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## JUDICIAL SUPPORT OF ARBITRATION

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## **ABSTRACT**

Greater cross-border economic activity globally has led to rapid growth in commercial arbitration. Empirical evidence supports the significance of the choice of the arbitral seat. Factors in that choice include its legal system and the extent of its support of the arbitral process, including the role of courts and their attitude to arbitration, and the quality and integrity of their decisions. The situation is fluid. There is an impetus to fundamental change in investment treaty-based arbitration to embrace greater transparency and open justice in process, with the possibility of appellate review.

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