

CISG Advisory Council at 36th Meeting of the Kopaonik School of Natural Law

Kopaonik School of Natural Law was honoured to host the CISG Advisory Council in Kopaonik, 12-15 December 2023.

The CISG Advisory Council is a group of experts on the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods that issues and publishes opinions and declarations on the interpretation, application, and the role of the Convention in general. The CISG, sometimes known as the Vienna Convention, is a multilateral treaty that establishes a uniform framework for international commerce. As of May 2023, it has been ratified by 95 countries, representing two-thirds of world trade. The CISG Advisory Council was founded in 2001 in Paris and since then its meetings have been held physically on a regular basis, once a year in different countries.

We are proud to share that the Opinion 23 on Mistake, fraud, misrepresentation and initial impossibility in CISG contracts was approved in Kopaonik. Rapporteur was Prof. Hugh Beale. The CISG Advisory Council was working on the other following opinions in Kopaonik: Direct Actions and the CISG (Rapporteur Prof. Jean-Sébastien Borghetti), Application of the CISG to International Government Contracts (Rapporteur Dr. Cesar Pereira C.Arb FCI Arb), Application of the CISG to service obligations in CISG mixed contracts (Rapporteur Dr. Benjamin Gottlieb), Smart products and the CISG (Rapporteur André Janssen).

Beside the regular CISG Advisory Council Meeting, the CISG Advisory Council participated in the Conference "INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE 21st CENTURY - Something Old And Something New".

Current acting Members of the CISG Advisory Council include Pilar Perales Viscasillas (current Chair), Yesim Atamer, Lauro Gama, Ulrich Schroeter, Siegfried Eiselen, Johnny Herre, Ingeborg Schwenzer, Edgardo Muñoz, Hiroo SONO, Shiyuan HAN, Alejandro Garro, Milena Djordjevic (Secretary). Former Rapporteurs and Observers present in Kopaonik were Luca Castellani, David Tebel, Alfredo Ferrante, David Wohlgemuth, Lisa Spagnolo, David Vučinić.

The Kopaonik School of Natural Law warmly thanks all the participants for their commitment, but especially Prof. Milena Djordjevic for her support and assistance in organising the whole event.