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## Theme of Congress

# New Trends in the Development of International Commercial Arbitration and the Role of Arbitral and Other Institutions

### Themes of the four Working Groups:

#### *1. Contributions which Conventions, Treaties and Agreements among Institutions Can Make to the Development of Arbitration*

This Working Group will explore the contributions which can be made to arbitration by multilateral conventions, bilateral treaties, model laws and co-operative arrangements between arbitral institutions. While past discussions have mainly focused on enforcing foreign arbitral awards, this Working Group will for the first time systematically analyze the role of other international instruments.

Chairman: Dr. Melis, Austria

Speakers: Prof. Lebedev, USSR

*(Conventions and Treaties)*

Mr. Coulson, USA

*(Inter-institutional Agreements)*

#### *2. Resolving Disputes Involving Commodities and Raw Materials*

This Working Group will consider the differences in quality arbitration practices in various parts of the world, the contributions of institutions in resolving commodity disputes and arbitration trends in important fields of international commerce involving raw materials.

Chairman: Mr. Krishnamurthi, India

Speakers: Dr. Glossner, FR Germany

*(Quality Arbitration)*

Mrs. Pamela Kirby-Johnson, UK

*(Commodities and Raw Materials)*

Prof. Jakubowski, Poland\*

*(Commodities and Raw Materials)*

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\* As mentioned by Prof. Sanders in his Welcoming Address, Professor Jakubowski passed away before his Report could be delivered.

Me. Lakhdari, Algeria  
(*Commodities and Raw Materials*)

3. *New Methods for Resolving International Commercial Disputes*

The creation by the United Nations of Conciliation Rules points to a new emphasis on resolving disputes without recourse to arbitration. In addition, there are recent institutional arrangements for helping to settle disputes by the use of technical expertise or through procedures for adapting contracts to changed conditions. These techniques and their relation to arbitration will be reviewed by this Working Group.

Chairman: Mr. Holtzmann, USA

Speakers: Dr. Herrmann, UNCITRAL Secretariat

(*Conciliation*)

Mr. Shao Xunyi, PR China

(*Conciliation*)

Mr. Derains, France

(*Technical Expertise; Référé Arbitral*)

Prof. Bernini, Italy

(*Adaptation of Contracts*)

Prof. Stalev, Bulgaria

(*Adaptation of Contracts*)

4. *Developments in Maritime Arbitration*

This Working Group will discuss the role of the network of maritime arbitration institutions. It will also consider the effect on arbitration of international maritime conventions, such as the UN Hamburg Rules and UNCTAD Code, and will review other current issues in maritime arbitration.

Chairman: Dr. Hanák, Czechoslovakia

Speakers: Prof. Berlingieri, Italy

(*Role of Maritime Arbitral Institutions*)

Prof. Strohbach, GDR

(*Role of Maritime Arbitral Institutions*)

Dr. Trappe, FR Germany

(*Legal Issues in the Maritime Arbitration*)

Mr. Barclay, UK

(*Practical Experience in Maritime Arbitration*)