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Overview of UNCITRAL Model law -Focusing on Cambodia's Commercial Code-

Scope of Commercial Rules to be
Incorporated into Cambodia's Commercial Code

Symposium on Cambodia's Commercial Code

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The Significance of Alignment with the UNCITRAL Model Laws



Legal uniformity



Reduction of legal
uncertainty



Modernization of
legislation



Facilitation of
international trade
and investment



Easy access to
extensive materials



Availability of
technical
assistance

Status of UNCITRAL Model Laws



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Overview of the status of UNCITRAL Conventions and Model Laws

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States	UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (1985), with amendments as adopted in 2006 ¹	UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement of Goods, Construction and Services (1994)	UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce (1996)	UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (1997) ⁶	UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Signatures (2001)	UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Conciliation (2002) (see also 2018 amended version) ¹	UNCITRAL Model Law on Public Procurement (2011) ⁴	UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions (2016)	UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (2017)	UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (2018) (amending 2002 version)	UNCITRAL model Law on the Use and Cross-Border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services (2022)
Bangladesh	x	x	x								
Barbados	x ¹		x		x						
Belarus	x						x				
Belgium	x ¹					x				x ⁵	
Belize			x	x					x		
Benin				x		x				x ⁵	
Bhutan	x ¹		x		x	x				x ⁵	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)											
Bosnia and Herzegovina											
Botswana			x		x						
Brazil				x							
Brunei Darussalam	x ¹		x								
Bulgaria	x										
Burkina Faso				x		x				x ⁵	
Burundi											
Cabo Verde			x		x						
Cambodia	x		x								
Cameroon				x		x				x ⁵	
Canada	x ^{1,3}		x ³	x		x ³					
Central African Republic				x		x				x ⁵	
Chad				x		x				x ⁵	
Chile	x			x							
China	x ^{1,3}	x	x		x				x		
Colombia			x	x	x			x			

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Nigeria	x ¹	x						x			
North Macedonia	x					x				x ⁵	
Norway	x										
Oman	x		x		x						
Pakistan			x								
Palau											
Panama			x	x							
Papua New Guinea			x		x			x	x		
Paraguay	x		x		x				x		
Peru	x ¹				x						
Philippines	x		x	x				x			
Poland	x	x		x							
Portugal											
Qatar	x		x		x						
Republic of Korea	x ¹		x	x							

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To assist States and other users in these steps and to support the use of UNCITRAL texts, UNCITRAL engages in three main areas of technical assistance:

- Raising awareness and promoting the adoption of UNCITRAL texts
- Providing assistance and advisory services to States, such as providing gap analyses to assess needs for commercial law reform and legislative drafting (e.g. Tuvalu)
- Building capacity to use and implement UNCITRAL texts through activities such as training legal practitioners and the judiciary





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