



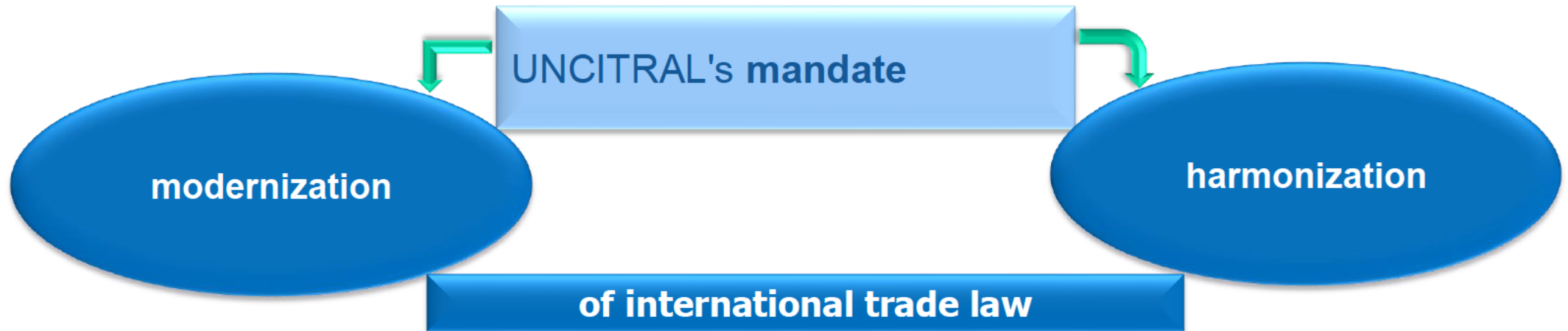
Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) Reform

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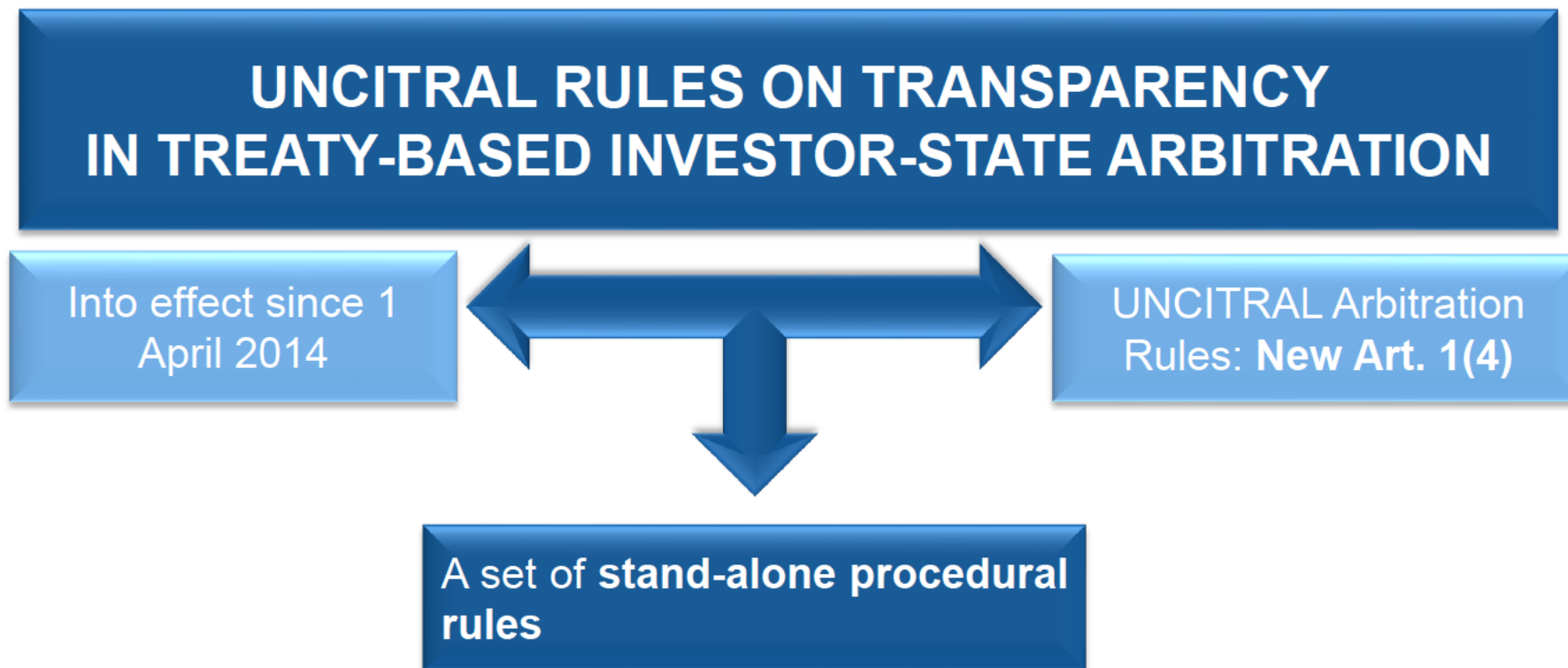
Inter-governmental body with universal membership

The core legal body of the UN system in the field of private international trade law

Established by the United Nations General Assembly (Resolution 2205 (XXI) of
17 December 1966

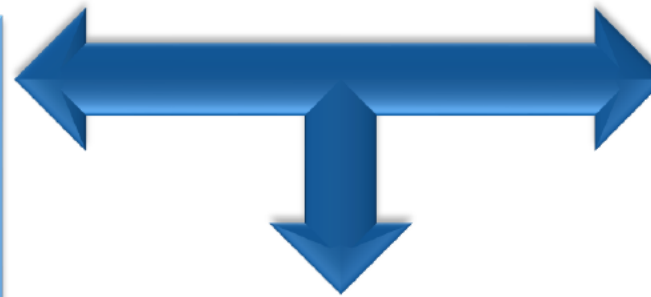


UNCITRAL Transparency Standards



**UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON TRANSPARENCY IN
TREATY-BASED INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION (NEW
YORK, 2014)
(THE "MAURITIUS CONVENTION ON TRANSPARENCY")**

The applicability of the
UNCITRAL Arbitration
Rules is not relevant



Reservations:

- Specific investment treaty
- Specific set of arbitral rules other than UNCITRAL

The Convention
supplements all existing
investment treaties with
respect to transparency-
related obligations

Mandate of Working Group III (2017)

“The Commission entrusted Working Group III with a broad mandate to work on the possible reform of investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS). In line with the UNCITRAL process, Working Group III would, in discharging that mandate, ensure that the deliberations, while benefiting from the widest possible breadth of available expertise from all stakeholders, would be government-led with high-level input from all governments, consensus-based and be fully transparent.

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The Working Group would proceed to : first, **identify and consider concerns regarding ISDS**; second, **consider whether reform was desirable** in light of any identified concerns; and third, if the Working Group were to conclude that reform was desirable, **develop any relevant solutions to be recommended to the Commission. (...).**”

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Working Group III

2017 to present: Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform

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Schedule of next meeting:

34th session, 27 November - 1 December 2017, Vienna



Sessions of Working Group III

Vienna, 27 November – 1 December 2017

New York, 23 – 27 April 2018

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