prudent for the arbitrator to obtain an agreement in writing signed by the parties that they have no objection to her or him proceeding to arbitration in the event that settlement does not occur.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

Yearbook Commercial Arbitration - Vol. XVII - 1992

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Published by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration the contents of the Seventeenth volume reflect the many developments in international commercial arbitrations during 1992 both in the law and practice of arbitration. Summaries of amended laws are included as are also a number of Awards made under the auspices of ICSID and I.C.C. as well as an ad hoc Award under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. A new section has been included which concerns Court decisions under the Model Law.

This substantial reference can be obtained from Kluwer Law and Taxation Publishers, PO Box 23, 7400 GA Deventer, The Netherlands.

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