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Dear Presidents

Re: ***Meeting Notes for the 38th Session of UNCITRAL Working Group VI
Judicial Sales - Vienna 19th - 23rd April 2020***

First of all I hope you and your families and friends are well. I cannot quite believe that over one year later so many of us are still living in these challenging times as a result of this global pandemic.

In the meantime, and further to my last report which was reproduced in the Newsletter only recently, the 38th session of UNCITRAL Working Group VI will be taking place between the 19th and 23rd April. This session has indeed crept up on us all very suddenly because the 3rd Annotated Draft only came out less than one month ago.

Due to the Pandemic, the Secretariat was not quite sure until very recently how this next 38th Session would pan out. It was originally scheduled to take place in New York. However it was decided that in fact the session would take place in Vienna, similar to the last session in December 2020. All delegations will be joining virtually via the Interprefy platform except for the UNCITRAL secretariat which will be present in the room.

As you will see from the 3rd Annotated Revision, a great deal of progress has been made and I would like to think that we are now approaching the “fine tuning stage.” Such progress was registered that the Chair expressed the view that ***“the Working Group should be in a position to complete a final draft of the instrument in 2021, which would then be circulated to governments for comments before being submitted to the Commission for approval and transmitted to the General Assembly for adoption in the second half of 2022.”***

As we have done prior to the 36th Session and the 37th Session, our IWG has been working on producing a set of CMI meeting notes for the forthcoming 38th session. Following the first 35th session it became apparent to us that it would

be useful for CMI to start to produce these Meeting Notes prior to the forthcoming sessions and to distribute same amongst all national maritime law associations asking these to try to ensure that these meeting notes were reviewed by the members of their State delegations or the delegations of the various NGO's attending the sessions.

Your feedback on the usefulness of these notes has been truly encouraging and we have therefore produced the CMI Meeting Notes for Vienna – April 2021 – attached.

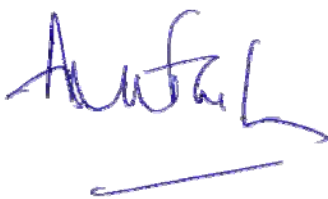
We would also like to strongly encourage you to share and discuss these meeting notes with the delegates of your respective countries in the hope that they find them helpful and useful in the deliberations at the coming April session.

I would also like to repeat that your efforts in explaining the importance of this Draft Convention to your State delegates has born much fruit; we have over the past sessions seen a greatly heightened level of involvement and participation by numerous delegations who were perhaps rather cold towards this project to start with and who are now participating wholeheartedly and making very valid contributions, fully understanding the importance of an international Convention on the Effects of Judicial sale of Ships.

Needless to say, this is a very important project for CMI which in my view captures the entire raison d'être of the CMI and which continues to underline the importance of CMI on the stage of international maritime law.

Many thanks for all your efforts.

Yours sincerely



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