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

24-26 March 2015

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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.

Sessions will normally begin at 9.00 a.m. and end at 6.00 p.m. 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 24 March 2015

I. Opening by the Chair of the Council – Adoption of agenda

II. Overview by the Secretary General of activities since the last Council meeting

III. Work relating to possible new instruments

1. **Choice of law in international contracts**

2. **Private international law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements (Parentage / Surrogacy Project)**
   (Prel. Docs Nos 3B and 3C – both of 2014; 3A update 2015)

3. **Recognition and enforcement of foreign civil protection orders**
   (Prel. Doc. No 4)

4. **Cross-border recognition and enforcement of agreements reached in the course of international child disputes**

5. **Judgments Project**
   (Prel. Doc. Nos 7A and 7B)

6. **Other topics**

   a. Co-operation in respect of protection of tourists and visitors abroad
      (Prel. Doc. No 2)
   b. Accessing the content of foreign law
   c. Unmarried couples
      (Prel. Doc. No 5)

7. **New proposals (if any)**

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

Wednesday 25 March 2015

IV. Reporting on post-Convention activities

1. International protection of children, family and property relations

a. Child Abduction and Child Protection Conventions
(incl. INCADAT, INCASTAT, "Malta Process" and related Working Party on Mediation)
b. Child Support Convention (incl. iSupport) & Protocol
(Info. Doc. Nos 6 and 7)
c. Intercountry Adoption Convention

2. International legal co-operation and litigation

a. Apostille Convention (incl. e-APP)
b. Service, Evidence and Access to Justice Conventions
   i. Conclusions & Recommendations Special Commission 2014 – Further work regarding the use of video-link and other technologies in the taking of evidence abroad
   (Prel. Doc. No 9)
   ii. Approval of Practical Handbook on Operation of the Evidence Convention
   (Prel. Doc. No 8A)
   iii. Approval of Practical Handbook on Operation of the Service Convention
   (Prel Doc. No 8B)
c. Choice of Court Convention
(Prel. Doc. No 7A)

3. International commercial and finance law

4. Opportunity for Members to announce progress on implementation / operation of any Hague Conventions

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

V. Governance of the Organisation

1. Admission of new Members (timing of responses, addenda to official certification)

2. Regional presence

a. Regional Offices of the Permanent Bureau in Buenos Aires and Hong Kong
(Info. Doc. No 1)
b. Strategic development of the Organisation in Africa
(Prel. Doc. No 6)

3. Technical assistance

a. Report of the Working Group on Technical Assistance and adoption of draft Strategic Framework
(Prel. Doc. No 11)
b. Report on technical assistance activities
(Prel. Doc. No 10)

4. Financial matters

a. Presentation of the draft Financial Regulations as prepared by the Working Group on Financial Matters and Budgetary Practices, followed by possible comments from Members
(Info. Doc. No 8)

b. Presentation of Staff Audit followed by possible discussion on the future application of Co-ordinated Organisation rules and remuneration
(Info. Doc. No 9)

For information only:

c. Building and Pensions
d. Draft Budget Financial Year 2015-2016 (incl. analysis of resource allocation at the Permanent Bureau)
(Info. Docs Nos 3, 4, and 9)
e. Supplementary Budget (Report and Future)
(Info. Doc. No 5)

Thursday 26 March 2015

5. Co-operation with other international organisations or entities

a. Co-operation between UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and the Hague Conference
(Info. Doc. No 2)
b. Permanent Bureau's reaction to invitations from other organisations to participate in or comment on their work (impact on work programme of the Permanent Bureau, resource implications (human and financial), consultation of Members of the HCCH, timelines)

VI. Presentation of the decisions on the work Programme for 2014-2015 (work relating to possible new instruments, post-Convention activities, governance)

VII. Conclusions & Recommendations

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