Berlin Declaration on the UNIDROIT Principles

This "Berlin Declaration" is issued at the World Congress of the Académie Internationale de Droit Comparé (AIDC) - International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) in Berlin within the track "Legal Counselling as Transnational Rule Setting" on 30 September 2026. Taking inspiration – in portions literally – from resolutions passed in 2020 by the *International Association of Lawyers - Union Internationale des Avocats* (UIA)[1] and in 2025 by the *International Association of Young Lawyers - Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats - ("AIJA")*,[2] the signatories of this Berlin Declaration aim at contributing

- to overcome the divide between different national legal systems, especially between parties from common and civil law countries with regard to international contracts, and

- to thereby facilitate international trade and, in particular, cross-border commercial contracts and international dispute resolution,

by using the universal and neutral UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts.[3]

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[1] www.unidroit.org/uia-signs-resolution-recommending-consideration-of-unidroit-principles-of-international-commercial-contracts-2016/ (last accessed on 5 November 2025). On October 28, 2025 the UIA executive board has signed a further resolution on the basis of a draft of this Berlin Declaration.

[2] www.unidroit.org/aija-endorses-unidroit-principles-on-international-commercial-contracts/ (last accessed on 5 November 2025).

[3] **A. A Universal Tool Developed by UNIDROIT:** The intergovernmental organisation UNIDROIT, with 65 member states on five continents, has been working during a time span of close to 50 years between 1968/1970 and 2016 on compiling and developing general principles and rules of international commercial contracts, i.e. the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts. The Working Group that prepared these Principles consisted of eminent experts in the field of contract law from all parts of the world and representing all major legal systems. Initially released in 1994 in English and French, subsequent and expanded editions of the Principles were approved by the Council of UNIDROIT in 2004, 2010, and most recently 2016 (the most recent version is referred to herein as **"UNIDROIT Principles"**). To date, the UNIDROIT Principles have been translated into more than twenty languages including all official languages of the United Nations.

B. Purpose of the UNIDROIT Principles: The UNIDROIT Principles set forth "general rules of international commercial contracts" (UNIDROIT Principles, Preamble, para. 1). According to the Preamble of the UNIDROIT Principles,
"They shall be applied when the parties have agreed that their contract be governed by them.
They may be applied when the parties have agreed that their contract be governed by general principles of law, the lex mercatoria *or the like.*
They may be applied when the parties have not chosen any law to govern their contract.
They may be used to interpret or supplement international uniform law instruments.
They may be used to interpret or supplement domestic law."
Although, by definition, the UNIDROIT Principles do not constitute domestic national law, as the Preamble makes clear, they may be expressly agreed to govern a contract by the contracting parties as "rules of law" (as recognized by many arbitration rules and Art. 3 of the Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts) or may be used as a template or incorporated into a contract where the applicable private international law requires to operate under a state law as compared to "soft law" (which may become "hard law" by contractual agreement). Nothing in the UNIDROIT Principles restricts or otherwise interferes with mandatory rules that are otherwise applicable, whether of national, international or supranational origin (UNIDROIT Principles, Art. 1.4).

C. Content of the UNIDROIT Principles: The UNIDROIT Principles provide general contract law provisions as well as specific rules on such issues as contract formation, authority of agents, validity, interpretation, content, third-party rights and conditions, performance and breach, set-off, assignment of rights and of contracts, transfer of obligations, limitation periods, multiple obligors/obligees, and long-term contracts. The UNIDROIT Principles are based on a small number of overarching concepts such as freedom of contract/party autonomy, the binding nature of contracts (*pacta sunt servanda*), interpretation of contracts in light of common usages, presumption in favor of upholding the contract if possible (*favor contractus*), and observance of good faith and fair dealing and avoidance of unfairness. The Principles attempt to provide a neutral compromise across varying legal traditions without favoring any one national solution. A supplement to the UNIDROIT Principles 2016 sets forth model

Based on the above, the signatories and supporting organisations of this "Berlin Declaration";

I. Considering the inherent content and their adoption by UNIDROIT as an intergovernmental organisation, as well as UNCITRAL's endorsement and the recommendations issued by the

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contract clauses which contracting parties can use to make the Principles applicable. Where agreed to by the parties to a contract as governing law, or when decision-makers apply them consistent with national, international and supranational law, and based on the principle of party autonomy, the UNIDROIT Principles provide general default rules for issues not dealt with specifically by the terms of the contract (UNIDROIT Principles, Arts. 1.1, 1.5).

D. Recognition by Arbitration Tribunals, National Courts, Legislators and the ICC: Since their initial release in 1994, the UNIDROIT Principles have been cited in several hundred arbitral awards and domestic court decisions either as general principles of law or as *lex mercatoria*, or to interpret or supplement domestic law or international legal instruments such as the CISG. In several arbitrations, the parties have agreed on the application of the UNIDROIT Principles during the arbitration itself. Examples of such arbitral awards and court decisions can be found in the UNILEX database which is sponsored by UNIDROIT and is freely accessible at the following link: <www.unilex.info>. Many legislatures have looked to the UNIDROIT Principles in adopting reforms to national contract law, and some have adopted certain UNIDROIT Principles verbatim. In the same vein, the ICC has integrated a choice of the UNIDROIT Principles in a number of ICC model contracts.

E. UNCITRAL Endorsement: The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) has endorsed the UNIDROIT Principles at several occasions in 2007, 2012 and 2021 (then of the UNIDROIT Principles 2016). Further, in 2021, UNCITRAL, HCCH and UNIDROIT have joined forces and issued a Legal Guide to Uniform Instruments in the Area of International Commercial Contracts, with a Focus on Sales which explicitly invites to consider the use of the UNIDROIT Principles also in the context of applying the Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG), by stating *inter alia*: *"Whether and to what extent external principles may play a role in filling gaps in the CISG, in the absence of an agreement of the parties, is an open issue. […], the common understanding is that the UPICC [i.e. the UNIDROIT Principles] are not, as such, to be considered the general principles of the CISG, but rather as being able to serve to corroborate the existence of general principles and, thus, they can be a tool to interpret the CISG (CISG, art. 7, para. 1) or to fill gaps (CISG, art. 7, para. 2), whenever there is no conflict between the two instruments […]."*

F. Clients' Needs and the Role of Lawyers: Anywhere in the world, clients of lawyers are entitled to state-of-the art professional service. They may expect their lawyers to present them with a choice of effective, efficient solutions to common legal issues that are adapted to their specific needs and that help reduce legal risk, including risks that may arise from differences among national legal systems. The UNIDROIT Principles constitute such a modern tool. It is therefore upon the profession of lawyers to introduce their clients to such tool which can help to overcome the divide between different national legal systems, especially between parties from common and civil law countries, and to thereby facilitate international trade and cross-border commercial contracts and international dispute resolution.

G. Use as Neutral Tool: Practitioners have referenced the UNIDROIT Principles in connection with international contracts and international dispute resolution. Depending on particular circumstances, the UNIDROIT Principles may be used by practitioners for various purposes: e.g. to govern a contract by agreement of the parties either on a stand-alone base (often combined with an international arbitration clause) or as supplemented by national law; by agreement of the parties to supplement international instruments, notably the CISG; or to serve as a checklist for international contract drafting.

H. Private Ordering Through Legal Counselling on the UNIDROIT Principles: Whenever lawyers agree on behalf of their clients on the application of the UNIDROIT Principles, they contribute to shaping the rule of law. For the purpose of the contract project in which the UNIDROIT Principles are being integrated, the lawyers contribute to making the soft law of the UNIDROIT Principles binding as "hard" law (to the extent that the applicable private international law, arbitration law or domestic contract law recognizing party autonomy provides an authorisation).

I. Dissemination of Information is Important. Absent worldwide teaching of the UNIDROIT Principles at universities, especially at business schools and at law schools, disseminating information about the UNIDROIT Principles is important to enable parties and lawyers to learn about this tool and to use it in their practice where reference to the UNIDROIT Principles may be required as a matter of proficiency.

UIA in 2021 and AIJA in 2025, *Commend* to all lawyers engaged in international contracting or international dispute resolution to use the UNIDROIT Principles 2016, as appropriate, for their intended purpose as set forth in their preamble, including **(i)** in case of international contracting, the consideration of a choice of the UNIDROIT Principles as a neutral contractual regime for contracts, particularly when combined with an arbitration clause ("Simplified Global Contracting"), with due regard to the circumstances of the specific contract project, **(ii)** for international contracts of sale of goods to consider alternatively to the application of domestic law the choice of the CISG as interpreted and supplemented by the UNIDROIT Principles, **(iii)** in case of dispute, to consider integrating the UNIDROIT Principles in their reflections and briefs to facilitate solving the dispute in a balanced and acceptable way for all parties, and to reach a satisfactory settlement agreement and conclusion of the dispute;[4]

II. Extend the following invitations:

1. We **invite** all **international lawyers associations**, both of lawyers in general and those who bundle in-house counsel, which include members acting in the field of international contracting and/or dispute resolution, to issue formal recommendations to its members to consider the UNIDROIT Principles in their daily international commercial practice as a legal tool.

2. We invite **bar associations and international lawyers' associations** to inform their members in any appropriate way about the tool which the UNIDROIT Principles can be in the context of international contracting and dispute resolution, and on the need to consider them pursuant to the Tripartite Legal Guide issued jointly by UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and HCCH.

3. We **invite** all **practicing international lawyers** *(a)* to consider the UNIDROIT Principles in their daily work, as a tool for contracting and dispute resolution (by arbitration, mediation, litigation or any other form of alternative dispute resolution), even under domestic law, and a tool to interpret and supplement the Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and other international legal instruments; and *(b)* to engage in their communities at seminars, webinars and conferences, and by legal writing, to disseminate the information about the possibility of working with general principles and rules of law, as compiled and developed by UNIDROIT, i.e. the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts.

4. We **invite business associations** whose members engage in international contracting to inform their members about the cost efficient, risk reducing and neutral tool of acting under general principles and rules of law, as compiled and developed by UNIDROIT, i.e. the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts.

5. We **invite arbitration institutions** to inform their users about the possibility of choosing the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, whenever their users consider working with "rules of law" (or "principles of law"), as referred to in the arbitration rules of the relevant arbitration institutions.

[4] The wording of No. I. includes minimal textual clarifications proposed by UNIDROIT on 4 May 2026. They do not change the substance of the text, as explained in message from the UNIDROIT Secretariat to general rapporteurs as follows: "The Declaration looks excellent, and we wish to thank all the drafters for this wonderful outcome. Despite the relative late stage, however, we hope you will be able [to] accept some additional suggestions on our part, that do not modify the substance of the introductory text nor or the declaration itself. We are fully aware of the fact that many organisations and individuals have already accepted the Declaration (or adapted it in their Memoranda). We think, however, that the clarifications we propose would help avoid misunderstandings, especially among readers who are less familiar with UNIDROIT's work and methodology." The revised versions has been circulated to all co-authors and organisations who had accepted the Berlin Declaration in its previous wording. No objections have been received. For that reason, the revised version is being published in Berlin.

6. We **invite universities**, both law schools and business schools, to include information on the UNIDROIT Principles in the curriculum for their students.

7. We **invite international and regional student organisations** to organize events on the UNIDROIT Principles in order to inform their student members about options of international contracting and dispute resolution which are not covered in the general curriculum of the respective universities.

Berlin, 30 September 2026

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Belgian-German Lawyers' Association[6]
Brazilian Academy of International Law[7]
Center for Conciliation and Arbitration of the Guatemalan Chamber of Commerce (CENAC)[8]
Centre for Mediation and Arbitration of GECAM - Cameroon Business Organisation (Centre de Mediation et d'Arbitrage du GCAM - Cameroun)[9]
CISG Advisory Board[10]
Conflict Resolution Commission of the Chamber of Industry of Guatemala[11]
Consulegis : A close-knit global network[12]
Deutscher Anwaltsverein Griechenland (German Lawyers Association Greece)[13]
Deutsch-Griechischer Juristenverein (DGJV) (*i.e. the German-Greek Lawyers' Association*)[14]
Deutsch-Lusitanischer Juristenverein (DLJV) (*i.e. the German-Lusitanian Lawyers' Association*)[15]
DIE FAMILIENUNTERNEHMER e.V. (German Family Businesses)[16]
European Law Students' Association (ELSA) Germany[17]
Hamburg Arbitration Circle (HAC)[18]
Harvard Club Hamburg[19]
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[5] Approval communicated by the president of its shareholder Asian European Arbitration Association, Dr. Elke Umbeck, also on behalf of Dominik Ziegenhahn, the managing director of ASEAC, on 8 October 2025.
[6] Consent of the Executive Board communicated by Guido Imfeld on 21 May 2026.
[7] Communicated by its Vice-President Claudio Finkelstein (endorsing co-author) by email of 26 May 2026.
[8] Consent communicated by its Executive Director María Eugenia Ferreyra by email of 22 June 2026.
[9] Consent communicated by email of its Secretary General on 3 July 2026.
[10] Consent communicated by its Chair Pilar Perales Viscasillas by email of 27 July 2026.
[11] Communicated by its Executive Director Victor López Juárez by email on 17 June 2026.
[12] By decision of 6 February 2026, communicated on the same date by its president Leila Saber and its Managing Directo Caroline Chetrit.
[13] Consent communicated by its Vice-President Vicky Athanassoglou on 5 June 2026 during the UIA Business Law Forum in Zurich.
[14] Consent communicated by its president Stavros Konas on 3 November 2025.
[15] Consent communicated by its president Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Stefan Grundmann on 12 June 2026.
[16] Consent communicated by its Vice-President Henning Fehrmann, Andreas Fischer-Appelt, Chairman of the Hamburg Metropolitan Region, Malte Wettern, Deputy Chairman of the Hamburg Metropolitan Region, Sven Höppner, Hamburg State Chairman, and Ulrich Herforth, Chairman of the Commission on Competition Law and Digitalisation Policy, by email of 11 September 2026.
[17] Consent communicated by its president Nadine Hirth (National Board of ELSA Germany 2025/26) on 6 April 2026.
[18] Consent communicated by its Board (Antje Baumann/Simon Manner/Johanna Büstgens) on 23 June 2026.
[19] Approval communicated on 27 March 2026 by its presidents Stefanie Leclerk LL.M. '23 (Harvard) and Martin Bialluch LL.M. '23 (Harvard).
[20] Consent communicated on 27 September 2027 by its Co-Chair, Pieter W. Tubbergen, also on behalf of his fellow Co-Chair (Riccardo Giorgio Cajola) and the Senior Vice Chairs (Dietmar Huemer and Martin Reufels).
[21] Consent communicated by its Secretary General Oliver Wieck by email dated 22 June 2026.

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[22] Decision of 10 December 2025, communicated by Christian Zinser.
[23] Signed in person on 2 December 2025 by its President Arthur Stüssi at the office of Brödermann Jahn in Hamburg, Germany.
[24] Consent communicated by dr. Kertész Éva and dr. Kun Péter lawyers on 12 May 2026.
[25] Consent communicated by its founder Chad Sluss MSA on 18 May 2026.
[26] Consent communicated by its Registrar Alexis Merle per email of 22 June 2026.
[27] Consent communicated by Professor Jan L Neels on 14 May 2026.
[28] Consent communicated by its Executive Secretary Mariam Nicholaus Mruma on 11 June 2026, on behalf of its President Adv. Aderickson Njunwa.
[29] By a Memorandum on the Accession of the Ukrainian Bar Association to the Berlin Declaration on the Unidroit Principles, signed on 30 June 2026 by the President of the Ukrainian Bar Association, Mr. Mykola Stetsenko, communicated by email on 2 July 2026.
[30] Decision agreed in the board on April 23, 2026.
[31] Acknowledgement in the UIA 'UNDROIT Principles' Recommendation issued on 28 October 2025 by the UIA Executive Board in Guadalajara (→ § 5 II.2.i.aa).
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