



Highlights of commission work in 2016

Publication and Launch of the Report on International Arbitration and Financial Institutions

The report, officially unveiled at a launch event in Rome on 8 November 2016, reflects financial institutions' perceptions and experience of international arbitration, and includes a set of recommendations for tailoring the arbitration procedure to suit the needs of the banking and finance sector.

Expedited Rules for Small Claims and other proposed changes to the ICC Arbitration Rules

Amendments to the ICC Rules of Arbitration have been made with the aim of further increasing the efficiency and transparency of ICC arbitrations. This revision, which was an initiative from the Court, was laid before the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR at its fall meeting in Washington September 2016. Launched on 8 December 2016, the revised rules will apply from 1 March 2017, and provide for expedited procedure rules for cases of lower value.

Revision of the Rules of ICC as Appointing Authority in UNCITRAL or other Ad Hoc Arbitration Proceedings

A Task Force in cooperation with the Secretariat to the Court has produced new drafts of the Rules, while extending the scope of Services provided by ICC as Appointing Authority and is now nearing completion.

Report on IT in International Arbitration

This Task Force was constituted in 2002 and produced in 2004, among other documents, a report called "Issues to be considered when Using IT in International Arbitration". An updated version of the Report was approved by the Commission in April 2016 to take into account the rapid changes in information technology since 2004, and will be published in 2017.

Other commission work

Task Force on Trusts and International Arbitration

In 2008, the Task Force produced an arbitration clause for trusts disputes together with an explanatory note. Due to developments since then, the Task Force is currently working on an update of this work.

Task Force on National Rules of Procedure for Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Awards pursuant to the New York Convention of 1958 – Third Edition of the Guide

The Guide is a practical resource for international arbitration practitioners and users, designed to be consulted as a first step when considering recognition and enforcement of foreign awards in one or more countries. The Guide currently covers 79 countries and is currently being updated for a Third edition.

Task Force on Emergency Arbitrator Proceedings

Created in 2015 to study the experience to date under the ICC emergency arbitration provisions, as well as the experience of other institutions offering these kinds of proceedings. The Task Force's findings will be of use to any party, counsel or arbitrator involved, or considering being involved, in emergency arbitrator proceedings. The Task Force met 3 times in 2016.

Task Force on Maximizing the Probative Value of Witness Evidence

Announced following the Guest Speech of Toby Landau QC on 'Unreliable Recollections, False Memories and Witness Testimony', the Task Force established in 2016 has sparked a tremendous level of interest, and counts 108 members. The first meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 28 February 2017.



The Commission has participated in visits from representatives of National Committees from Austria, Germany, Ireland, Portugal, Qatar, Switzerland, Ukraine, among others.

Looking ahead 2017



- Spring Plenary Session - 25 April, 2017, Paris, France
- Fall Plenary Session - 7 October, 2017 Sydney, Australia