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**Mandate for the consolidation of the Explanatory Report**

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The Explanatory Report adopted by the General Assembly describes the origins of COTIF 1999 and serves as a reference document for the application of the provisions of COTIF. It is a useful aid to interpretation within the meaning of Article 31 § 2 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 23 May 1969. Following the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the Revision Committee, several dozen pages of additional explanatory material were added to the Report concerning Articles 9 and 27 of COTIF and the amended Appendices E, F and G (additional Explanatory Report).

In order to improve the readability and consistency of the Report, a consolidated version of the Explanatory Report will be prepared on the basis of existing law.

Moreover, the Explanatory Report should be updated and revised editorially to take account of developments in the legal context, including those parts of the Convention that have not been amended in this round of revision. The terminology used in the Explanatory Report should also be adapted, as has been done in the text of the Convention and its Appendices.

### **Proposal for decision:**

The Revision Committee instructs the Secretary General:

- to update, editorially review and adapt the existing text of the Explanatory Report on COTIF and its Appendices;
- to revise the Explanatory Report to incorporate the explanatory documents approved by the Revision Committee in order to provide a consolidated text;
- to submit the revised Explanatory Report to the next General Assembly.