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of jurisdictions where it constitutes a credible alternative to litigation - encouraged by courts - or even a mandatory form of settling certain types of disputes.

In other regions, mediation has always been a traditional means of dispute settlement that has developed way before arbitration became known and was used. However, what the international mediation framework has clearly been lacking is the important element of cross border enforcement.

With the draft Convention before you and the draft Model Law, a settlement agreement obtained with the assistance of a mediator will be enforceable in all the States Members



It is precisely in the



In this connection, I look forward to an in-depth debate and count on your support for the instruments. A lot of work is needed to ensure the distribution of those instruments in all countries and a concerted effort is necessary. To this effect, the Secretariat has organized a round table discussion to consider the best way forward in this important endeavour.

I will have another opportunity to address you on the 28th of June on the occasion ne