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Dear Pieter:

I am sorry that I was away when your first telex arrived and your second telex happily advising that the problem had been solved came just as I was about to send the material by telex to you. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in letting me know that it was not needed.

I am enclosing a copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly recommending the use of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. This is a copy of the material which I have submitted to International Legal Materials and which they may possibly publish. You may also wish to include it in the Yearbook and will certainly want to have it for your own files. The headline and the footnote marked \* are both additions by me. The balance is a xerox from the Report of the Sixth Committee. I imagine that the Resolution will be included in the Report of the General Assembly on the work of the 31st Session but I do not have a copy of that report nor do I know its exact title or UN Document Number. However, I am sure that Willem Vis could give us this information if it becomes necessary.

Warm regards,

Cordially,

  
Howard M. Holtzmann

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enclosure

RESOLUTION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RECOMMENDING THE USE OF THE UNCITRAL ARBITRATION RULES\*

Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on  
International Trade Law

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the value of arbitration as a method of settling disputes arising in the context of international commercial relations,

Being convinced that the establishment of rules for ad hoc arbitration that are acceptable in countries with different legal, social and economic systems would significantly contribute to the development of harmonious international economic relations,

Bearing in mind that the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law have been prepared after extensive consultation with arbitral institutions and centres of international commercial arbitration,

Noting that the Arbitration Rules were adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its ninth session 4/ after due deliberation,

1. Recommends the use of the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law in the settlement of disputes arising in the context of international commercial relations, particularly by reference to the Arbitration Rules in commercial contracts;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to arrange for the widest possible distribution of the Arbitration Rules.

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4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/31/17), chap. V, sect. C.

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\* The text of this Resolution appears in the Report of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly on the "Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the Work of its Ninth Session" (UN Doc. A/31/390, par.49, December 10, 1976) The action of the General Assembly in approving the resolution (Res. 31/98) on December 15, 1976 is shown in the Provisional Verbatim Record of the Thirty-First Session of the General Assembly (UN Doc. A/31/PV.99, page 17, December 15, 1976) and is reported in the Journal of the United Nations (UN Doc. 76/243, Part II, page 2, December 16, 1976).