

The Third International Colloquium on Secured Transactions will take place from 1 to 3 March 2010 at the Vienna International Centre. Same as the first Colloquium, which took place on 20 to 22 March 2002, and the second Colloquium, which took place on 18 and 19 January 2007, the Third Colloquium is expected to discuss possible future work in the area of secured transactions and, in particular, further work after the completion of the supplement to the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions (“the Guide”) dealing with security rights in intellectual property.

At its forty-second session, which was held in Vienna from 29 June to 17 July 2009, the Commission engaged in a preliminary discussion of the future work programme of Working Group VI (Security Interests). Topics mentioned in the discussion included those mentioned in a similar discussion that took place at the fifteenth session of Working Group VI and, in particular: security rights in securities not covered by the Unidroit Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities (about which, at its fortieth session in 2007, the Commission had decided that future work should be undertaken with a view to preparing a supplement to the Guide on certain types of securities, taking into account work by other organizations, in particular Unidroit; see A/62/17, part I, para. 160); a legislative guide on registration of security rights in general security rights registries; a model law on secured transactions based on the recommendations of the Guide; a contractual guide on secured financing; and a contractual guide on intellectual property licensing (see A/63/17, paras. 313, 314 and 318). At that session, the Commission agreed that, depending on the availability of time, preparatory work could be advanced through a discussion at the sixteenth session of Working Group VI, an international colloquium to be held early in 2010 with broad participation of experts from Governments, international organizations and the private sector, and expert group meetings (see A/63/17, paras. 319).

The Third International Colloquium on Secured Transactions is being organized in accordance with that decision of the Commission in order to obtain the views and draw on the expertise of experts from Governments, international organizations and the private sector. The languages of this informal meeting will be English and French.