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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation would like to express its appreciation to the Chairman of the thirty-fifth session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Mr. Henry Smart of Sierra Leone, for this wise stewardship as well as for his comprehensive statement on the report of the Commission.

In beginning this new century, international trade can have a profound and powerful impact as an engine of growth in all countries, including the developing nations. As in its past accomplishment, international trade, in terms of development and eradication of poverty, has been playing an important role. We believe the UNCITRAL's role to build a better and a just order in international trade is undeniable.

Indonesia reiterates its support for the mandate of UNCITRAL in the codification and development of international trade law, while taking into consideration the interests and needs of developing countries. We extend our appreciation for the programmes regarding training and technical assistance and earnestly hope that such efforts will be sustained and further enhanced. My delegation is gratified by the report of UNCITRAL in development of the system established by UNCITRAL for chronicling and disseminating court decisions and arbitral awards based on its model laws and conventions.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation commends the work of the Commission and the Secretariat for the progress made on various items on its agenda since the 53rd Session of the General Assembly. This has included, the UNCTRAL Model Law on international commercial conciliation, privately financed infrastructure projects, electronic commerce, insolvency law, transport law as well as the ongoing work on training and technical assistance rendered to Member States by the Secretariat.

On the UNCITRAL Model Law on international commercial conciliation, we are pleased to note the thirty-fifth session of Commission has concluded the deliberation to finalize this model law. My delegation support the recommendation to request the Secretary General to transmit the text of the UNCITRAL Model law on Commercial Conciliation to governments and other interested bodies. We believe this model law is important, particularly for developing nations such as Indonesia.

Turning to privately financed infrastructure projects, my delegation believes that the draft legislative recommendations contain important elements and constitute a firm foundation for future endeavors aimed at giving even more concrete guidance to countries with economies in transition and, for developing countries in general. Such endeavors are timely initiatives for assisting member States in both private and public sectors. We believe this model of legislative provisions would be useful to strengthen the UNCITRAL legislative guidance on privately financial infrastructure projects.

With regard to the topic of electronic commerce, my delegation again supports the widely held view of future work to be undertaken on main areas by UNCITRAL given the rapid development of this field. Such efforts on electronic contracting, dispute settlement and demilitarization of documents of title for the transport industry are all areas that would be beneficial to the international community and we are appreciative of the attention accorded by UNCITRAL and its Working Groups. On the insolvency law, we concur with the report of the UNCITRAL that Working group to continue its work with a view to produce draft legislative guide for insolvency regime.

Mr. Chairman,

In the issue the enlargement of membership of UNCITRAL, my delegation position is widely known. Along with other Asia States and alike, Indonesia is in favor of the enlargement of membership of UNCITRAL. We believe, it is timely and as the United Nations body, the membership of UNCITRAL should take into consideration the principle of equitable distribution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.