

Celebrating 60 Years of the New York Convention



Status map

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958)



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Two main guiding ideas

- 1) **Go further than the Geneva Convention, while recognizing principles of justice and respect sovereign rights of States**
- 2) **Extent judicial control defined with precision**

-> text straightforward and Art 7



2205 (XXI). Establishment of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2102 (XX) of 20 December 1965, by which it requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session a comprehensive report on the progressive development of the law of international trade,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on that subject,⁸

Considering that international trade co-operation among States is an important factor in the promotion of friendly relations and, consequently, in the maintenance of peace and security,

Recalling its belief that the interests of all peoples, and particularly those of developing countries, demand the betterment of conditions favouring the extensive development of international trade,

Reaffirming its conviction that divergencies arising from the laws of different States in matters relating to international trade constitute one of the obstacles to the development of world trade.

Having noted with appreciation the efforts made by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations towards the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade by promoting the adoption of international conventions, uniform laws, standard contract provisions, general conditions of sale, standard trade terms and other measures,

Noting at the same time that progress in this area has not been commensurate with the importance and urgency of the problem, owing to a number of factors, in particular insufficient co-ordination and co-operation between the organizations concerned, their limited membership or authority and the small degree of participation in this field on the part of many developing countries,

Considering it desirable that the process of harmonization and unification of the law of international trade should be substantially co-ordinated, systematized and accelerated and that a broader participation should be secured in furthering progress in this area,

Convinced that it would therefore be desirable for the United Nations to play a more active role towards reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade,

Noting that such action would be properly within the scope and competence of the Organization under the terms of Article 1, paragraph 3, and Article 13, and of Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having in mind the responsibilities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the field of international trade,

Recalling that the Conference, in accordance with its General Principle Six,⁹ has a particular interest in promoting the establishment of rules furthering international trade as one of the most important factors in economic development,

Recognizing that there is no existing United Nations organ which is both familiar with this technical legal subject and able to devote sufficient time to work in this field,

Decides to establish a United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), which shall have for its object the promotion of the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade, in accordance with the provisions set forth in section II below;

*1497th plenary meeting,
17 December 1966.*

ission on International Trade Law

Dispute settlement texts



Study implementation

Implementation of the New York Convention

Note: Please provide copies of all relevant laws and regulations that relate to the implementation of the Convention in your country, in original language and, if possible, translations into English, French or Spanish. Whenever appropriate, please answer the questions below by referring to those laws and regulations.

A. Implementation of the Convention

1. How did the Convention gain the force of law in your country, binding your courts to apply it?

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1.1 Please specify whether the legislative action was limited to authorizing ratification or accession to the Convention, or whether that action included legislation implementing the Convention. (In case that the relevant action was not taken by the legislature but by another governmental body, please specify the action).

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1.1.1 Does the implementing legislation incorporate the text of the Convention or merely refer to it?

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1.1.2 If the text is incorporated, does the implementing legislation reproduce the text of the Convention or does it paraphrase it?

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1.1.3 In the event that the text of the Convention is paraphrased in the implementing legislation, what is the legal significance of the text of the Convention? For example, may, or must, the courts in your country rely on the text of the implementing legislation where it differs from the text appearing in the Convention?

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1.1.4 Does the text of the Convention, as implemented in your country, stand alone or is it incorporated into a larger text (e.g., a code of civil procedure)?

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1.1.5 If the implementing legislation is part of a broader legislative text, does this affect the practical implementation or interpretation of the Convention?



GA Resolution 62/65 - 2007

“Arbitration as a method of settling disputes.... Contributing to harmonious commercial relations, stimulating international trade and development and promoting the rule of law at the international and national levels”



And therefore the GA

- requests

the Secretary-General to increase efforts to promote wider adherence to the Convention and its uniform interpretation and effective implementation.



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the Recognition and Enforcement
of Foreign Arbitral Awards
(New York, 1958)

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This website was created to host information on the implementation of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards signed in New York on 10 June 1958, with a view of promoting its uniform and effective application throughout the world.

The website provides access to the case-law from a number of jurisdictions on the application of the Convention by domestic courts as well as information on the ratification of the Convention by selected States.

This website was developed by Shearman & Sterling and Columbia Law School, in cooperation with UNCITRAL.

Advantages of the NY Convention

Numerous indicators



Helps to boost trade and development

Good tool for countries seeking FDI

Creates legal certainty and stability for stakeholders

Ford joins rush of American companies to Myanmar

by Charles Riley @CRrileyCNN

April 30, 2013: 5:44 AM ET

30.04.2013



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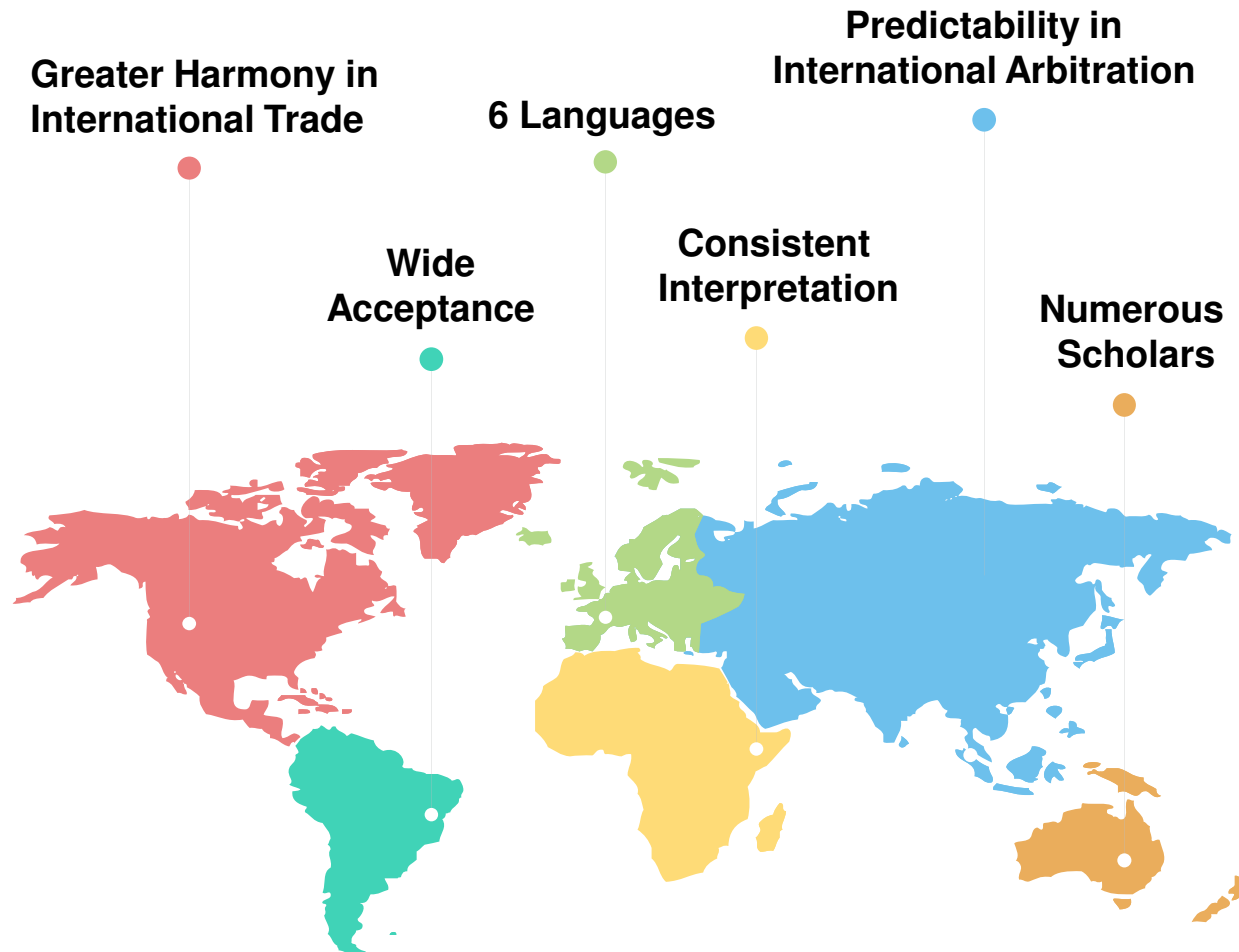
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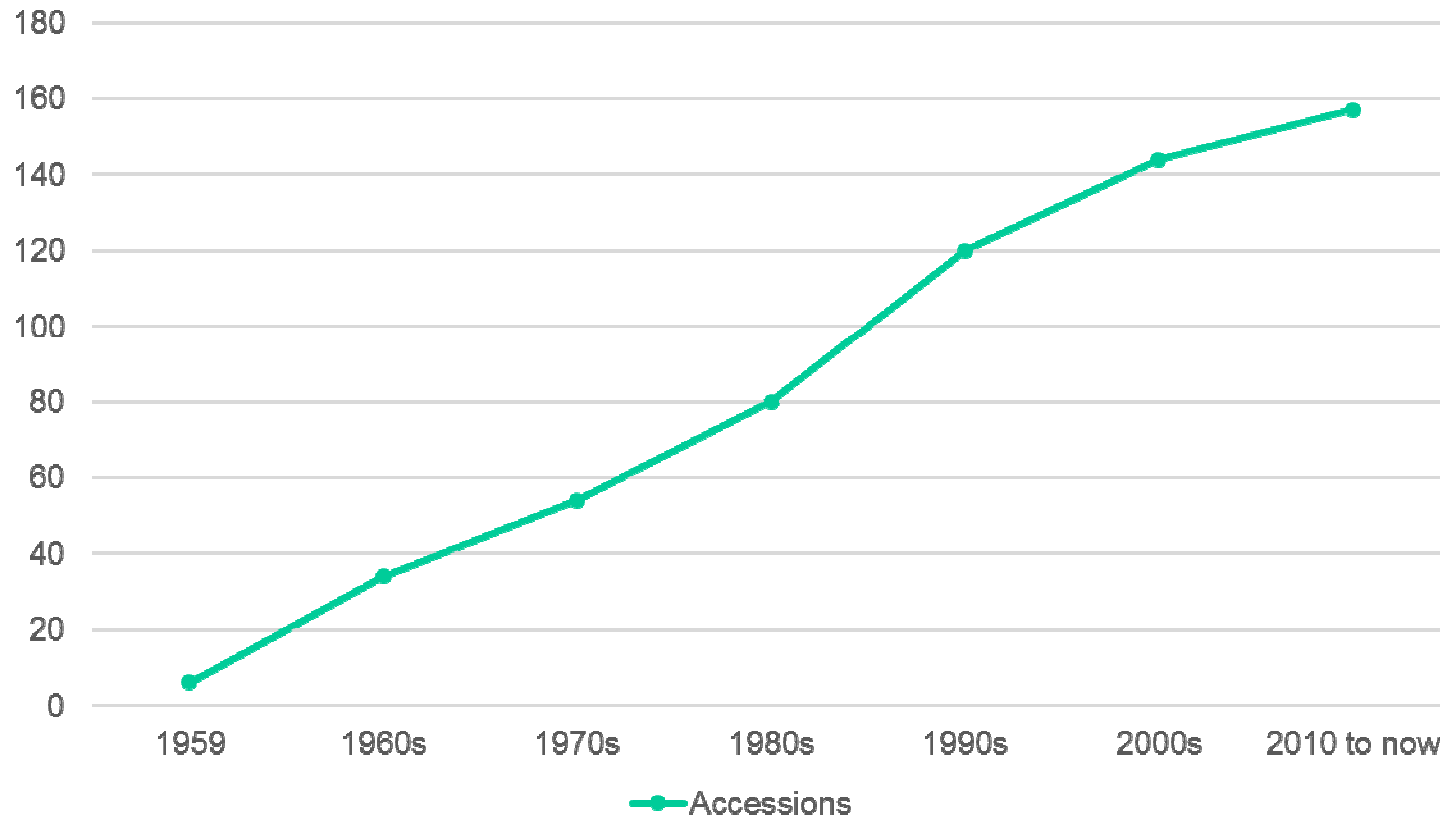
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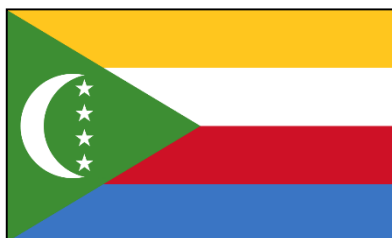
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OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL AWARDS



UNITED NATIONS
1958

(25 December 1958)

Mr. Guillaume Georges-Picot (left),
France's Permanent Representative to
the UN and Mr. Constantin A.
Stavropoulos



(29 December 1958)

Ambassador Sobolev,
the USSR's Permanent
Representative to the
United Nations, Mr.
Pisarev, of the USSR's
Permanent Mission and
Mr. Constantin A.
Stavropoulos (right),
UN Legal Counsel

Thank You!

