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Dear Ms. Visconte,

I would like to refer to your letter requesting that the *Comitê Brasileiro de Arbitragem* (CBAr) be invited to participate as an observer to sessions of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement).

I am pleased to inform you that, upon review of the information supplied, CBAr will be included in the list of non-governmental organizations eligible for invitation to the sessions of that Working Group. Starting from the next sessions of Working Groups II (New York, 16-20 February 2026), CBAr should receive invitations from us to attend the sessions as an observer.

Observers do not participate in the decision-taking but upon invitation by the chairperson of the session may be invited to take the floor to represent the views of the organization on matters where they have expertise or international experience so as to facilitate the deliberations. Invitations to sessions that CBAr will receive, usually a month before any given session, explain the conditions and procedures to be fulfilled for attendance and provide a web link to a provisional agenda and other documents of the session.

Please note that the secretariat operates under the overall control by the Commission that may decide against the secretariat continuing inviting to sessions any particular organization. In addition, when logistical constraints (such as limited capacity of a conference room assigned to a UNCITRAL meeting) are present, the secretariat may need to exercise its discretion in selecting from the eligible organizations those best meeting the criteria below:

"(a) the organization is international in focus and membership; (b) ability of the organization to contribute meaningfully to the deliberations at the session in view of the organization's recognized competence or interest in the subject matter under consideration at the session and its role in representing a particular sector or industry; and (c) legal or commercial experience to be reported upon by the organization, which is not represented by other organizations already participating in the session. The goal is to achieve in sum a balanced representation at the sessions of the major viewpoints or interests in the relevant fields from all areas and regions of the world."

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You may wish to note that the Commission places great importance on furthering cooperation with non-governmental organizations and academic institutions and stimulating UNCITRAL-related research. It has thus called on invited non-governmental organizations "to donate copies of their journals, annual reports and other publications to the UNCITRAL Law Library for review" (A/68/17, para. 244, and A/70/17, para. 264).

I look forward to our cooperation, which I hope will turn out to be productive and mutually beneficial.

Yours sincerely,

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The Secretary

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