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ROLF HERBER ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF UNCITRAL

Rolf Herber (Federal Republic of Germany), who was this morning elected Chairman of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), is director of the Subdivision of Commercial Law in the Federal Ministry of Justice at Bonn, and Honorary Professor for Transport Law at the University of Frankfurt.

Mr. Herber has also been his country's representative to UNCITRAL since the Federal Republic of Germany became a Member of the United Nations.

He was born in Aachen in 1929. He studied law at the University of Cologne from 1949 to 1952, and received his doctorate in law in 1956. He joined the Federal Ministry of Justice in 1958.

Mr. Herber has headed his country's delegations to various international conferences on commercial law, particularly transport law. He was President of the United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, held in Hamburg in 1978; and he was both leader of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany and Vice-President of the United Nations Conference on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, held in Vienna in March/April 1980.

Mr. Herber has contributed to various publications on commercial law.

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