

## II. NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

### A. UNCITRAL Legal Guide on Drawing Up International Contracts for the Construction of Industrial Works

#### 1. Report of the Working Group on the New International Economic Order on the work of its ninth session (New York, 30 March-16 April 1987) (A/CN.9/289)<sup>a</sup>

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. At its eleventh session (1978) the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law decided to include in its work programme a topic entitled "The legal implications of the new international economic order" and established a Working Group to deal with this subject.<sup>1</sup> The Working Group is composed of all States members of the Commission.<sup>2</sup> Its present composition is, therefore: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, German

Democratic Republic, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

2. At its first session, in 1980, the Working Group recommended to the Commission for possible inclusion in its programme of work the harmonization, unification and review of contractual provisions commonly occurring in international contracts in the field of industrial development.<sup>3</sup> The Commission, at its thirteenth session agreed to accord priority to work related to those contracts and requested the Secretary-General to undertake a study concerning contracts for the supply and construction of large industrial works.<sup>4</sup>

3. The study prepared by the secretariat<sup>5</sup> was examined by the Working Group at its second and third sessions, in 1981 and 1982 respectively.<sup>6</sup> At its third

<sup>a</sup>The Report of the Working Group contains the changes, additions to and deletions from the draft chapters of the *UNCITRAL Legal Guide on Drawing Up International Contracts for the Construction of Industrial Works* (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.20 and Add. 1-29) agreed to by the Working Group at its ninth session. Due to the length of these draft chapters, neither they nor the changes, additions or deletions agreed to by the Working Group are reproduced in this *Yearbook*. The *UNCITRAL Legal Guide* has been published by the United Nations under sales number E.87.V.10, document A/CN.9/SER.B/2.

<sup>1</sup>Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its eleventh session, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/33/17), para. 71.

<sup>2</sup>See Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirteenth session, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/35/17), para. 143.

<sup>3</sup>A/CN.9/176, para. 31.

<sup>4</sup>See footnote 2, above.

<sup>5</sup>A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.4 and Add.1-8, and A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.7 and Add.1-6.

<sup>6</sup>A/CN.9/198 and A/CN.9/217.