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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION
AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL AWARDS (ITEM 4 OF
THE AGENDA)

United Kingdom: amendments to the draft Convention

1. Article I, paragraph 2:

Delete the word "Contracting" appearing in lines 1, 5 and 8 of the printed text (E/2704 and Corr.1) and also redraft article I, paragraph 2 as follows:

"2. Any State may, upon signing, ratifying or acceding to this Convention *or ratifying extension under article IX hereof, declare that it will apply *or extend the Convention only to the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards made in the territory of another Contracting State. Similarly, any State may declare that it will apply *or extend the Convention only to disputes arising out of contracts which are considered as commercial under the national law of the State making such declaration, *or in the case of extension under the law of the territory to which the Convention is being extended."

2. Article II:

Delete the word "Contracting" in the first line of this article.

* The underlined words will be necessary if and when article IX is accepted by the Conference.