



# Uncitral

## Covid & Dispute resolution



# What is UNCITRAL?

**Inter-governmental body with limited membership**

→ The core legal body of the UN system in the field of private international trade/commercial law

Established by the United Nations General Assembly  
(Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966)



# Membership

- **70 member States**

- Elected by the UN General Assembly for a term of 6 years
- Every 3 years terms of ½ of the members expire
- Ensure representation of the world's various geographic regions and its principal economic and legal systems with following allocation:



**16** from Africa

**16** from the Asia-Pacific region

**12** from Latin-America and the Caribbean

**10** from Eastern Europe

**16** from “Western Europe and Others”

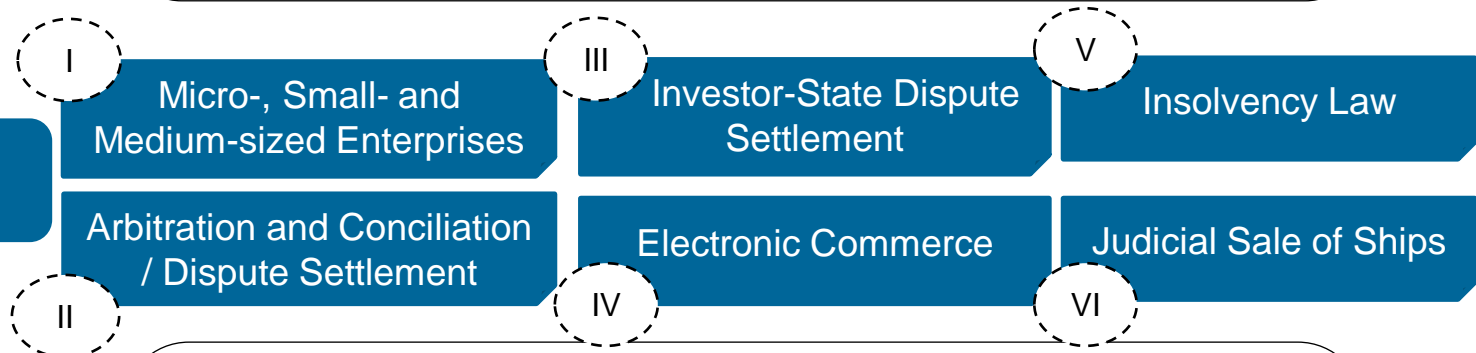
- **Observer States and organizations**

# Organizational structure

## Commission

- Annual sessions held alternately in New York and Vienna
- Work at the sessions:
  - Finalization and adoption of draft texts referred by the WGs
  - Consideration of progress reports of the WGs
  - Selection of topics for future work or research
  - Reporting on technical assistance activities

## WGs



## Secretariat

- International Trade Law Division of the OLA of the UN
- Supports the work of the Commission and the WGs through variety of activities including:
  - Preparation of studies, reports and draft texts
  - Legal research and drafting and revision of working papers and legislative texts
  - Administrative services

# UNCITRAL Arbitration Framework

UNCITRAL UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

UNCITRAL  
Notes on Organizing  
Arbitral Proceedings

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

UNCITRAL UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

UNCITRAL Model Law on  
International Commercial  
Arbitration

1985  
With amendments  
as adopted in 2006

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UNCITRAL  
Arbitration Rules  
Expedited Arbitration Rules  
Rules on Transparency  
in Treaty-based  
Investor-State  
Arbitration

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Recommendations  
to assist arbitral institutions and  
other interested bodies with regard  
to arbitration under the UNCITRAL  
Arbitration Rules  
(as revised in 2010)

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

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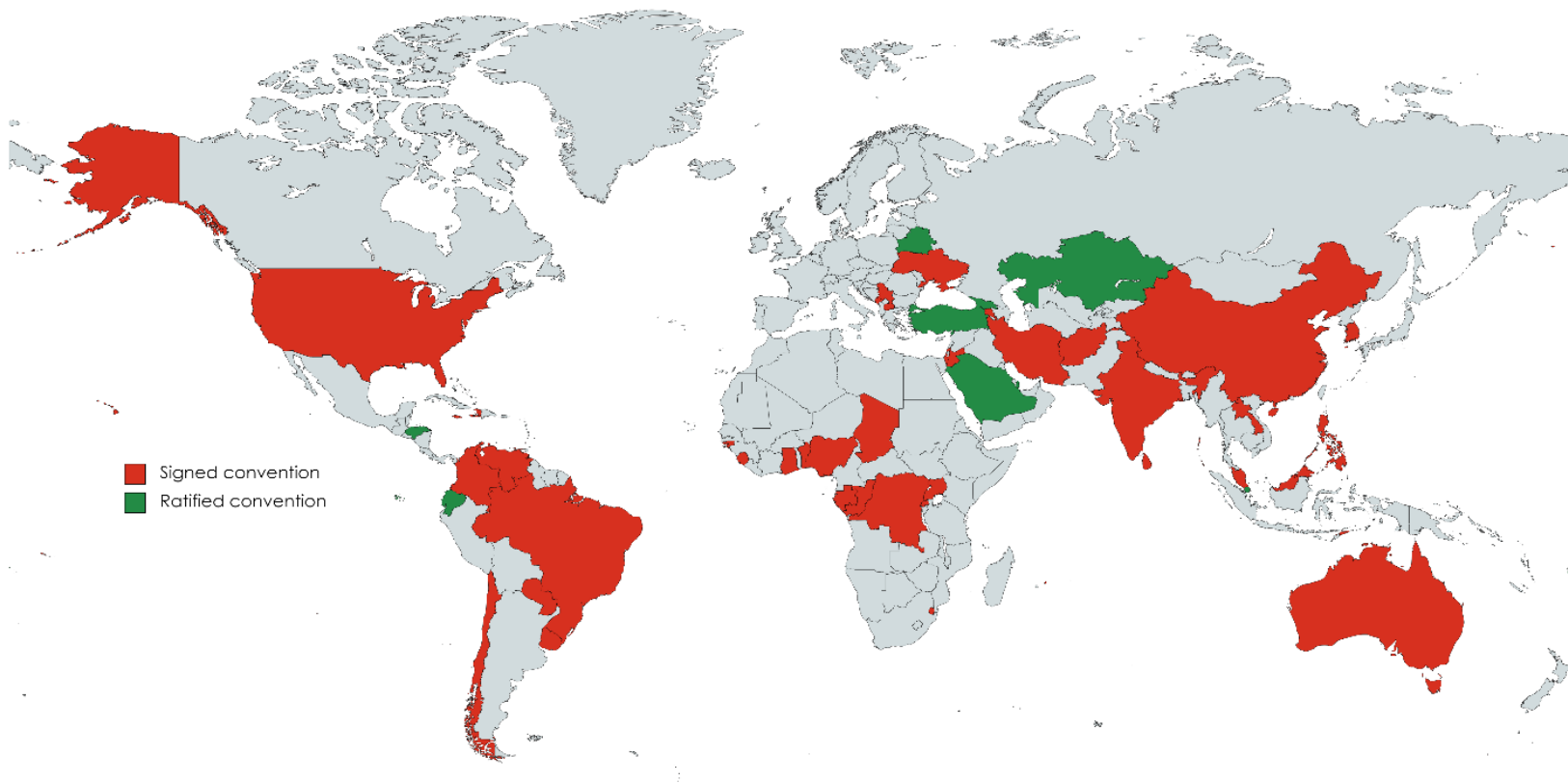
# The Singapore Convention on Mediation

This convention was adopted on 20 December 2018 and

opened for signature on 7 August 2019

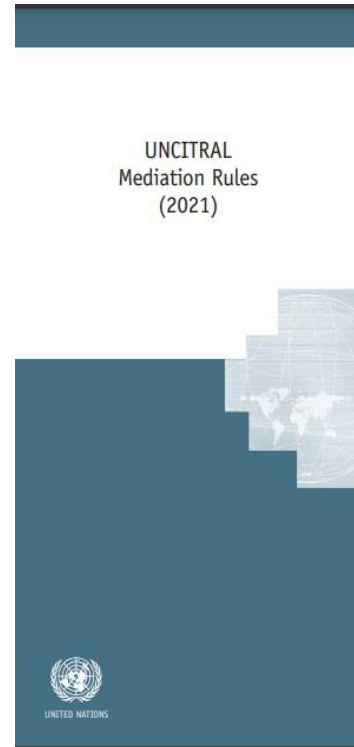
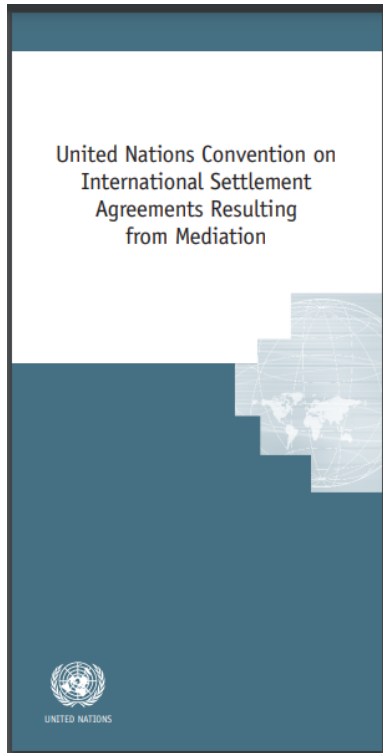
As of 21 June 2022, 55 States have signed the Convention,

10 of which have ratified



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# Mediation framework



# PURPOSE OF MAL, MML

- **Creates the basis for a solid domestic arbitration/mediation regime.**
- **Constitutes a sound basis for harmonization and modernization of national laws.**
- **Permits flexibility in enactment and allows for local adaptation.**



## WHAT DO THE MODEL LAWS OFFER?

- 1. Based on international expertise**
- 2. MAL: Updated 2006, MML: Updated 2018**
- 3. Adopted by many jurisdictions**
- 4. Abundant resources for application and interpretation**
- 5. Widely known**

# TRAVAUX PRÉPARATOIRES

## Additional Resources

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- [Text of the Model Law \(amended in 2006\) - Explanatory Note](#)
- [Text of the Model Law \(original 1985 version\)](#)
- [Status](#)
- [Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts \(Clout\)](#)
- [UNCITRAL 2012 Digest of Case Law on the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration](#)
- [General Assembly resolution 61/33 \(2006\)](#)
- [General Assembly resolution 40/72 \(1985\)](#)
- [Travaux préparatoires](#)



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## Additional Resources

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- [Text with Guide to Enactment and Use](#) (2018)
- [Text](#) (2002)
- [Status](#)
- [General Assembly resolution 57/18](#)
- [General Assembly resolution 73/199](#)
- [Travaux préparatoires](#)



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