The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 28 October 2020, with:

**Declaration and reservation (Original: English)**

1. In accordance with article 1 (3) of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone declares that it will apply the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards made only in the Territory of another Contracting State.

2. In accordance with article 1 (3) of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone declares that it will apply the Convention on differences arising out of legal relationships, whether contractual or not, which are considered commercial under the Laws of Sierra Leone.

3. The Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards only applies in the Republic of Sierra Leone with respect to arbitration agreements concluded and arbitral awards rendered after the date of its accession to the Convention.”

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The Convention shall enter into force for Sierra Leone on 26 January 2021 in accordance with its article XII (2) which reads as follows:

“For each State ratifying or acceding to this Convention after the deposit of the third instrument of ratification or accession, this Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.”

29 October 2020