FIFTH MEETING OF TRADE MINISTERS OF LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES


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Some Key UNCITRAL texts

**Electronic commerce**
- Model Law - 70+ States adopted [9 LLDCs]
- Electronic Communications Convention – 7 States parties [2 LLDCs]

**Maritime transport**
- Rotterdam Rules - 3 parties, 25 signed (*not yet in force*)

**Dispute Resolution**
- Model Law on Arbitration - 72 States (102 jurisdictions)
- UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules
- New York Convention - 156 States parties [25 LLDCs]
- Model Law on Conciliation - 16 States (28 jurisdictions)
- Technical Notes on Online Dispute Resolution
Electronic Commerce

Model Law 3 fundamental principles: technological neutrality, non-discrimination of electronic means, functional equivalence

Paperless trade – quicker, easier, less expensive transactions

WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement – Article 10.4
‘Single window’ and ‘one-time submission’ – of all documents & data to customs/border crossing
Maritime Transport

‘Rotterdam Rules’ - The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea

Single multi-modal contract for any door-to-door carriage of goods that includes an international sea leg

Takes account of

- container transport (90% of world’s manufactured goods)
- use of electronic transport documents
Dispute Resolution

Arbitration and Mediation (Conciliation)
- quicker and less costly settlement of disputes

Expertise of arbitrators – not available in courts

Ready-made international enforcement regime for arbitral awards > the New York Convention

UNCITRAL Model Law > basis for national legislation

Online Dispute Resolution
UNCITRAL Website

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