## UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL AWARDS CONFERENCE DES NATIONS UNIES SUR L'ARBITRAGE COMMERCIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION POUR LA RECONNAISSANCE ET L'EXECUTION DES SENTENCES ARBITRALES ETRANGERES CONFERENCIA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS SOBRE ARBITRAJE COMERCIAL INTERNACIONAL CONVENCION SOBRE EL RECONOCIMIENTO Y LA EJECUCION DE LAS SENTENCIAS ARBITRALES EXTRANJERAS

## **Article V**

**1**. Recognition and enforcement of the award may be refused, at the request of the party against whom it is invoked, only if that party furnishes to the competent authority where the recognition and enforcement is sought, proof that:

(a) The parties to the agreement referred to in article II were, under the law applicable to them, under some incapacity, or the said agreement is not valid under the law to which the parties have subjected it or, failing any indication thereon, under the law of the country where the award was made; or

(b) The party against whom the award is invoked was not given proper notice of the appointment of the arbitrator or of the arbitration proceedings or was otherwise unable to present his case; or

(c) The award deals with a difference not contemplated by or not falling within the terms of the submission to arbitration, or it contains decisions on matters beyond the scope of the submission to arbitration, provided that, if the decisions on matters submitted to arbitration can be separated from those not so submitted, that part of the award which contains decisions on matters submitted to arbitration may be recognized and enforced; or

(*d*) The composition of the arbitral authority or the arbitral procedure was not in accordance with the agreement of the parties, or, failing such agreement, was not in accordance with the law of the country where the arbitration took place; or

(e) The award has not yet become binding on the parties, or has been set aside or suspended by a competent authority of the country in which, or under the law of which, that award was made.

2. Recognition and enforcement of an arbitral award may also be refused if the competent authority in the country where recognition and enforcement is sought finds that:

(a) The subject matter of the difference is not capable of settlement by arbitration under the law of that country; or

(b) The recognition or enforcement of the award would be contrary to the public policy of that country.

## Base Metal Trading, Limited v. OJSC Novokuznetsky Aluminum Factory 283 F.3d 208, (4th Cir. 2002), *cert. denied* 2002 U.S. LEXIS 6007 (Oct. 7, 2002).

Base Metal sought to enforce a foreign arbitration award in Maryland against NKAZ's aluminum in Baltimore Harbor. The District Court found no evidence that NKAZ has "continuous and systematic" contacts with Maryland. The Court held that:
"...when the property itself which serves as the basis for jurisdiction is completely unrelated to the plaintiff's cause of action, the PRESENCE of property ALONE will NOT support jurisdiction."



## Chromalloy Aeroservices v. Arab Republic of Egypt 939 F. Supp. 907, (D.C. Cir. 1996)

In this case the Court enforced an arbitration award which had been set aside by the court in Egypt where the award was rendered, holding that " the award of the arbitral panel is valid as a matter of U.S. law. The Court further concludes that it need not grant res judicata effect to the decision of the Egyptian Court of Appeal at Cairo. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Chromalloy Aeroservices' Petition to Recognize and Enforce the Arbitral Award, and **DENIES** Egypt's Motion to Dismiss that Petition."

