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**AT THE RECEPTION TO INTRODUCE MALAYSIA'S CANDIDATURE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW
(UNCITRAL) FOR THE TERM 2019 – 2025**

NEW YORK, 6 DECEMBER 2018

**Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good evening and welcome to the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the UN.

Thank you for coming on a busy Thursday evening during this period of the year. Your presence today is very much appreciated.

2. Allow me to make some brief remarks on Malaysia's candidature to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for the term 2019 – 2025. If we are again given the privilege to serve as a member, this would be our third consecutive term since 2007.

3. Malaysia strongly believes that the Commission is an important platform for the promotion of progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law.

4. Furthermore, Malaysia views the UNCITRAL as the core legal body within the United Nations system that could increase coordination and cooperation, as well as promote the rule of law in the field of international trade law, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5. Malaysia will continue to make substantive contributions to the UNCITRAL, if we are re-elected to the Commission.

6. In brief, Malaysia's aspirations and pledges include:

- i. To work constructively in promoting the progressive harmonization and unification of international law;
- ii. To continue working with the United Nations and the international community to promote the use and adoption of legislative and non-legislative instruments in key areas of commercial law; and
- iii. To contribute positively to the six Working Groups of the Commission.

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7. In line with our firm commitment to UNCITRAL, Malaysia has acceded to and adopted various documents pertaining to international trade law.

8. At the regional and international level, the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) has been established in Kuala Lumpur.

9. This Centre, formerly known as the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA), is the first in the world to adopt the UNCITRAL Rules for Arbitration. It is a neutral and independent avenue for the conduct of domestic and international arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) proceedings.

11. Last but not least, Malaysia has consistently supported United Nations resolutions related to international trade law, while participating actively in all meetings of the six Working Groups of UNCITRAL held in New York and Vienna.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

12. Thank you once again for coming. We count on your support to our bid to the UNCITRAL for the term 2019 – 2025.

13. I now would like to invite you to have some Malaysian delicacies that have been prepared.

14. Thank you and have a good evening.