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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE OF THE TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE (SERVICES AND INVESTMENT)

SUBJECT: 36th Session of UNCITRAL Working Group III - Investor-State Dispute

Settlement Reform (Vienna, 29 October – 2 November 2018)

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OBJECTIVE: For information and action

## **REMARKS:**

Delegations will find annexed to this note an *argumentaire* setting out the main advantages of establishing a permanent two-tier system as opposed to an appeal mechanism only, in view of the next meeting of UNCITRAL Working Group III (Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform) that will take place on 29 October to 2 November 2018 in Vienna.

Member State delegates are informed that EU co-ordination meetings are scheduled every morning in room C0229 at the Vienna International Centre at 8.30 am. Information on these meetings has also been sent out via the Agora system.

Member States which still have not done so are requested to inform the Commission of their delegates to UNCITRAL Working Group III and to provide their contact details, particularly mobile phone numbers on which their delegates could be contacted during the UNCITRAL meeting. Member States are invited to send these details (name, e-mail and mobile phone number) by e-mail to <a href="mailto:@ec.europa.eu">@ec.europa.eu</a>.

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