Main Characteristics of the New Syrian Arbitration Law On Civil, Economic and Commercial Disputes

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Finally, the People's Assembly passed the new Syrian Arbitration Law No. (4) of 2008 in its session held on 17/3/2008. The law entered into effect on 1/5/2008, in parallel with the effective date of the new Law on Companies and Trade.

The new Arbitration Law supersedes Articles from (506) through (534) of the Civil Trials Principles Law issued under the Legislative Decree No. (84) of 1953 as amended.

The legislator tackled many aspects of the arbitration cases with the aim of redressing the inefficiency of the previous law. This reflects the legislator's purpose behind arbitration as a civilized means to settle disputes by mutually agreeing to resort to arbitration.
The new Arbitration Law is inspired by the UNCITRAL Model Law[1]. This is a significantly important step forward in the Syrian legislation, particularly in terms of arbitration.

1 UNCITRAL stands for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law; resolution No. 31/98 made by the General Assembly on 15/12/1976.