

Conclusions & Decisions (C&D)

- 1 The Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP) met from 3 to 6 March 2026. The meeting was attended by 560 participants, representing 80 HCCH Members, 12 non-Member States, seven intergovernmental organisations, and 12 international non-governmental organisations, as well as members of the Permanent Bureau (PB).¹ Of the attendees, 322 delegates participated in person and 238 delegates participated online.

I. Ceremonies

- 2 CGAP witnessed the deposit of the instrument of acceptance of the Statute of the HCCH by the Republic of Guatemala and welcomed it as the 93rd Member of the HCCH.

II. Work Relating to Possible New Legislative Instruments

A. Parentage / Surrogacy

- 3 CGAP welcomed the Final Report of the Working Group on the Feasibility of a possible Convention on the Recognition of Judgments on Legal Parentage. With the conclusion of the work of the Group, CGAP expressed its gratitude to the Chair of the Working Group, Professor Michael Hellner (Sweden), and to its members for their work.
- 4 While recognising the progress made by the Working Group, CGAP decided not to advance to a Special Commission at this stage, with the understanding that this issue may be revisited at a later stage.
- 5 CGAP tasked the PB to monitor legal and practical developments, including seeking information from Members as much as possible, and reporting such developments to CGAP in advance of its 2028 meeting. This update on developments, together with the Final Report, may serve as reference documents, should a decision on further work on this Project be revisited at a later stage.

¹ The following Members of the HCCH were represented: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, European Union, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Viet Nam; in addition, the following non-Member States were represented: Algeria, Bahrain, Bolivia, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Colombia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Senegal, and Uganda; the following intergovernmental organisations were represented: CIEC (Commission internationale de l'état civil), Council of Europe, OAS (Organization of American States), OHADA (Organisation pour l'Harmonisation en Afrique du Droit des Affaires), UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law), UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), and UNIDROIT (Institut international pour l'Unification du Droit privé); and the following international non-governmental organisations were also represented: AAPrIL (Australasian Association of Private International Law), ASADIP (American Association of Private International Law), CCJ Academy for Law, CCBE (Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe), EAPIL (European Association of Private International Law), ELI (European Law Institute), IAJ (International Association of Judges), IBA (International Bar Association), ISDA (International Swaps and Derivatives Association), ISS (International Social Service), UIHJ (Union internationale des huissiers de justice), and UINL (International Union of Notaries).

B. Jurisdiction

- 6 CGAP noted the Report of the Chair of the Working Group on matters related to jurisdiction in transnational civil or commercial litigation. CGAP thanked the Working Group and its Chair, Professor Keisuke Takeshita (Japan), for the work on developing the Draft Text of a future convention on parallel proceedings and related actions.
- 7 CGAP noted the responses received on the public consultation on the Draft Text and invited the PB to publish the responses, subject to the permission of the respondents.
- 8 CGAP mandated the PB to analyse the responses received through the Public Consultation in a neutral and objective manner and submit the analysis to CGAP by the end of September 2026, so as to allow sufficient time in advance of CGAP 2027. The analysis should identify and map the major legal and practical themes identified in the responses in such a way that they are linked to specific provisions of the Draft Text, with a view to enabling a future Special Commission meeting to work in an organised and efficient manner.
- 9 At its 2027 meeting, CGAP will confirm whether or not to advance the Jurisdiction Project to a Special Commission, or decide on any other outcome of the Project. If CGAP 2027 confirms that the Jurisdiction Project advances to a Special Commission, the meeting would be held in October/November 2027.

C. Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)

- 10 CGAP took note of the report of the third meeting and the *Aide-mémoire* of the Chair on the fourth meeting, and welcomed the progress made by the Experts' Group. To further develop the text of the Explanatory Guidance and continue its study of the jurisdiction and applicable law issues raised by the cross-border use and transfers of CBDCs, including the desirability and feasibility of a possible future instrument on these issues, CGAP invited the PB to convene two further Experts' Group meetings before CGAP 2027, the first likely to be held in late March or early April 2026, and the second before the end of 2026, with intersessional work as required. These meetings should be held in person, with the possibility of remote participation, and intersessional work should take place online. The EG will report to CGAP 2027.

D. Carbon Markets

- 11 CGAP noted the fulfilment by the Experts' Group of the initial focus of its mandate on the study of the possible inclusion of an applicable law provision in the draft UNIDROIT Principles on Verified Carbon Credits, through the work of the Experts' Group over three meetings in 2025 and its intersessional work, the intermediate transmission to UNIDROIT of the *Experts' Group's Comments on and Intermediate Iteration of Principle 4 of the draft UNIDROIT Principles on Verified Carbon Credits*, and the *Experts' Group's Consensus Position on the Current Text of the Applicable Law Provision in the draft UNIDROIT Principles on the Legal Nature of Verified Carbon Credits (incl. the associated Aide-Mémoire)*. CGAP noted the ongoing exchanges between the Experts' Group and the UNIDROIT Working Group on Verified Carbon Credits, and that there was, at this time, no alignment or agreement of views between the two Groups on the applicable law rule in Principle 4 of the draft UNIDROIT Principles on Verified Carbon Credits. CGAP also emphasised the importance of maintaining this ongoing cooperation and coordination with UNIDROIT.
- 12 CGAP approved the continuation of the Experts' Group's work, including the convening of two further meetings, as well as intersessional work, in 2026 prior to CGAP's meeting in 2027, during which private international law issues arising from carbon markets will continue to be studied. This would include the mapping of both possible gaps in and difficulties with existing instruments or projects, or matters that are not currently covered by them. This is in order to focus the study on

those matters that are necessary to address in light of the rate of development of the market. The Experts' Group would report to CGAP in 2027.

E. Digital Tokens

- 13 CGAP took note of the report of the first meeting and the *Aide-mémoire* of the Chair on the second meeting, and welcomed the progress made by the Experts' Group. CGAP approved the continuation of the EG's work, and invited the PB to convene two further Experts' Group meetings, as well as intersessional work, in 2026 prior to CGAP 2027, during which:
- a. draft provisions for a private international law framework relating to electronic transferable records, aligned with UNCITRAL's *Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records*, will be developed; and
 - b. PIL issues raised by digital tokens will continue to be studied, with a view to identifying more specific issues to be addressed.
- 14 The Experts' Group will report to CGAP 2027.

F. Digital Economy

- 15 CGAP mandated the PB to continue, subject to available resources:
- a. monitoring developments with respect to the digital economy, including digital platforms, digital payments, artificial intelligence and automated contracting, immersive technologies, decentralised autonomous organisations, and secured transactions in the light of digital developments, with a view to identifying PIL issues for potential future work;
 - b. cooperating and coordinating with UNCITRAL with respect to work on digital platforms, digital payments, and secured transactions in the light of digital developments; and
 - c. working with relevant organisations on matters relating to the PIL aspects of the digital economy.
- 16 The PB will report to CGAP 2027. If the report identifies work that would extend beyond monitoring, including the possible development of a PIL framework, CGAP will decide whether such work shall be conducted, including in light of ongoing work at UNCITRAL at that time, with due consideration of resource implications. If CGAP decides that such work is to be conducted, it shall be reflected expressly in the HCCH's work programme.

G. Restructuring and Insolvency

- 17 CGAP welcomed the cooperation between the PB and the UNCITRAL Secretariat on matters relating to applicable law in insolvency proceedings, and mandated the PB to continue contributing to UNCITRAL's work on this topic.
- 18 Subject to available resources, CGAP encouraged the PB to continue cooperation with the UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT Secretariats on insolvency-related projects.
- 19 Subject to available resources, CGAP also mandated the PB to continue to monitor developments with respect to PIL issues in insolvency and restructuring, including issues relating to the treatment of digital transactions and digital assets in insolvency and restructuring proceedings. The PB will report to CGAP 2027.

H. Intellectual Property (IP)

- 20 CGAP noted the work carried out on the intersection of IP and PIL, including the cooperation between the PB and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

21 CGAP invited the PB to continue monitoring developments on the intersection of IP and PIL, subject to available resources, and in light of the work programme related to the digital economy. The PB will report to CGAP 2027.

I. New Proposals

1. Recognition and Enforcement of Protection Orders

22 Welcoming the proposal from the United Kingdom, CGAP mandated the establishment of a Working Group on a potential future convention on cross-border recognition and enforcement of protection orders (REPO).

23 This Working Group will build on previous work by the PB in 2011-2018 and the Experts' Group in 2014 and further explore the feasibility of, and initially develop policy aims for, a potential future convention on REPO. The Working Group will report to CGAP 2027.

24 To facilitate the work of the Working Group, CGAP mandated the PB to:

- a. update its 2012 Questionnaire with a view to collecting information from Member States on civil protection orders available in their States and laws applicable available in their States for cross-border recognition and enforcement of protection orders;
- b. circulate this Questionnaire in June 2026 and request responses by the end of September 2026.

25 CGAP further mandated the PB to make arrangements for an in-person Working Group meeting with the possibility for online participation, ahead of CGAP 2027. CGAP thanked the United Kingdom for its offer to host this Working Group meeting including to cover travel costs for HCCH staff, and supports this proposal.

2. Project Proposal Template for New Projects

26 CGAP welcomed Canada's proposal to use a standard, non-binding, template for new project proposals and noted that this template is intended to assist States and organisations in preparing clear and structured submissions for potential inclusion in the work plans of international legal bodies such as the HCCH, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT.

27 CGAP recognised the practical value of the project proposal template in facilitating the effective development of proposals for future work and acknowledged that the information provided therein would help inform its decisions on future work.

28 CGAP recognised that the template would facilitate information sharing among the Secretariats of the HCCH, UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT, and would serve as a useful tool for coordinating their substantive work programmes.

29 CGAP invited the PB to share the template with potential project proponents and governments, and to encourage its use in the development of new project proposals. CGAP noted that the absence of information recommended in the template would not be a basis for rejecting a proposal.

III. Post-Convention Work

A. International Family and Child Protection Law

1. 1993 Adoption Convention

30 CGAP mandated the PB to continue preparations for the Sixth Meeting of the Special Commission to review the practical operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention, taking into account the responses received to the questionnaire on possible topics and format of the Special Commission

meeting. The meeting of the Special Commission is scheduled for May/June 2027 for 3.5 working days.

31 CGAP reiterated the importance of in-person participation at the Special Commission meeting and to that end, encouraged Members to consider making a voluntary contribution to support the in-person participation of delegates representing States of origin.

32 CGAP noted the importance of regional work and technical assistance, in particular through the Intercountry Adoption Technical Assistance Programme (ICATAP) and encouraged States to request technical assistance if needed. CGAP thanked the Governments of The Netherlands, Norway, and the Philippines for their generous support.

33 CGAP noted the progress of the work of the Working Group on the Financial Aspects of Intercountry Adoption and mandated the PB to finalise the different tools with the Working Group, including, if necessary, through holding online meetings in 2026. Following these meetings, the tools will be circulated for comments to all HCCH Members and Contracting Parties to the 1993 Adoption Convention. Subsequently, the co-Chairs of the Working Group, together with the PB, will assess whether further work by the Working Group is required and, if so, will undertake it. If no substantial further work is needed and the tools are finalised well in advance of CGAP 2027, CGAP agreed that the tools would be submitted to Members for final approval through a written procedure. This would involve circulation of the draft tools to Members and, in the absence of any objection within one month, the tools would be taken to be approved.

34 CGAP noted the report of the Steering Committee for the organisation of virtual workshops on post-adoption services under the 1993 Adoption Convention. CGAP supported the holding of one or two additional virtual workshops on post-adoption services, organised by both States of origin and receiving States. The Steering Committee will report to CGAP 2027.

2. 1980 Child Abduction and 1996 Child Protection Conventions

35 CGAP took note of the updates provided by the PB on several projects and activities under the 1980 Child Abduction and 1996 Child Protection Conventions, and invited the PB to continue its efforts in raising awareness to these instruments, facilitating their effective implementation among Contracting Parties and promoting cooperation.

36 Recalling its previous Conclusion and Decision (C&D) No 34 of CGAP 2025, CGAP encouraged Members to consider making voluntary contributions, preferably at least one year in advance of the next Malta Conference (Malta VI) tentatively scheduled for April 2027, to support the participation of more Official Development Assistance (ODA) Shari'a States.

37 CGAP approved the *Cooperation Request Recommended Model Form* for the 1996 Child Protection Convention and thanked the Working Group for its work.

3. Second Forum on Domestic Violence and the 1980 Child Abduction Convention, with a particular focus on the operation of Article 13(1)(b)

38 CGAP took note of the reporting on the *Second Forum on Domestic Violence and the 1980 Child Abduction Convention – with a focus on the Operation of Article 13(1)(b)*, held in October 2025, in Fortaleza, Brazil. CGAP thanked the Government of Brazil for having hosted the Forum, as well as the Government of the United Kingdom and the Supreme Court of the Philippines for their generous financial contributions. CGAP noted that the establishment of the Working Group on REPO reflected a meaningful outcome of the discussions held at the two Fora.

4. 2007 Child Support Convention (incl. iSupport) and its Protocol

39 CGAP noted the Report and *Aide-mémoire* of the seventh meeting of the International Transfer of Maintenance Funds Experts' Group (ITMFEG).

- 40 CGAP invited the PB to prepare a questionnaire for the next meeting of the ITMFEG to map the different models of Central Authorities in terms of how involved they are in the transfer of maintenance funds. This work can be undertaken, where necessary, in consultation with the ITMFEG. In addition to the Central Authority-specific questions, this questionnaire should also invite States to provide updates on recent developments and to list priority topics for discussion by the ITMFEG.
- 41 CGAP invited the ITMFEG, with the assistance of the PB, to begin updating the best practices contained in Prel. Doc. No 20 of April 2022 (*Report of the Experts' Group on International Transfer of Maintenance Funds, meeting of 7 to 9 February 2022*), in view of a future Special Commission.
- 42 CGAP noted the high level of interest to discuss topics in relation to the operation of the Convention and its Protocol at a Second Meeting of the Special Commission.
- 43 CGAP invited the PB to conclude the work on improving the guidance for declarations under Article 2, in consultation with the depositary, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, by the end of June 2026.
- 44 CGAP mandated the Forms Working Group to begin its work on the development of several recommended model forms under the 2007 Convention by the end of September 2026.
- 45 CGAP noted the improvements to iSupport (the electronic case management and secure communication system for the cross-border recovery of maintenance obligations already used by Germany, Hungary, and Sweden) in terms of connecting to national software and future development plans. CGAP recalled past advances such as the compilation of statistics by iSupport in line with the standards adopted by the HCCH and the EU and the assistance provided by iSupport to track the international transfer of maintenance funds. CGAP renewed its encouragement to Members to make use of the assistance offered by the PB to implement and operate iSupport, and to contribute to its improvement by sharing their requirements for the software.

5. 2000 Protection of Adults Convention

- 46 CGAP noted the report on the 2000 Protection of Adults Convention.

B. Transnational Litigation & Apostille

1. 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions

- 47 CGAP welcomed the PB's preparation for online meetings on the operation of the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions for Central Authorities and on the use of technology.
- 48 CGAP welcomed the publication of the fifth edition of the Practical Handbooks on the Operation of the Service and Evidence Conventions. CGAP highlighted the importance and usefulness of the Handbooks and encouraged Contracting Parties to the 1965 Service and 1970 Evidence Conventions to promote their use.
- 49 CGAP noted the strong sales figures constitute a significant source of revenue for the HCCH, and agreed that, at the present time, the Handbooks should continue to be sold and remain a source of revenue.
- 50 CGAP agreed that free access to the e-versions of the Handbooks can be provided to government officials of Members who may, from time to time, be required to advise on the operation of the Conventions, but who do not work in the National Organ or the Central Authority. The provision of these e-versions is with the caveat that the Handbooks are intended solely for internal use, and no part of the publications may be copied, distributed, shared or otherwise made available to any other person, entity or platform.

51 CGAP agreed that in exceptional circumstances, for certain categories of individuals, such as self-represented litigants, private lawyers, and *commissaires de justice*, for whom the purchase of the Handbooks may pose a financial burden, the PB could offer a paper version at a reduced price.

52 CGAP noted that the Handbooks will continue to be sold to all other users.

53 The PB will continue to report on the sales of the Handbooks to CGAP 2027.

2. 2005 Choice of Court and 2019 Judgments Conventions

54 Pending completion of the final drafts of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the 2005 Choice of Court and 2019 Judgments Conventions, CGAP invited Members to approve the FAQs through a written procedure.

3. Working Group on the Good Practices document – 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions

55 CGAP approved the Good Practices document relevant to the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions and thanked the Chair of the Working Group, Ms Ana Ghvinjilia (Georgia), and the members for their work.

56 CGAP invited Contracting Parties to undertake efforts to promote the Good Practices document domestically and recommended that Central Authorities and other designated Authorities under the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions endeavour to implement these practices, where possible and in accordance with their respective applicable laws, including regulations relating to privacy and data protection.

57 CGAP highlighted the importance of the Good Practices document in supporting regular training by for relevant officials, to ensure familiarity with applicable methods and procedures, evolving practices, and the effective use of information technology (IT).

58 CGAP invited the PB to monitor and assess the practical use of the Good Practices document by Contracting Parties and report back to HCCH Members at CGAP 2028 on its implementation. The report should indicate whether updates or further work on the document are necessary to ensure that it continues to meet current and future operational needs under the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions.

4. Working Group on the Model Forms – 1970 Evidence Convention, Chapter II

59 CGAP approved the Model Forms pertaining to Chapter II of the 1970 Evidence Convention, as well as the Guidelines for Completing the Model Forms, and thanked the chair of the Working Group, Mr Niklaus Meier (Switzerland) and the members for their work.

60 CGAP invited the PB to make minor amendments to the Guidelines for Completing the Model Form for Chapter I of the 1970 Evidence Convention in light of the new Model Forms for Chapter II. CGAP encouraged Contracting Parties to the 1970 Evidence Convention to translate the Model Forms into their official language(s).

61 CGAP invited Contracting Parties to undertake efforts to promote the Model Forms domestically and recommended that they be used when requesting permission to take evidence under Chapter II of the 1970 Evidence Convention.

62 CGAP further encouraged the use of Model Forms for letters of request submitted under Chapter I of the 1970 Evidence Convention.

5. 1961 Apostille Convention (incl. the electronic Apostille Programme (e-APP))

63 CGAP encouraged Contracting Parties and Members interested in translating the second edition of the Apostille Handbook to contact the PB.

64 CGAP welcomed the announcement of the 14th International Forum on the electronic Apostille Programme (e-APP), to be held from 12 to 13 May 2026, in Marrakech, Morocco. CGAP thanked the Government of Morocco for its generous offer to host the event and encouraged Contracting Parties and Members to participate in the forthcoming Forum. The PB will report on the Forum to CGAP 2027.

65 CGAP welcomed the report on the online brainstorming session and the circulation of a questionnaire to collect information about the operation of the e-APP. The PB will present the results of the questionnaire for discussion at the forthcoming e-APP Forum. The results of the questionnaire and the outcomes of the Forum will subsequently be reported to CGAP 2027.

C. International Commercial, Digital and Financial Law

1. 2006 Securities Convention and Digital Developments in respect of Securities Markets

66 CGAP noted the PB's work in relation to the 2006 Securities Convention and digital developments in respect of securities markets and mandated the PB, in partnership with relevant subject-matter experts, and subject to available resources, to continue to:

- a. study the determination of jurisdiction and applicable law in the context of securities markets in light of developments in technology such as distributed ledger technology;
- b. assess the ramifications of the growing attention that financial services and securities industries have accorded to developments in technology; and
- c. identify opportunities, in the context of the digital economy and in the context of other normative work, for the desirability and feasibility of future normative guidance concerning securities.

67 The PB will report to CGAP 2027.

2. 1985 Trusts Convention

68 CGAP noted the report of the first meeting and the *Aide-mémoire* of the Chair of the second meeting of the Working Group.

69 CGAP approved the *Note on the Application and Interpretation of Article 2 of the Convention of 1 July 1985 on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on their Recognition and on the Institutions Analogous to Trusts*, including its Annexes A and B, and mandated the PB to publish it. CGAP thanked the Chair of the Working Group, Judge Roberta Nocella (Italy), and the members for their work.

70 Subject to available resources, CGAP mandated the PB to continue monitoring developments relating to the 1985 Trusts Convention in order to identify areas for review and future work, and to develop promotional materials on the Convention. The PB will report to CGAP 2027.

3. 2015 Choice of Law Principles

71 CGAP noted the updates pertaining to the work relating to the 2015 Choice of Law Principles and mandated the PB, in partnership with relevant subject-matter experts, and subject to available resources, to continue monitoring developments relating to the 2015 Choice of Law Principles in order to identify areas for review and future work. The PB will report to CGAP 2027.

D. Electronic Country Profiles for Key HCCH Conventions

72 CGAP welcomed the release of e-Country Profiles under the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, 1980 Child Abduction, 1993 Adoption, 1996 Child Protection, 2000 Protection of Adults, and

2007 Child Support Conventions, and invited Contracting Parties to those Conventions to complete or update their e-Country Profiles as soon as possible.

E. Statistics on HCCH Core Conventions

- 73 CGAP noted the Report on Statistics on selected HCCH Conventions, including the higher response rate and the valuable data received, and invited the PB to continue its efforts further to improve both the response rate, in particular from non-Member Contracting Parties, and the comprehensiveness of responses in future statistical surveys.
- 74 While the PB will continue to collect and report on statistics on selected HCCH Conventions, it was noted that the response time is challenging for some multi-unit States. This issue, as well as the wider publication of the statistics, will be part of a future overall assessment of the statistical surveys.

F. Post-Convention Assistance

- 75 CGAP noted the report on post-Convention assistance activities and recognised the value of these activities in contributing to the effective operation of HCCH Conventions.

G. ROLAC, ROAP, and ROAF Reports

- 76 CGAP welcomed the reports of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC), the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), and the Regional Office for Africa (ROAF) and recognised the services they continue to provide to HCCH Members. CGAP further:
- a. encouraged Members to offer concrete support towards the implementation of the activities and objectives of the regional offices (ROs), including in the form of voluntary contributions, secondments, information, translations, and networking;
 - b. invited States from the relevant regions that are currently considering the possibility of joining one or more HCCH Conventions, or of becoming HCCH Members, to contact their respective RO;
 - c. invited National Organs, Central Authorities, and Competent Authorities to contact their relevant RO, where experience sharing with authorities of other Contracting Parties, or the academic sector, would be helpful to the effective implementation and operation of HCCH Conventions;
 - d. invited States to facilitate, to the extent possible, the participation of their representatives in meetings and events organised by the ROs.

H. Cooperation between UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT, and the HCCH

- 77 CGAP welcomed the continuing cooperation between the HCCH, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT, and their respective Secretariats. CGAP equally emphasised the importance of coordination between the Members of HCCH, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT to ensure effective tripartite cooperation.
- 78 CGAP noted the finalisation of the Coordination Guidelines of the HCCH-UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT tripartite cooperation, and invited the PB to implement them to ensure timely and effective cooperation and coordination with the Secretariats of UNCITRAL and of UNIDROIT.

IV. Governance

A. Chair of CGAP

- 79 CGAP elected Ms Yael Weiner (Israel) as its new Chair for a term of, in principle, three years.

80 CGAP thanked Judge Marcelo De Nardi (Brazil) for his service and dedication to the HCCH throughout his tenure.

B. List of Observers

81 CGAP amended the List of Observers pursuant to Part II.J of the HCCH Rules of Procedure.

C. Financial Matters

1. Draft Budget FY 2026-2027

82 CGAP noted the update provided by the Secretary General on the draft Budget and Explanatory Notes for FY 2026-2027.

2. Voluntary Contributions

83 CGAP noted the importance of voluntary contributions and thanked all contributors.

3. Funding Models

84 CGAP welcomed the Secretary General's report on the potential adjustment of the model to determine the price of a budget unit under the HCCH-adapted application of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) system. Recalling the discussion of this topic since 2023, CGAP noted that the proposed introduction of a 7.5% discount rate for those Member States contributing 33 units, and proportionate increases for those contributing between 0.5 and 6 units, effective as of Financial Year 2026-2027, will be put to the Council of Diplomatic Representatives (CDR) at its 2026 meeting for decision.

D. Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the HCCH

85 CGAP noted the proposal by the Secretary General to amend Rule II.F.6.b. of the Rules of Procedure so as to refer to "all official languages", and decided to amend the Rules of Procedure accordingly, with immediate effect.

E. Representation

86 CGAP noted the update on representation at the HCCH.

87 Reaffirming the principles of universality and inclusiveness, CGAP mandated the PB to continue to actively seek appropriate representation:

- a. across and within geographic regions, and from underrepresented Member States, when proposing Chairs of meetings of the HCCH;
- b. across genders when proposing Chairs of meetings of the HCCH, and ensuring balanced gender representation of Chairs across the different substantive categories of HCCH work.

88 CGAP also invited the PB to continue its efforts to implement measures relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the recruitment of staff, including to actively seek appropriate representation, and from underrepresented Member States, in particular in Africa, as well as across genders.

89 The PB will report on representation at CGAP 2027.

F. Resource Allocation

90 CGAP noted the report of the PB on its allocation of resources in 2025. Noting in particular the high levels of overtime recorded by PB staff, CGAP encouraged both Members and the PB to consider possible ways in which the PB could provide more specific information on the level of resourcing required for different projects and workstreams.

G. Cooperation and Coordination with Other Organisations

- 91 Recalling that the HCCH is the only global organisation expressly mandated to work towards the progressive unification of the rules of private international law, CGAP reaffirmed the importance of cooperation and coordination among international organisations whose work raises private international law issues.
- 92 CGAP recalled that, as has been consistently underlined in previous discussions, effective cooperation with the HCCH may, where appropriate, extend to the inclusion of private international law rules, in particular rules on applicable law, in instruments adopted by other organisations. Past and ongoing examples demonstrate the benefits of such an approach in promoting coherence and legal certainty.
- 93 CGAP emphasised that this presupposes meaningful and structured cooperation, in which the HCCH and its Members retain a leading role in shaping the content of such private international law rules, and in which coordination produces outcomes that visibly reflect the Organisation's mandate and added value.
- 94 In this regard CGAP noted that the new project proposal template and the Coordination Guidelines of the HCCH-UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT-tripartite cooperation constitute useful tools for Members and the three Secretariats to ensure effective cooperation and coordination.

H. Implementation Status of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028

- 95 CGAP welcomed the initiatives taken by the various Members and the PB towards the effective implementation of the Strategic Plan with a view to increasing the visibility of the work of the HCCH in underrepresented regions, in particular in Africa.
- 96 CGAP invited Members to provide informal comments and contributions to support the PB in beginning preparations for the next Strategic Plan of the Organisation. CGAP 2027 will consider the possible establishment of a Working Group to develop the new Plan.