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Hague Conventions”*

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### Participating States:

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Conference languages	German, English, Russian

**Tuesday, 26 February 2013**

	Arrival of participants / registration	
18.00	Welcome reception at Tbilisi Courtyard by Marriott Hotel	

**Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

08.30 09.30	– Registration (Participants are requested to be seated by 09.25)	
09.30 10.30	– <b>Official Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice-Minister of Justice of Georgia <span style="float: right;">10 min</span></li> <li>• Mr. Klaus Meyer-Cabri von Amelrode, Head of Office for EU justice policy and international cooperation German Federal Ministry of Justice <span style="float: right;">10 min</span></li> <li>• Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, Deputy Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law <span style="float: right;">15 min</span></li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Address on the Importance of Hague Conventions for International Cooperation</b> <span style="float: right;">20 min</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">➤ <i>Ms. Sabine Brieger, judge</i></p> <p>Participants will be requested to immediately assemble for the official Conference photograph <span style="float: right;">5 min</span></p>	
10.30 11.00	– Coffee / Tea break	30 min
11.00 12.30	– <b>Plenary</b>	1 h 30 min
	<b>Overview of the Legal Cooperation and Litigation Instruments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Ms. Micah Thorner</i> <span style="float: right;">30 min</span></li> </ul> <p><b>Question and Answer Session</b> <span style="float: right;">15 min</span></p> <p><b>Overview of the Child Protection and Family Law Instruments</b></p>	

	➤ <i>Prof. Louise Ellen Teitz</i>	30 min		
	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>	15 min		
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<sup>2</sup> The following States are a Party to the Apostille Convention: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, the Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

15.45 16.15	–	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>	30 min
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19.00 22.00	–	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	

**Thursday, 28 February 2013**

09.30 –11.00	<b>Break-out Session</b> (Participants are requested to be seated by 09.25)	1 h 30 min		
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<p><b>Session 2</b></p> <p>Chair: <i>Ms. Micah Thorner</i></p> <p><b>Convention of November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance; the Protocol of 23 November 2007 on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations</b></p> <p>➤ General overview of the Convention and the Protocol 15 min</p> <p><b>Other Family Law Conventions: Convention of 1 June 1970 on the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations and Convention of 13 January 2000 on the International Protection of Adults</b></p> <p>➤ Brief introductory overview <i>Ms. Micah Thorner</i> 15 min</p> <p><b>Discussion / Q&amp;A</b> 15 min</p> <p><b>Conclusions and Recommendations (finalise for Day 2)</b> 15 min</p>	<p><b>Session 2</b></p> <p>Chair: <i>Prof. Louise Ellen Teitz</i></p> <p><b>Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements, International Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (ongoing project), and the Draft Hague Principles on Choice of Law (ongoing project)</b></p> <p>➤ Brief introductory overview with Q&amp;A <i>Prof. Louise Ellen Teitz</i> 45 min</p> <p><b>Conclusions and Recommendations (finalise for Day 2)</b> 15 min</p>	
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	<i>Co-chaired by Dr. Christophe Bernasconi and Ms. Micah Thorner</i>	
15.00 – 15.15	<b>Closing of the Conference</b>	15 min
	<i>Mr. Dirk Mirow, Director of IRZ</i>	