

## DRAFT AGENDA

### PREPARATORY TRAINING FOR THE 2015 SPECIAL COMMISSION ON THE PRACTICAL OPERATION OF THE 1993 HAGUE CONVENTION

The Hague, Saturday 6 June 2015

This training is for new States Parties to the *Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption* (1993 Hague Convention) and for those States seriously considering ratification of, or accession to, the 1993 Hague Convention.

It aims to provide these States with an improved understanding of the basic operational elements of the Convention in order to facilitate their active participation in the Special Commission meeting taking place from 8 to 12 June 2015.

#### **Saturday 6 June 2015**

##### **Morning session**

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| 8.30 – 9.00 a.m.   | Registration  |
| 9.00 – 9.15 a.m.   | Welcome and introductions   |
| 9.15 – 10.15 a.m.  | Presentation: <b>Overview of the Hague Conference and the 1993 Hague Convention</b><br>Plenary discussion             |
| 10.15 – 11.15 a.m. | <b>Case study<sup>1</sup> - The adoption procedure</b>  |
| 11.15 – 11.30 a.m. | Coffee / Tea Break  |
| 11.30 a.m. – 12.00 | Sharing the results of the Case Study   |
| 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.  | Presentation: <b>the benefits and challenges of implementation of the 1993 Hague Convention</b><br>Plenary discussion |
| 1.00 – 2.00 p.m.   | Lunch Break   |

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<sup>1</sup> Discussion of hypothetical scenarios in groups.

## Afternoon session

- 2.00 – 3.15 p.m. **Overview of the topics that will be discussed during the Special Commission**  
Questions on the topics and the documentation distributed in advance of the Special Commission - see documentation [here](#)
- 3.15 – 3.30 p.m. Coffee / Tea Break
- 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Presentations:  
**Steps towards joining the Convention\***  
Plenary discussion
- 4.30 – 5.00 p.m. Summary of the day and closing remarks

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\* States Parties to the 1993 Hague Convention are encouraged to share their experience on this subject.