



COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

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Presidents of NMLA's, Executive Council,
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Dear All

UNCITRAL

I am delighted to report that UNCITRAL has on 29 June given a mandate to (probably) Working Group VI to study the subject of "Cross-border issues related to the Judicial sale of ships".

It is likely that work will commence during the course of next year.

This has been a huge team effort from CMI - particularly the original work of the International Working Group and Subcommittee led by Henry Li, Jonathan Lux and Andrew Robinson, Ann Fenech and Alexander von Ziegler in organising the Malta Colloquium as well as their attendance and representations in New York this week, and the MLAs who persuaded their governments to speak in favour of the proposal that UNCITRAL take on this work.

The countries who voiced support at the meeting on 29 June were Argentina, Australia, China, Columbia, India, Singapore, Switzerland and USA. (UNIDROIT also expressed support).

Thank you to everyone who contributed whether you were successful or not in persuading your governments. The fact that there were so few negative comments was due to the hard work that had been done by so many people.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Hetherington".

Stuart Hetherington