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The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it created the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, with a mandate to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade and in that respect to bear in mind the interests of all peoples, in particular those of developing countries, in the extensive development of international trade,

Noting that an increasing number of transactions in international trade are carried out by means of electronic data interchange and other means of communication, commonly referred to as "electronic commerce", which involve the use of alternatives to paper-based methods of communication and storage of information

Recalling the recommendation on the legal value of computer records adopted by the Commission at its eighteenth session, in 1985,¹ and paragraph 5(b) of General Assembly resolution 40/71 of 11 December 1985, in which the Assembly called upon Governments and international organizations to take action, where appropriate, in conformity with the recommendation of the Commission,² so as to ensure legal security in the context of the widest possible use of automated data processing in international trade,

¹See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortyeth Session, Supplement for 12 (A/40/12)*, chap. VI, sect. B.