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An Act to make provision for the conduct of international commercial arbitrations based on the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and conciliation proceedings and to give effect to the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and for matters connected therewith.

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PART 1  
PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

- 1. This Act is the International Arbitration Act 1994.

PART 2  
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

**Interpretation of this Part**

- 2.—(1) In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —
  - “arbitral tribunal” means a sole arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators or a permanent arbitral institution, and includes an emergency arbitrator appointed pursuant to the rules of