reviews. In addition, the Uniform Law Review is included in the special Developing Country subscriptions arrangement of OUP, which in 2016 had 873 subscriptions. These subscriptions are exclusively to the online edition and are either free or heavily discounted. As regards online usage, the visits to the Uniform Law Review site have increased steadily. The geographical breakdown of usage by region, is 16,889 in Europe, 5,168 in North America, 4,150 in Asia, 1,577 in Australia, 530 in Africa and 393 in South America.

The first five years of the cooperation with Oxford University Press were found to have been positive by the Editorial Board of the Review. Users of the Uniform Law Review website are located in a large number of countries, many of which the Review would never have reached without the resources of the OUP. The introduction of the peer review system has meant that academics who need to publish in periodicals of standing for their academic career, can now do so without hesitations. Furthermore, the number of articles submitted spontaneously has increased, many being submitted by authors in African and other developing countries.

Official Commentary on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment.

Under Resolution No. 5 adopted by the diplomatic Conference which saw the adoption of the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and of the Protocol to the Convention on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (Cape Town, 29 October – 16 November 2001), Professor Sir Roy Goode was asked to prepare an Official Commentary on the Convention and the said Protocol. That Official Commentary, first published in 2002, was revised in 2008, following the adoption of the Protocol on Matters specific to Railway-Rolling Stock, and in 2013, following the adoption of the Protocol on Matters specific to Space Assets. A fourth Protocol, on Matters specific to Mining, Agriculture and Construction Equipment, will be submitted to States at a diplomatic Conference to be held in the latter part of 2019. Professor Sir Goode has therefore revised and updated his Official Commentary on the Cape Town Convention and the Aircraft Protocol. It is expected that the final text will be ready to print in the first quarter of 2019.

UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2016

The fourth edition of the *Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2016* was printed in both English and French in 2017. The Spanish version, prepared by Mr Alejandro Garro (Argentina/USA) in collaboration with Mr Javier Rodríguez Olmos (Colombia), and in consultation with Ms Nuria Bouza Vidal (Spain) and Mr José Moreno Rodríguez (Paraguay), both members of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, as well as with Messrs Jorge Oviedo Albán (Colombia), Pedro Mendoza Montano (Guatemala) and Eugenio Hernández Bretón (Venezuela), was published in 2018. As regards publication in languages that are not official languages of the Institute, Mr Radu Bogdan Bobei, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, prepared the Romanian version which was also printed in 2018 (CH Beck Publishing, Bucharest, 2018). Mr Alexander Komarov, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, undertook to prepare the Russian version, which, again, was published in 2018. In November 2017, an agreement for the translation of the Principles into Korean was signed between UNIDROIT and Mr June-sun Choi (Emeritus Professor, Sungkyunkwan University). This version is being prepared in collaboration with Messrs Kwang-hyun Suk (Seoul National University)

²⁵ See <http://ulr.oxfordjournals.org/> which is fully accessible to subscribers and contains all back numbers until 1973. Basic information as well as abstracts of the articles are available to non-subscribing visitors.

and Hai-kwan Heo (Soongsil University). Agreements for the translation into Chinese and Latvian were signed in 2018 and work on those translations has started.

Booklets with UNIDROIT Instruments

In 2014, the Secretariat has adopted the policy of printing booklets containing the text of UNIDROIT instruments that are not for sale but for use at conferences and other events. The practice continued in 2018, when the Secretariat reprinted the English booklet with the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects and the UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects, the English booklets of the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment, the Aircraft, Railway Rolling Stock and Space Assets Protocols, and the Spanish version of the UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities.

F. UNIDROIT FOUNDATION

Following significant improvements in its operation in 2017, the Foundation's activities in 2018 focused on the implementation of the newly developed Strategic Plan for the UNIDROIT Foundation, as well as further work on projects designed to add value to UNIDROIT instruments and activities.

The biggest successes in 2018 were in relation to the Foundation's projects. The Foundation organised a 4th Workshop for Economic Assessment of International Commercial Law Reform Project between 8-9 October at the UNIDROIT Headquarters in Rome. A joint undertaking between the UNIDROIT Foundation, Harris Manchester College at Oxford University and the Commercial Law Centre of the University of Washington, the project made significant progress towards the development of a framework for assessing the economic impact of commercial law reform. The Rome workshop was attended by 22 expert participants from relevant international organisations, academic institutions and private sector stakeholders. In relation to the Foundation's project on promoting UNIDROIT's work in protecting Cultural Property, the Foundation is the administrator of the website for the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention Academic Project (<https://1995unidroitcap.org/>), which was launched in 2017.

In its work towards further advancing legislative and non-legislative activities at UNIDROIT, the Foundation sponsored a number of scholarships as part of the UNIDROIT Research Scholarship Programme over the course of 2018. Moreover, it also facilitated the MAC Protocol Economic Assessment, which played a key role in convincing States that the MAC Protocol was ready for adoption at a Diplomatic Conference. The final Economic Assessment was released in August 2018. Additionally, the Foundation also continued its promotion of UNIDROIT's work on various social media platforms.

Despite significant work in submitting proposals to potential donors, fundraising to support UNIDROIT remained challenging in 2018. The Foundation's primary sources of fundraising remain the royalties from the sales of Sir Roy Goode's Official Commentaries to the Cape Town Convention Protocols, and donations from the Aviation Working Group to support the Economic Assessment project and from Aviareto to support the Best Practices in Electronic Registries project.

The Board of Governors of the Foundation met twice in 2018 – once over videoconference on 26 April to discuss the Foundation's substantive activities; and once in Rome on 2 May to discuss administrative and financial matters. Individual meetings were also conducted between the staff of the Foundation and its Board members to develop strategies to further improve the Foundation's operation.

The Foundation is managed by William Brydie-Watson (Legal Officer), with assistance from Hamza Hameed (Legal Assistant).

ANNEX I

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE UNIDROIT SECRETARIAT IN 2018 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS WORK PROGRAMME

The following documents relating to the implementation of the Institute's Work Programme were published in 2018, in English and French unless otherwise stated:

STUDY LXV – LEGAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Scholarships: Impl. 29 – Research Scholarships Programme. Implementation report for 2018

STUDY LXXVIA – TRANSNATIONAL CIVIL PROCEDURE - FORMULATION OF REGIONAL RULES / ELI – UNIDROIT RULES OF TRANSNATIONAL CIVIL PROCEDURE

Steering Committee and Co-Reporters – Joint Meeting (Rome, 9-10 April 2018)

SC VI – Doc. 1	Draft agenda
SC VI – Doc. 2	Presentation and discussion of the draft rules of the Group on "Judgements"
SC VI – Doc. 3	Presentation and discussion of the draft rules of the Group on "Costs"
SC VI – Doc. 4	Presentation and discussion of the documents prepared by the Group on "Structure"
SC VI – Doc. 5(a)	Presentation and discussion of the draft rules of the Group on "Parties" (General Part)
SC VI – Doc. 5(b) rev.	Presentation and discussion of the draft rules of the Group on "Parties" (Collective Redress)
SC VI – Doc. 6	Presentation and discussion of the draft rules of the Group on "Appeals"
SC VI – Doc. 7	Presentation and discussion of the draft rules of the Group on " <i>Lis Pendens and Res Judicata</i> "
SC VI – Doc. 8	Report
SC VI – Misc. 1	Provisional order of business
SC VI – Misc. 2	List of participants

STUDY LXXXB – PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

Working Group on agricultural land investment contracts

Third meeting (Rome, 25-27 April 2018)

Inf. 1 rev.	Annotated draft agenda
W.P. 1	Preface and introduction (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 2	Chapter 1 – The Legal Framework (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 3	Chapter 2 – Parties, formation and form Part I: Parties (Prepared by Ms Yuliya Panfil)
W.P. 4	Chapter 2 – Parties, formation and form Parts II-III: Feasibility Studies and Impact Assessments (Prepared by Professor James T. Gathii)

W.P. 5	Chapter 2 – Parties, formation and form Part IV: Formation and Form (Prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat) (not issued for meeting, but held for revision and review at the fourth meeting)
W.P. 6	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Parts I-II(e): Introduction and Land Tenure (Prepared by Professor Pierre-Etienne Kenfack)
W.P. 7	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Part II(g): Infrastructure (Prepared by Mr Jasper Lubeto and the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 8	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Parts II(f), III-V: Land Development, Finance, Social and Environmental Obligations (Investor Obligations) (Prepared by Dr. Lorenzo Cotula)
W.P. 9	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Part VI: Protection of investment and regulatory autonomy (prepared by Professor Daryono, Mr Jasper Lubeto and the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 10	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Part VII: Transparency, compliance and monitoring (prepared by Ms Nandini Bajaj and the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 11	Chapter 4 – Contractual non-performance (prepared by Professor Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson, with assistance regarding host-State considerations from Professor Jean Ho)
W.P. 12	Chapter 5 – Transfer and return [of assets] (Prepared by Mr Maël Deschamps and Professor Moreno-Rodríguez, with input from Professor Daryono)
W.P. 13	Chapter 6 – Dispute resolution (prepared by Professor Jean Ho)
W.P. 14	Contribution on Environmental Aspects for use in various draft chapters (e.g. Chapters 1, 3(V)) (Prepared by Dr. Priscila Pereira de Andrade, UNIDROIT Research Fellow)
W.P. 15	Examining land tenure and gender issues relating to agricultural investment in Africa, South Asia, and South America (Prepared by Tawab Danish and Sara Parker)
Doc. 4	Report on the third meeting

Fourth meeting (Rome, 25-27 April 2018)

Inf. 1 rev.2	Annotated draft agenda
W.P. 1	Preface and introduction (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 2	Chapter 1 – The Legal Framework (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 3	Chapter 2 – Parties, contractual arrangements, due diligence, and formation (Prepared by Ms Yuliya Panfil)
W.P. 4	Chapter 2 – Parties, contractual arrangements, due diligence and formation - Part IV.B: Identification of Land and Potential Impacts (Prepared by Professor James T. Gathii)
W.P. 5	Chapter 2 – Parties, contractual arrangements, due diligence, and formation (Prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 6	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties - Introduction and Part I: Land Tenure (Prepared by Professor Pierre-Etienne Kenfack with the assistance of Mr Jasper Lubeto and the Secretariat)
W.P. 7	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties – Part I(e): Conditions (prepared by Professor Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson) (incorporated into W.P.6 by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)
W.P. 8	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Part II: Social and economic issues (prepared by Dr Lorenzo Cotula)
W.P. 8bis	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Part III: Environment (prepared by Dr Priscila Pereira de Andrade with input from Dr Lorenzo Cotula)
W.P. 9	Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Part VI: Protection of investment and regulatory autonomy (prepared by Professor Daryono, Mr Lorenzo Cotula and the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

- W.P. 10 Chapter 3 – Obligations and rights of the parties Part V: monitoring, transparency and compliance (prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat with inputs from Ms Nandini Bajaj)
- W.P. 11 Chapter 4 – Contractual non-performance and remedies (Prepared by Professor Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson with the assistance of the Secretariat)
- W.P. 12 Chapter 5 – Transfer and return (Prepared by Mr Maël Deschamps and Professor Moreno-Rodríguez, with input from Professor Daryono)
- W.P. 13 Chapter 6 – Dispute resolution (prepared by Professor Jean HO)

CURRENT WORK ON UNIDROIT'S DEPOSITORY FUNCTIONS

Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town, 2001) and Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (Cape Town, 2001)

Doc. 12 rev. - Depository Report: 1 January 2014 - 31 December 2016

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 – Sixth session (Rome, 6-7 December 2018)

- Doc. 1 Annotated draft agenda
- Doc. 2 Report of Co-Chairs on the developments since the last session and activities of the Ratification Task Force
- Doc. 3 Information regarding the draft updated Regulations for the International Registry for railway rolling stock
- Doc. 4 Approval of documents related to the establishment of the Supervisory Authority – Statutes of the Supervisory Authority
- Doc. 5 Approval of documents related to the establishment of the Supervisory Authority – Rules of Procedure of the Supervisory Authority
- Doc. 6 Discussion and approval of future steps leading to the entry into force of the Protocol
- INF. Overview of the Protocol - The Luxembourg Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (the Cape Town Convention) is a new global instrument which, when in force, will make it easier and cheaper for the private sector to finance railway rolling stock

ANNEX II

INSTRUMENTS DRAWN UP BY UNIDROIT / INSTRUMENTS ELABORES 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)* *
- 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, 2nd edition / *Guide sur les accords internationaux de franchise principale, 2ème 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*

* The ULIS and ULFIS Conventions have been denounced by Belgium, Germany, 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, Israel and the United Kingdom / *Les Conventions LUVI et LUFC ont été dénoncées par l'Allemagne, la Belgique, 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, Israël et le Royaume-Uni.*

2010	Principles of International Commercial Contracts / <i>Principes relatifs aux contrats du commerce international</i>
2011	UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects / <i>Dispositions modèles UNESCO-UNIDROIT définissant la propriété de l'Etat sur les biens culturels non découverts</i>
2012	Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Space Assets / <i>Protocole portant sur les questions spécifiques aux biens spatiaux à la Convention relative aux garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement mobiles</i>
2013	Principles on the Operation of Close-out Netting Provisions / <i>Principes concernant l'applicabilité des clauses de résiliation-compensation</i>
2013	Model Clauses for Use by Parties of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts / <i>Clauses types sur l'utilisation des Principes d'UNIDROIT relatifs aux contrats du commerce international par les parties</i>
2016	Principles of International Commercial Contracts / <i>Principes relatifs aux contrats du commerce international</i>
2016	UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming / <i>Guide juridique sur l'agriculture contractuelle UNIDROIT/FAO/FIDA</i>
2017	UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Intermediated Securities / <i>Guide législatif d'UNIDROIT sur les titres intermédiés</i>

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION (*) OF CONVENTIONS DRAWN UP BY UNIDROIT AND APPROVED AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES CONVENED BY MEMBER STATES OF UNIDROIT /

ETAT DE MISE EN OEUVRE (*) DES CONVENTIONS PRÉPARÉES PAR UNIDROIT ET APPROUVÉES À DES CONFÉRENCES DIPLOMATIQUES CONVOQUÉES PAR DES ETATS MEMBRES D'UNIDROIT

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

Adoption:	Place: Brussels / <i>Lieu: Bruxelles</i> Date: 23-04-1970
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 24-02-1976 Conditions: 5 ratifications (art. 36)
Contracting States / Etats contractants	6
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/status-ccv-1970 https://diplomatie.belgium.be/sites/default/files/downloads/iii12.pdf
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Government of Belgium / <i>Gouvernement belge</i> (art. 34)
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/transport/ccv https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/instruments-transport/instruments-voyage-ccv

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / ADHESION	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES	EFFECT OF / EFFET DE DENUNCIATION
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

(*) Based on information available to the Secretariat as of 31 December 2018 / *Ce document est basé sur les informations dont dispose le Secrétariat au 31 décembre 2018.*

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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**

Adoption:	Place / <i>Lieu</i> : Washington Date: 26-10-1973
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes/ <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 09-02-1978 Conditions: 5 ratifications (Art. XI)
Contracting States / Etats contractants	13
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/status-successions https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/209142.pdf
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Government of the United States of America / <i>Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/international-will https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/testaments-instruments

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. OF RESERV. DECL. OU RESERVES
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	
Croatia / <i>Croatie</i> *	-	18-05-94	18-05-94	-
Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	-	19-10-82	19-04-83	-
Ecuador / <i>Equateur</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>Etats-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 REPRESENTATION EN MATIERE DE VENTE
INTERNATIONALE DE MARCHANDISES

Adoption: Place: Geneva / *Lieu:* Genève
Date: 17-02-83

Entry into force: No / *Non*
Entrée en vigueur: Conditions: 10 ratifications (art. 33)

Contracting States /
Etats contractants /

Status <https://www.unidroit.org/status-agency>
https://www.eda.admin.ch/dam/eda/fr/documents/aussenpolitik/voelkerrecht/autres-conventions/divers/Cvim-parties_fr.pdf

Depositary: Government of Switzerland
Dépositaire: *Gouvernement suisse* (art. 21)

UNIDROIT website page /
Page internet d'UNIDROIT <https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/agency>
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/representation>

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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 CREDIT-BAIL 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. 16.1)

Contracting States /
Etats contractants 10

Status <https://www.unidroit.org/status-leasing-conv-1988>
<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-leasing>
<https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/credit-bail/credit-bail-convention-fr>

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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	-
Morocco / <i>Maroc</i>	04-07-88	-	-	-
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	28-05-88	25-10-94	01-05-95	-
Panama	31-12-90	26-05-97	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>Etats-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 / <i>Lieu</i> : Ottawa Date: 28-05-88
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-05-95 Conditions: 3 ratifications (art. 14.1)
Contracting States / Etats contractants	9
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/status-1988-factoring https://treaty-accord.gc.ca/details.aspx?id=104673
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Government of Canada / <i>Gouvernement du Canada</i> (art. 23.1)
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/factoring https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/affacturage

STATE / <i>ETAT</i>	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION ACCESSION / <i>ADHESION</i>	ENTRY INTO FORCE <i>ENTREE EN VIGUEUR</i>	DECL. or RESERV. / <i>DECL. OU RESERVES</i>
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	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>Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>	28-12-90	-	-	-

UNIDROIT CONVENTION ON STOLEN OR ILLEGALLY EXPORTED CULTURAL OBJECTS
CONVENTION D'UNIDROIT SUR LES BIENS CULTURELS VOLES OU ILLICITEMENT EXPORTES

Adoption:	Place / <i>Lieu</i> : Rome Date: 24-06-1995
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-07-1998 Conditions: 5 ratifications (Art. 12)
Contracting States / Etats contractants:	44
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/status-cp
Depositary / Dépositaire:	Italian Government / <i>Gouvernement italien</i>
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/cultural-property/1995-convention https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/biens-culturels/convention-de-1995

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECLARATIONS
Afghanistan	-	23-09-05	01-03-06	Art. 16
Algeria / <i>Algérie</i>	-	09-04-15	01-10-15	Art. 16
Angola	-	19-06-14	01-12-14	Arts. 16, 17
Argentina / <i>Argentine</i>	-	03-08-01	01-02-02	Art. 16
Azerbaijan / <i>Azerbaïdjan</i>	-	06-06-03	01-12-03	Art. 16
Bolivia / <i>Bolivie</i>	29-06-96	13-04-99	01-10-99	Art. 16
Bosnia and Herzegovina / <i>Bosnie Herzégovine</i>	-	08-05-17	01-11-17	Art. 16
Botswana	-	28-08-17	01-02-18	Art. 16
Brazil / <i>Brésil</i>	-	23-03-99	01-09-99	Art. 16
Burkina Faso	24-06-95	-	-	-
Cambodia / <i>Cambodge</i>	24-06-95	11-07-02	01-01-03	Art. 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	Arts. 16, 17
Côte d'Ivoire	24-06-95	-	-	-
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	Arts. 16, 17
Denmark / <i>Danemark</i>	-	01-01-11	01-07-11	Art. 14, 16, 17
Ecuador / <i>Equateur</i>	-	26-11-97	01-07-98	Arts. 3(5), 16
El Salvador	-	16-07-99	01-01-00	Art. 16
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	-	-	-
Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	-	19-07-07	01-01-08	Arts. 13(3), 16
Guinea / <i>Guinée</i>	24-06-95	-	-	-
Guatemala	-	03-09-03	01-03-04	Arts. 3(5), 16
Honduras	-	27-08-13	01-02-14	-
Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	24-06-95	08-05-98	01-11-98	Art. 16
Iran (Islamic Rep. of / <i>Rép. islamique d'</i>)	-	22-06-05	01-12-05	Art. 16
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	24-06-95	11-10-99	01-04-00	Arts. 13(3), 16
Lao People's Democratic Republic / <i>Rép. dém. Populaire lao</i>	-	18-05-17	01-11-17	Art. 16
Lithuania / <i>Lituanie</i>	24-06-95	04-04-97	01-07-98	Art. 16
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	Art. 16
Nigeria / <i>Nigéria</i>	-	10-12-05	01-06-06	-
Norway / <i>Norvège</i>	-	28-08-01	01-03-02	Arts. 13(3), 14, 16
Pakistan	27-06-96	-	-	-
Panama	-	26-06-09	01-12-09	Art. 16
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	Art. 16
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	Art. 16
Slovenia / <i>Slovénie</i>	-	08-04-04	01-10-04	Art. 16
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. 13(3), 16
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

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia / <i>Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine</i>	-	22-08-13	01-02-14	Art. 16
Tunisia / <i>Tunisie</i>	-	02-03-17	01-09-17	Art. 16
Zambia / <i>Zambie</i>	24-06-95	-	-	-

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

Adoption:	Place: Cape Town / <i>Lieu</i> : Le Cap Date: 16-11-2001
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-03-2006 Conditions: 3 ratifications (Art. 49(1))
Contracting States / Etats contractants	78
Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique	1
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/181219-ctc-print-ef.pdf
Depositary / Dépositaire:	UNIDROIT
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/cape-town-convention https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/convention-du-cap

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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>Bahrein</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)
Côte d'Ivoire	-	09-02-15	01-07-16	D: Art. 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>Egypte</i>	-	10-12-14	01-04-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 54(2)
Eswatini	-	17-11-16	01-09-17	D: Art. 54(2)
Ethiopia / <i>Ethiopie</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)
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)

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Kazakhstan	-	21-01-09	01-10-11 ³	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 / Koweït	-	31-10-13	01-02-14	D: Art. 54(2)
Latvia / Lettonie	-	08-02-11	01-06-11	D: Art. 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 / Malaisie	-	02-11-05	01-03-06	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Malta / Malte**	-	01-10-10	01-02-11	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 39(4), 40, 53, 54(2)
Mexico / Mexique	-	31-07-07	01-11-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 50, 53, 54(2), 60
Moldova	-	26-06-15	¹	-
Mongolia / Mongolie	-	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 / Namibie	-	23-07-18	01-11-18	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 39(4), 54(2), 55
Netherlands / Pays-Bas ⁴	-	17-05-10	-	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 52, 53, 54(2)
Caribbean part/Partie caraïbe			01-10-10	
Aruba			01-09-10	
Curaçao			01-10-10	
Sint Maarten			01-10-10	
New Zealand / Nouvelle-Zélande	-	20-07-10	01-11-10	D: Arts. 39(1)(a), 52, 53, 54(2), 55
Nigeria / Nigéria	16-11-01	16-12-03	01-04-04	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)*, 40*, 53*, 54(2)*
Norway / Norvège	-	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)
Romania / Roumanie	-	30-03-18	01-07-18	D: Arts. 39(1)(b), 54(2)
Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie	-	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 / Saint-Marin	-	09-09-14	01-01-15	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 40, 53, 54(2)
Saudi Arabia / Arabie saoudite	12-03-03	27-06-08	01-10-08	D: Art. 54(2)
Senegal / Sénégal	02-04-02	09-01-06	01-05-06	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
Seychelles	-	13-09-10	¹	-
Sierra Leone	-	26-07-16	01-11-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 53, 54(2)
Singapore / Singapour	-	28-01-09	01-05-09	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 53, 54(2)
South Africa / Afrique du sud	16-11-01	18-01-07	01-05-07	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 54(2)
Spain / Espagne	-	28-06-13	01-03-16 ¹	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b)*, 40*, 52, 53*, 54(2)
Sudan / Soudan	16-11-01	-	-	-
Sweden / Suède	-	30-12-15	01-04-16	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 39(4), 40, 54(2)
Switzerland / Suisse	16-11-01 (ad ref.)	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic / République arabe syrienne	-	07-08-07	¹	-
Tajikistan / Tadjikistan	-	31-05-11	01-09-11	D: Art. 54(2)
Togo	-	25-01-10	01-04-12 ³	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b)*, 40*, 53*, 54(2)*
Tonga	16-11-01	-	-	-
Turkey / Turquie	16-11-01	-	-	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 50, 54(2)
Ukraine	09-03-04	31-07-12	01-11-12	D: Arts. 50, 53, 54(2)
United Arab Emirates / Emirats arabes unis	-	29-04-08	01-08-08	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 40, 52, 53, 54(2)
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	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 / Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie	16-11-01	30-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. 54(2)
United States of America / Etats-Unis d'Amérique	09-05-03	28-10-04	01-02-05	D: Arts. 39(1)(a)-(b), 54(2)
Uzbekistan / Ouzbékistan	-	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)
Zimbabwe	-	13-05-08	¹	-
Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique				
European Union / ² Union européenne	-	28-04-09	01-08-09	D: Arts. 48(2), 55

¹ Subject to Article 49(1) / Sous réserve de l'article 49(1).

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

³ 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 // *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*

⁴ 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 SPECIFIQUES AUX MATERIELS D'EQUIPEMENT
AERONAUTIQUES A LA CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES
PORTANT SUR DES MATERIELS D'EQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

Adoption:	Place: Cape Town / <i>Lieu:</i> Le Cap – Date: 16-11-2001
Entry into force:	Yes / <i>Oui</i> ≈ Date: 01-03-2006
Entrée en vigueur:	Conditions: 8 ratifications (Art. XXVIII(1))
Contracting States / Etats contractants	75
Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique	1
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/english/conventions/mobile-equipment/181219-ctc-ac-print-ef.pdf
Depositary / Dépositaire:	UNIDROIT
UNIDROIT website page / Page internet d'UNIDROIT	https://www.unidroit.org/instruments/security-interests/aircraft-protocol https://www.unidroit.org/fr/instruments/garanties-internationales/protocole-aeronautique

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES
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)
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: Art. XIX(1)*
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	-

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Denmark / <i>Danemark</i>	-	26-10-15	01-02-16	D: Art. XXIX, XXX(1), (3), (5)
Egypt / <i>Egypte</i>	-	10-12-14	01-04-15	-
Eswatini	-	26-05-17	01-09-17	-
Ethiopia / <i>Ethiopie</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)
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	-
Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	-	08-02-11	01-06-11	-
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> ²	-	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)
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> ³	-	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)
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)
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 / <i>Afrique du sud</i>	16-11-01	18-01-07	01-05-07	D: Art. XXX(1), (2), (3)
Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	-	27-11-15	01-03-16	D: Arts. XIX, XXIX, XXX(1)
Sudan / <i>Soudan</i>	16-11-01	-	-	-
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	-	30-12-15	01-04-16	D: Art. XXX(1)
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	16-11-01 (<i>ad ref.</i>)	-	-	-
Tajikistan / <i>Tadjikistan</i>	-	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	-	-	-
Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	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 / <i>Emirats arabes unis</i>	-	29-04-08	01-08-08	D: Arts. XIX, XXIX, XXX(1), (2), (3)
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	16-11-01	27-07-15	01-11-15	D: Arts. XXIX ⁺ , XXX(1) ⁺ , (2) ⁺ , (3) ⁺
United Rep. of Tanzania / <i>Rép.-Unie de Tanzanie</i>	16-11-01	30-01-09	01-05-09	D: Art. XXX(1) ⁺ , (2) ⁺ , (3) ⁺
United States of America / <i>Etats-Unis d'Amérique</i>	09-05-03	28-10-04	01-03-06	D: Arts. XIX(1), XXX(1)
Uzbekistan / <i>Ouzbékistan</i>	-	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)

Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique

European Union / ¹
Union européenne - 28-04-09 01-08-09 D: Arts. XXVII(2), XXX(5)

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

² 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 // *Cet Etat 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*

³ 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)"*

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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

Adoption:	Place / <i>Lieu</i> : Luxembourg Date: 23-02-2007
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	No / <i>Non</i> Conditions: 4 ratifications (Art. XXIII(1))
Contracting States / Etats contractants	3
Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique	1
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/status-2007luxembourg-rail
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 / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. ou RESERVES
France	03-03-17	-	-	-
Gabon	23-02-07	04-04-17	-	-
Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	21-11-12	-	-	D
Italy / <i>Italie</i>	23-02-07	-	-	D
Luxembourg	23-02-07	31-01-12	-	-
Mozambique	15-11-16	-	-	-
Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	27-06-17	02-07-18	--	D
Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	23-02-07	-	-	-
United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	26-02-16	-	-	-
Regional economic integration organisations / Organisations régionale d'intégration économique				
European Union / <i>Union européenne</i>	10-12-09	18-12-14	-	D

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

Adoption:	Place: Geneva / <i>Lieu: Genève</i> Date: 09-10-09
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	No / <i>Non</i> Conditions: 3 ratifications (art. 42.1)
Contracting States / Etats contractants	/
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/status
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/geneva-convention

STATE / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESSION / ADHESION	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES
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 À LA CONVENTION
RELATIVE AUX GARANTIES INTERNATIONALES PORTANT SUR
DES MATÉRIELS D'ÉQUIPEMENT MOBILES**

Adoption:	Place / <i>Lieu:</i> Berlin Date: 09-03-2012
Entry into force: Entrée en vigueur:	No / <i>Non</i> Conditions: Art. XXXVIII
Contracting States / Etats contractants	/
Status	https://www.unidroit.org/status-2012-space
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 / ETAT	SIGNATURE	RATIFICATION / ACCESS. / ADHES.	ENTRY INTO FORCE / ENTREE EN VIGUEUR	DECL. or RESERV. / DECL. OU RESERVES
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	—	—	—

**IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUMENTS BASED ON
WORK CONDUCTED WITHIN UNIDROIT (*)**

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

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uzbekistan.

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: <http://www.unesco.org/eri/la/convention.asp?KO=13637&language=E&order=alpha>

Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep. of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, , Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

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

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Canada, , Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, The Former Yugoslav Republic

(*) Based on information available to the Secretariat as of 31 December 2018.

of Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, St. Lucia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, , Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela and Viet Nam.

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 XVIIth 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>

Austria, Belgium, China (for the Special Administrative Region of Macao only), Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

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>

Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

Austria, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Norway, Sweden and Turkey.

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/-/conventions/treaty/019/signatures?>

Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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 and to which Austria, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland and Yugoslavia are Contracting Parties. 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

Austria, Belarus, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Serbia and Switzerland.

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&mtmsg_no=XII-4&chapter=12&clang=en

Austria, Belarus, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Montenegro and Serbia.

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&mtmsg_no=X-10&chapter=10&lang=en

Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Zambia.

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&mtmsg_no=XI-B-26&chapter=11&clang=en

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Latvia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

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&mtmsg_no=XI-B-11-b&chapter=11&clang=en

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

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. The Russian Federation is the sole Contracting State.

Status: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtmsg_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. The Russian Federation is the sole Contracting State.

Status: 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. Belgium is the sole Contracting State.
Status: https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/056/signatures?p_auth=92tvxnFU
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. No Contracting State.
Status: https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/079/signatures?p_auth=92tvxnFU
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
Burundi, Chile, Georgia, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal and Zambia.
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. Liberia is the sole Contracting State.
Status: 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. The Contracting States are: Egypt, Gabon, Georgia and Paraguay.
Status: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=X-13&chapter=10&clang=en

C. EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE BASED ON A PRELIMINARY 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.**

No Contracting State.

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.

ANNEX IV

DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES FOR UNIDROIT DOCUMENTATION

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.rree.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://www.nationallibrary.bg/wp/?lang=bg>

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

Estonia: Eesti Rahvusraamatukogu
<https://www.nlib.ee/>

Finland: Eduskunnan Kirjasto
<https://www.eduskunta.fi/EN/tietoaeduskunnasta/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://www.kemlu.go.id/en/tentang-kemlu/struktur-kemlu/organization.aspx?kementerianid=7>
- 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/ENGLISH/index.html>
- Latvia:** *Department of European and International Law, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia*
<http://www.tm.gov.lv/lv/>
- Luxembourg:** *Bibliothèque Nationale* <http://www.bnl.public.lu/fr/index.html>;
University of Luxembourg <http://www.en.uni.lu/university/library>
- 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>
- Paraguay:** *Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales de la Universidad Nacional de Asunción*
<http://www.der.una.py/>
- People's Republic of China:** *Trade and Policy Library, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)*
<http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/>
- Poland:** *Biblioteka Sejmowa*
<http://biblioteka.sejm.gov.pl/?lang=en>
- Portugal:** *Serviço de Biblioteca e Documentação Diplomática do Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros - Instituto Diplomático*
<https://idi.mne.pt/pt/arquivo-e-biblioteca/biblioteca>
Gabinete de Documentação e Direito Comparado, Procuradoria Geral da República
<http://qddc.ministeriopublico.pt/>
- Republic of Korea:** *Library of the Korea National Diplomatic Academy*
<http://www.ifans.go.kr/knda/hmpg/eng/main/HmpgEngMain.do>
- Romania:** *Biblioteca Nationala*
<http://www.bibnat.ro/>
- Russian Federation:** *Library of the Russian Academy of Foreign Trade*
<http://www.vavt.ru/>
- Serbia:** *Library of the Institute of Comparative Law*
<http://iup.rs/en/about/>
- Slovak Republic:** *Právnická fakulta Trnavskej Univerzity*
<http://www.truni.sk>
- Slovenia:** *Univerza v Mariboru Pravna fakulteta*
<https://www.pf.um.si/en/>
- South Africa:** *Library of the Department of Justice, Directorate: Internal Affairs, Pretoria University of Johannesburg*
<https://www.uj.ac.za/library>
- Spain:** *Universidad San Pablo CEU*
<http://www.ceu.es>

Sweden: *Riksdagsbiblioteket*

<http://www.riksdagen.se/>

Switzerland: *Library of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law*

<https://www.isdc.ch/>

Turkey: *Banca ve Ticaret Hukuku Arastirma Enstitüsü, Hukuk Fakültesi, Ankara Üniversitesi*

<http://bthae.ankara.edu.tr/>

United Kingdom: *Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies*

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/>

United States of America: *Arthur W. Diamond Law Library Columbia University in the City of New York*

<http://www.law.columbia.edu/library>

Underwood Law Library, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University

<https://www.smu.edu/Law/Library>

Uruguay: *Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de la República*

<https://www.fder.edu.uy/biblioteca>