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## Multinational Practice

### 4 . 1 Introduction

This section of the Manual is primarily written for financing institutions, owners and their representatives, contractors and Board members on multinational construction projects. It also describes Dispute Board use in the U.K.

The term “multinational” as used herein refers to construction projects where multiple nationalities are involved in the contract. Often the foreign currency requirements for the project are obtained from a multinational development bank, such as The World Bank. The entity building the project often is part of the government of the country where the project is constructed, and the contractor typically is of a different nationality. Sometimes the contractor is a joint venture of companies of different nationalities, and may or may not include a contractor of the same nationality of the country where the project is constructed. Typically, the project will involve an organization to supervise the contractor, and the supervising entity may be of a nationality different from either that of the entity building the project or that of the contractor.

This section of the Manual uses the term “Dispute Board” (DB) to avoid the confusing array of references used by the various organizations in their documents, and to differentiate from DRBs used in North American practice.

In multinational use almost all DB practices and procedures are similar to those described in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Manual. However, there are some differences and those are discussed in this section.

Chapter 4.2 presents the history and general application of multinational DBs and DB practice in the U.K.

Chapter 4.3 discusses current practices and procedures that are unique to multinational DBs.

Chapter 4.4 provides links to various contract provisions for DBs.