

DRAFT AGENDA

proposed by the Permanent Bureau

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PROJET D'ORDRE DU JOUR

proposé par le Bureau Permanent

*Procedural Document No 2 of February 2016 for the attention
of the Council of March 2016 on General Affairs and Policy of the Conference*

*Document de procédure No 2 de février 2016 à l'attention
du Conseil de mars 2016 sur les affaires générales et la politique de la Conférence*

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

15-17 March 2016

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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.

With the exception of the first day (when the meeting will commence at 10.00 a.m. and no coffee break will be given) all sessions will begin at 9.00 a.m. and end at 6.00 pm. Breaks for coffee will normally be from 11.00 to 11.15 a.m., lunch from 1.00 to 2.30 p.m. and tea from 4.00 to 4.15 p.m.

Tuesday 15 March 2016

- I. Opening by the Chair of the Council – Adoption of the agenda**
- II. Overview by the Secretary General of activities since the last Council meeting**
- III. Governance of the Organisation – Part I**
 - 1. Universality of the Organisation – Status of its regional presence**
 - a. Future of the regional presence of the HCCH – Moving towards universality (*Prel. Doc. No 1*)
 - b. Report of the Regional Offices of the Permanent Bureau in Latin America and the Asia Pacific (*Info. Doc. No 1*)
 - c. Assessment of the Regional Office in the Asia Pacific
 - 2. Management efficiency initiatives**
 - a. Update on the Personnel Rules applicable to Officials of the Organisation (and update on the rules for temporary staff members) (*Info. Doc. No 3*)
 - b. Resource allocation at the Permanent Bureau (*Info. Doc. No 3*)
 - 3. *New ratifications / accessions: role of the depositary and the Permanent Bureau* (subject to further developments)**
 - 4. Election of future Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council**
- IV. Work relating to possible new instruments**
 - 1. Judgments Project** (*Prel. Docs Nos 7A and 7B*)
 - 2. Private international law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements (Parentage / Surrogacy Project)** (*Prel. Doc. No 3*)

6.00 p.m. Reception in the foyer of the Academy Building

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IV. Work relating to possible new instruments (cont'd)

3. **Cross-border recognition and enforcement of agreements reached in the course of family matters involving children** (*Prel. Doc. No 5*)
4. **Co-operation in respect of protection of tourists and visitors abroad**
5. **Use of video-link and other modern technologies in the taking of evidence abroad** (*Prel. Doc. No 8*)
6. **Recognition and enforcement of foreign civil protection orders**
7. **Cohabitation outside marriage**
8. **Co-operation between UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and the HCCH (and between the HCCH and other international organisations or entities)**
 - a. Information Document No 2
 - b. Joint proposal of the Secretariats of UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and the HCCH for co-operation in the area of international commercial contract law (with a focus on sales (*Prel. Doc. No 6*))
 - c. Proposal of WIPO on the development of a resource tool addressing the intersection between private international law and intellectual property law (*Prel. Doc. No 10*)
9. **Other new proposals (if any)**

V. Reporting on post-Convention 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. Docs Nos 4A and 4B*)
 - d. Protection of Adults Convention

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)

2. International legal co-operation and litigation

- a. Apostille Convention (incl. e-APP) – Preparations for the 2016 Special Commission meeting (incl. the 10th International e-APP Forum)
- b. Service, Evidence and Access to Justice Conventions
- c. Choice of Court Convention

3. **International commercial and finance law (incl. the Hague Principles)**
4. **Report on post-Convention assistance activities (1 January – 31 December 2015) (Info. Doc. No 4)**

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VI. Presentation of the decisions on the Work Programme for 2016-2017 (work relating to possible new instruments, post-Convention activities, governance)

III. Governance of the Organisation – Part II

5. Financial matters

- a. Consultation of the Council on the draft Budget for Financial Year 2016-2017 (Art. 2(3) of the new Financial Regulations) (*Prel. Doc. No 9*)

For information only:

- b. Update on the sale of the building at Scheveningseweg 6
- c. Audit of the Supplementary Budget and Voluntary contributions Interim Report (*Info. Doc. No 5*)

6. Preparation and use of Council Minutes (nature, length, production time)

VII. Conclusions & Recommendations