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**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
ON GENERAL AFFAIRS AND POLICY OF THE CONFERENCE**

14-16 March 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda will be treated with some flexibility and may need to be modified in the light of continuing discussions in the Council meeting, in particular concerning the work relating to possible new instruments.

Sessions will normally begin at 9.00 a.m. and end at 6.00 p.m. Short breaks will normally be from 11.00 to 11.15 a.m. and from 4.00 to 4.15 p.m., lunch from 1.00 to 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 14 March 2017

- I. Opening by the Chair of the Council – Adoption of agenda**
- II. Transfer of power between the Chair-elect and the outgoing Chair**
- III. Overview by the Secretary General of activities since the last Council meeting**
- IV. Work relating to possible new instruments**
 - 1. Judgments Project**
(Prel. Doc. No 1)
 - 2. Private international law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements (Parentage / Surrogacy Project)**
(Prel. Doc. No 2)
 - 3. Cross-border recognition and enforcement of agreements reached in the course of international child disputes**
 - 4. Co-operation in respect of protection of tourists and visitors abroad**
(Prel. Doc. No 3)
 - 5. Use of video-link and other modern technologies in the taking of evidence abroad**
(Prel. Doc. No 9)
 - 6. Recognition and enforcement of foreign civil protection orders**
 - 7. Co-habitation outside marriage**
(Prel. Doc. No 4)
 - 8. Co-operation between UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and the HCCH (and between the HCCH and other international organisations or entities)**
 - a. Information Document No 1
 - b. Joint project of the Secretariats of UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and the HCCH for the drafting of explanatory text in the area of international commercial contract law (with a focus on sales)
(oral update only)

- c. Joint project HCCH - WIPO on the development of a resource tool addressing the intersection between private international law and intellectual property law
(*Prel. Doc. No 7*)

9. New proposals

- a. Judicial Sales of Ships
(*Info. Doc. No 2* proposed by CMI to be discussed on Wednesday 15 March)
- b. Others new proposals (if any)

6.30 p.m. *Reception at the residence of the Australian Ambassador in honour of the incoming Chair, Mr Andrew Walter*

Wednesday 15 March 2017

V. Reporting on post-Convention services and assistance activities

1. International protection of children, family and property relations

- a. Child Abduction and Child Protection Conventions
(incl. Working Group on Art. 13(1)(b); "Malta Process" and related Working Party on Mediation; proposed Special Commission meeting in 2017; INCADAT and INCASTAT; International Hague Network of Judges and Direct Judicial Communications)
- b. Child Support Convention (incl. iSupport) and its Protocol
- c. Intercountry Adoption Convention
(*Prel. Doc. No 11*)
- d. Protection of Adults Convention

2. International legal co-operation and litigation

- a. Apostille Convention (incl. e-APP)
Conclusions & Recommendations Special Commission 2016
(*Prel. Doc. No 8*)
- b. Choice of Court Convention
(*Prel. Doc. No 5*)

3. International commercial and finance law

- a. Hague Principles
(*Prel. Doc. No 5*)
- b. Securities Convention

4. Report on post-Convention assistance activities (1 January – 31 December 2016)

(*Prel. Doc. No 10*)

12.00 p.m. *Signatures, deposits of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of and accession to any Hague Conventions*

Followed by an opportunity for Members to announce progress on implementation / operation of any Hague Conventions (incl. the Hague Principles)

VI. Governance of the Organisation

1. Procedure for the review of performance of the Secretary General *(Proposed by the Chair)*

2. Universality of the Organisation

- a. Report of the Regional Offices of the Permanent Bureau in Latin America and the Asia Pacific
(Prel. Doc. No 19)
- b. 125th Anniversary of the HCCH – Plans for 2018
(Prel. Doc. No 14)
Please note that this topic will also include a discussion and possible decision on the date of the Council's meeting in 2018, and the Council's consultation in the budgetary process for FYs 2018-2019 and 2019-2010.

3. Framework of voting by correspondence, including e-mail (as requested by the Working Group on Staff Rules at its meeting on 9 December 2016) *(Prel. Doc. No 16)*

4. Management efficiency initiatives

- a. Update on the Staff Rules
(Prel. Doc. No 17)
- b. Pension situation
(oral update only)
- c. Resource allocation at the Permanent Bureau
(Prel. Doc. No 15)
- d. Migration to Microsoft 365
(Prel. Doc. No 20)

6. Financial matters

- a. Draft Budget and Explanatory Notes for Financial Year 2017-2018
(Prel. Doc. No 12)
- b. Voluntary Contributions Report 2016
(Prel. Doc. No 13)

Thursday 16 March 2015

VII. Presentation of the decisions on the Work Programme for 2017-2018 (work relating to possible new instruments, post-Convention activities, governance)

VIII. Conclusions & Recommendations

The meeting will end by 4.00 p.m. at the latest.