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STATEMENT

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**Mr. Chair,**

My delegation is particularly pleased to comment on the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) carried out during its 53<sup>rd</sup> session, noting the business continuity strides despite the challenges of the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

At the outset, let me thank the Chair of the Commission for the 53<sup>rd</sup> session, **Mr. Eric Anderson Machado** of Peru for introducing the report **A/75/17**. We also thank the Secretary, **Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret**, for her leadership; and the Secretariat for the facilitation of the work of the Commission and its Working Groups.

The delegation of Sierra Leone notes with interest the important work done by the Commission as detailed in its report, including the decisions adopted by States members of UNCITRAL in accordance with the procedure for taking decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic adopted on 8 June 2020. We take this opportunity to note the exceptional and temporary nature of the procedure, which should not and does not set a precedent. We also take note of

With recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards seen as an important tool to protect investors and to promote foreign direct investments, the accession together with

