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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions)

Date: 20 December 2012 (10.00)

Venue: COUNCIL

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. UNCITRAL 26th session of Working Group III Online dispute resolution (Vienna, 5 to 9 November 2012)
  - Outcome of the session
3. Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, on the service of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil and commercial matters, and an agreement between the European Union and Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, on the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters
  - 14350/12 JUSTCIV 292 AELE 68 JAIEX 76 **RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED**
  - 16987/12 JUSTCIV 345 AELE 88 JAIEX 118 **RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED**
  - Continued examination

4. Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the Member States which are Contracting Parties to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage of 21 May 1963 ("Vienna Convention") to ratify the Protocol amending that Convention in the interest of the European Union, or to accede to it
  - 14364/12 JUSTCIV 296 ATO 133
  - 17159/12 JUSTCIV 347 ATO 167
  - Continued examination
  
5. Relations with the Hague Conference on Private International Law
  - (a) Special Commission on Choice of Law in International Contracts (The Hague, 12-16 November 2012)
    - Outcome of the meeting
  
  - (b) Judgments Projects
    - State of play
  
  - (c) Work relating to technical assistance
    - State of play
  
  - (d) The 2007 Hague Child Support Convention
    - (i) Information by the Commission on the developments relating to the electronic version of the Country Profile Form
  
    - (ii) Revised draft Practical Handbook for Caseworkers<sup>1</sup>
  
6. External relations
  - EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs (Tirana, 5 and 6 November 2012)
    - = Outcome of the meeting
    - 15977/12 JAIEX 101 RELEX 1016 COWEB 177 ASIM 142 CATS 75
    - JUSTCIV 329
  
7. Any other business
  - (a) Rome III
    - Participation of Lithuania<sup>2</sup>
  
  - (b) The Council of Europe Convention on contact concerning children
    - Withdrawal of the Commission proposal

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NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.

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<sup>1</sup> The Revised draft Practical Handbook can be accessed at the following address  
[http://www.hcch.net/upload/hidden/childsupport/maint\\_pd04e2009clean.pdf](http://www.hcch.net/upload/hidden/childsupport/maint_pd04e2009clean.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> See OJ L 323, 22.11.2012, p 18.