

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

13-15 March 2018

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. As a result, Members should be ready to discuss agenda items IV *et seq.* earlier than envisaged in this draft agenda.

With the exception of the first day (when the meeting will commence at 9.30 a.m.) the 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 13 March 2018

- 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 (legislative) instruments**
 - 1. Judgments Project**
(Prel. Docs Nos 1, 1A, 1B, 1C)
 - 2. Private international law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements (Parentage / Surrogacy Project) (Report of the Experts' Group)**
(Prel. Doc. No 2)
 - 3. Co-operation in respect of protection of tourists and visitors abroad**
(Prel. Doc. No 3)
 - 4. Cross-border recognition and enforcement of agreements reached in the course of family matters involving children**
(Prel. Doc. No 4)
 - 5. Recognition and enforcement of foreign civil protection orders**
(Prel. Doc. No 5)
 - 6. 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 development of a Guide to uniform legal instruments in the area of international commercial contracts (with a focus on sales)
(Prel. Doc. No 6)

- c. Joint project WIPO-HCCH Guide on “When Private International Law meets Intellectual Property Law – A Guide for Judges”
(*Prel. Doc. No 23*)

7. New proposals (if any)

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

Wednesday 14 March 2018

IV. Reporting on post-Convention services and assistance activities

1. International protection of children, family and property relations

- a. 1980 Child Abduction and 1996 Child Protection Conventions
 - i. Conclusions & Recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of the Special Commission on the Practical Operation of the 1980 Child Abduction Convention and the 1996 Child Protection Convention (10-17 October 2017) (*Prel. Doc. No 9*)
 - ii. Working Group on Article 13(1)(b)
(*Prel. Doc. No 21*)
 - iii. “Malta Process” and related Working Party on Mediation
 - iv. INCADAT and INCASTAT
 - v. International Hague Network of Judges and Direct Judicial Communications
- b. 2007 Child Support Convention (incl. iSupport) and its Protocol
(*Prel. Doc. No 22*)
- c. 1993 Intercountry Adoption Convention
Draft Note on Habitual Residence and the Scope of the 1993 Intercountry Adoption Convention
(*Prel. Doc. No 10*)
- d. 2000 Adults Convention

2. International legal co-operation and litigation

- a. 1961 Apostille Convention – Authentication of documents generated by supranational and intergovernmental organisations – Report of the Working Group
(*Prel. Doc. No 7*)
- b. 1970 Evidence Convention – Use of Video-link and other modern technologies in the Taking of Evidence Abroad
(*Oral report*)
- c. 2005 Choice of Court Convention
(*Oral report*)

3. International commercial and finance law

- a. 2015 Hague Principles
(*Oral report*)
- b. 2006 Securities Convention

4. Report on post-Convention assistance activities (1 January – 31 December 2017)

(Prel. Doc. No 8)

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 2015 Hague Principles)

V. Report of Regional Offices

Report on the activities of the Regional Offices of the Permanent Bureau in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Asia Pacific

(Prel. Doc. No 17)

VI. Governance of the Organisation

- 1. Review of the Secretary General's performance**
- 2. Proposal for establishing a Working Group to consider the future procedure for appointing Secretaries General of the HCCH**
(Prel. Doc. No 13)
- 3. Update on new Strategic Plan and adoption of Policy on the framework for Regional Presence**
(Oral report)
- 4. Management efficiency initiatives**
 - a. Resource allocation at the Permanent Bureau
(Prel. Doc. No 16)
 - b. Migration to Microsoft 365
(Oral report)
- 5. Adoption of framework of voting by correspondence, including e-mail**
(Oral report)
- 6. Proposed Policy on observers and proposal for the development of new Rules of Procedure**
(Prel. Docs Nos 18 & 19)
- 7. Proceedings of the HCCH: Update and proposals**
(Prel. Doc. No 20)
- 8. 125th Anniversary of the HCCH (12 September 2018)**
- 9. Informal brainstorming (10-11 September 2018)**
- 10. Financial matters**
 - a. Draft Budget and Explanatory Notes for Financial Year 2018-2019
(Prel. Doc. No 11)
 - b. Voluntary Contributions Report (1 January – 31 December 2017)
(Prel. Doc. No 12)

Thursday 15 March 2018

VII. Presentation of the decisions on the Work Programme for 2018-2019 (work relating to possible new instruments, post-Convention activities, governance)

VIII. Conclusions & Recommendations

The meeting will end by 6.00 p.m. at the latest.