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1. The Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (hereinafter called the 1974 Limitation Convention) was concluded at New York on 14 June 1974. A Protocol to the 1974 Limitation Convention (hereinafter called the 1980 Protocol) was concluded at Vienna on 11 April 1980.

2. The 1974 Limitation Convention and the 1980 Protocol both entered into force on 1 August 1988, in accordance with articles 44 (1) of the 1974 Limitation Convention and IX (1) of the 1980 Protocol.

3. In accordance with paragraph 2 of article XIV of the 1980 Protocol, the text of the 1974 Limitation Convention as amended by the 1980 Protocol has been prepared by the Secretary-General and will be found hereinafter.

4. The present text includes the relevant amendments to the articles of the 1974 Limitation Convention, as provided for by the 1980 Protocol. For ease of reference, the text of the original provisions of the 1974 Limitation Convention which have been amended by the 1980 Protocol are reproduced in *italics*. The present text also incorporates substantive provisions (not stated) of the 1980 Protocol as required, including editorial additions. The relevant articles of the 1980 Protocol which have been incorporated in the present text of the 1974 Limitation Convention as amended have, for clarity, been assigned *de numbers* with the indication in parenthesis of the corresponding number of the 1980 Protocol.

*Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods  
as amended by the Protocol amending the Convention on the Limitation  
Period in the International Sale of Goods*

PREAMBLE

*The States Parties to the present Convention,*

*Considering that international trade is an important factor in the production of friendly relations amongst States,*

*Believing that the adoption of uniform rules governing the limitation period in the international sale of goods would facilitate the development of world trade,*

*Have agreed as follows:*