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В КОРОЛЕВСТВЕ НИДЕРЛАНДОВ**

**EMBASSY
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
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The Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and with reference to the Note verbale of the Permanent Bureau No. 62377(17)CB/LJM of 26 January 2017 has the honour to inform it of the following.

The Russian Federation reiterates its position stipulated in the Embassy's notes No. 2357 of 23 November 2016, No. 34 of 11 January 2017 and No. 188 of 25 January 2017.

The Russian Federation takes note of the opinion of the Permanent Bureau that the results of the activity of the Working Group on Staff Rules can be discussed as "other business" at the forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee on 9 February 2017. Nevertheless the Russian Federation cannot agree with such an opinion and insists on adding this issue as a separate point to the draft provisional agenda of the aforementioned meeting.


In doing so the Russian Federation proceeds from the understanding that decisions on the agenda of the meeting of the Standing Committee as well as of other governing bodies' sessions are to be made by the Member States and not by the Permanent Bureau.

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In view of the aforesaid the Russian Federation urges the Permanent Bureau to convey its proposal to amend the agenda of the meeting of the Standing Committee on 9 February 2017 to the attention of the Member States of the Conference.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Bureau the assurances of its highest consideration.


The Hague, " 2 " February 2017