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**U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law
(ACPIL): Public Meeting in Advance of Meeting of United Nations Commission on
International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group I-Micro, Small, and
Medium-Sized Enterprises**

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, hereby gives notice that the Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) study group of the Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) will hold a public meeting via teleconference to discuss the next session of the UNCITRAL Working Group I scheduled for March 12-16 in New York. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

UNCITRAL has established a working group aimed at reducing the legal obstacles faced by MSMEs throughout their life cycle, and in particular those in developing countries. UNCITRAL further directed that the work should start with a focus on the legal issues surrounding the simplification of registration and incorporation. At its upcoming session, the UNCITRAL Working Group I will attempt to complete consideration of a draft legislative guide on key principles of business registration (UN Doc. A/CN.9/WG.I/WP.106) and an introductory paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled "Reducing the legal obstacles faced by MSMEs" (UN Doc.

A/CN.9/WG.I/WP.107). Once those tasks had been completed, the Working Group would resume its consideration of the draft legislative guide on an UNCITRAL Limited Liability Organization found in documents A/CN.9/WG.I/WP.99 and A/ CN.9/WG.I/WP.99/Add.1. Draft texts, along with the reports of earlier sessions of the Working Group will be available at http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/commission/working_groups/IMSME.html.

Time and Place: The ACPIL public meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT via teleconference.

Public Participation: Those planning to participate should email pil@state.gov to obtain the call-in number.

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