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### “PARIS EVENT”

## Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Apostille Convention and Third Regional Meeting on the e-APP for Europe Project

### Additional information

*Project funded by the European Commission*

The Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Ministry of Justice and Liberties of France and the Ministry of Justice of Spain present their compliments to the National and Contact Organs of the Members and to the Competent Authorities designated under the *Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents* (Apostille Convention) and have the honour to provide them with additional information regarding the “Paris Event” to take place in Paris, France, on **Wednesday 5 October 2011**, which will be preceded by a cocktail buffet on **Tuesday 4 October 2011**. The “Paris Event” is being held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Apostille Convention and will also be the occasion for the Third Regional Meeting on the *e-APP (electronic Apostille Pilot Program) for Europe* project.

The current draft agenda as well as information relating to the venue and hotels are now available on the Hague Conference website < [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) > under “Latest developments”, or on the “[Apostille Section](#)” by clicking “[Third Regional Meeting, Paris](#)”.

Registration for the event is required. Completed [registration forms](#) should be sent before **Friday 23 September 2011** to the following e-mail addresses: < [mc@hcch.nl](mailto:mc@hcch.nl) >, < [apostille.dicom@justice.gouv.fr](mailto:apostille.dicom@justice.gouv.fr) > and < [lucia.prieto@mjusticia.es](mailto:lucia.prieto@mjusticia.es) >. Please note that space is limited.

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs and are advised to book their hotel as soon as possible.

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The Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Ministry of Justice and Liberties of France and the Ministry of Justice of Spain avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the National and Contact Organs of the Members and to the Competent Authorities designated under the Apostille Convention assurances of their highest consideration and esteem.

THE HAGUE, 12 September 2011

*For more information on the Apostille Convention and the e-APP, please see the "[Apostille Section](#)" of the Hague Conference website.*

*The e-APP for Europe is a transnational e-justice/e-administration project designed to develop best practices in relation to the Apostille Convention by promoting the e-APP, in particular the use of e-Registers of Apostilles. This is a joint initiative of the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the Ministry of Justice of Spain in association with the Ministries of Justice of Finland, France and the Czech Republic. The 18-month project is funded by the European Commission under its "Civil Justice" programme. The project is comprised of three interrelated elements: 1) the 6th International Forum on the e-APP (which took place on 29 and 30 June 2010); 2) development and implementation of an e-APP system in Spain; and 3) the holding of three regional meetings across Europe (in Helsinki, Prague, and Paris) to encourage all participating States to implement the e-APP, in particular e-Registers. The Conclusions & Recommendations of the Forum and the Regional Meetings that have been held so far are available on the "[Apostille Section](#)" of the Hague Conference website.*

To the National and Contact Organs of the Members (by e-mail only)

To the Competent Authorities designated under the Apostille Convention (by e-mail only)

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Copy for information to the participants of the 6th Forum on the e-APP (by e-mail only)

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