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**Draft Digest on the UNCITRAL  
Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration**

on March 3 - 4, 2005

in Cologne, Germany

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**Invitation**

The Law Centre for European and International Cooperation (R.I.Z.) at the University of Cologne is hosting the official presentation of the *Draft Digest on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration* on 3 and 4 March 2005 at a Conference organised in conjunction with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS). As the predominant mechanism of dispute resolution in international business, arbitration has long been at the centre of attention in UNCITRAL's efforts concerning the facilitation of international trade.

The Draft Digest contains an analytical and synoptic compilation of the existing case law on the Model Law from all Member States. The aim of the Digest is to identify diverging interpretations and to give the reader a sense of the number of courts that have taken one or the other position, thus facilitating the application of the Model Law.

The Draft Digest is the result of several years of extensive research and preparation. The conference aims to provide internationally renowned experts with a forum to discuss individual passages and problem areas, as well as to make suggestions for improvement.

**Prof. Dr. Norbert Horn**  
Director General of R.I.Z.

**Jernej Sekolec**  
Secretary of  
UNCITRAL

**Jens Bredow**  
Secretary General of  
DIS

**Program**

**Thursday, March 3, 2005**

9:00 - 9:30

**Welcome Addresses – The Model Law and the Draft Digest**

Prof. Dr. Norbert Horn, R.I.Z., University of Cologne, Germany

Renaud Sorieul, UNCITRAL, Vienna, Austria

**I. General Provisions**

*Chair:* Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Böckstiegel, Chairman of DIS, Cologne, Germany

9:30 -10:45

**Scope, Definitions and the Role of the Courts in Arbitral Proceedings**

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Frédéric Bachand, Faculty of Law and Institute of Comparative Law, McGill University Montreal, Quebec, Canada

*Discussant:* Prof. Dr. Richard Garnett, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

10:45 -11:00 *Coffee Break*

**II. Arbitration Agreement and Jurisdiction of the Arbitral Tribunal**

*Chair:* Prof. Dr. Filip De Ly, University of Rotterdam, Netherlands

11:00 - 12:15

**Arbitration Agreement (Definition, Form, Conclusion, Applicable Law)**

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Norbert Horn, R.I.Z., University of Cologne, Germany

*Discussant:* Dr. Christoph Liebscher, Wolf Theis & Partner, Vienna, Austria

12:15 - 13:00

**Jurisdiction of the Arbitral Tribunal**

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Alan Uzelac, University of Zagreb, Croatia

*Discussant:* Dr. Amazu A. Asouzu, King's College London, United Kingdom

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**III. Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal**

*Chair:* Fali Sam Nariman, Honorary President ICCA, India

14:30 - 15:30 **Appointment of Arbitrators**

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Alexander S. Komarov, President of the International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Russian Federation Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Moscow, Russian Federation

*Discussant:* Prof. Tatsuya Nakamura, LL.M., General Manager, The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association

15:30 - 15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45 - 16:45 **Challenge of Arbitrators**

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Kaj Hobér, Mannheimer Swartling, Stockholm, Sweden

*Discussant:* Dr. Éva Horváth, Arbitration Court at the Hungarian Economic Chamber, Budapest, Hungary

**IV. The Arbitral Proceedings**

*Chair:* Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wiegand, University of Bern, Switzerland

16:45 - 18:00 **Conduct of Arbitral Proceedings (Communications, Right to be Heard, Taking Evidence, Default, Waiver of Right to Object)**

*Rapporteur:* Ben Beaumont, Lamb Chambers, London, United Kingdom

*Discussant:* to be confirmed

20.00 *Conference Dinner*

**Friday, March 4, 2005**

**I. The Award**

*Chair:* Prof. Dr. Norbert Horn, R.I.Z., University of Cologne, Germany

9:00 – 10:15 **The Award (Applicable Law, Denial of Jurisdiction, Award on Agreed Terms)**

*Rapporteur:* to be confirmed

*Discussant:* Dr. Loukas Mistelis, Clive M. Schmitthoff Reader in International Commercial Law and Director of Studies, School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee Break*

**II. Post Award Proceedings**

*Chair:* Dr. Pierre A. Karrer, LL.M., Honorary President of ASA, Swiss Arbitration Association, Zurich, Switzerland

10:30 – 11:45 **Recourse against Award**

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Lawrence Boo, LL.B (Hons), LL.M., Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Singapore

*Discussant:* Dr. Stefan Kröll, LL.M., R.I.Z., University of Cologne, Germany

11:45 – 12:45 **Recognition and Enforcement**

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Pilar Perales Viscasillas, University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

*Discussant:* Corinne Montineri, UNCITRAL, Vienna, Austria

12:45 – 13:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Prof. Dr. Norbert Horn, R.I.Z., University of Cologne, Germany

Renaud Sorieul, UNCITRAL, Vienna, Austria

13:00 - 14:30 *Lunch*

15:00 - 16:00 *Guided Tour of Cologne Cathedral*

All participants will be provided with a copy of the Draft Digest on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration.

Application for accreditation of this conference by the CLE Board in New York is currently pending.

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**Registration via attached Registration Form**

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