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

Date: 18 September 2012 (10.00)

Venue: COUNCIL

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation of the work programme of the Cyprus Presidency

3. Proposals for Council Decisions on the declaration of acceptance by the Member States, in the interest of the European Union, of the accession of certain States to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction¹
 - (a) Examination of the opinion of the legal service
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 - (b) Japan's accession to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction²
4. Special Commission meeting on the Choice of Law in International Contracts
(The Hague, 12-16 November 2012)
 - Preparation of the meeting
5. Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union, for the adoption of a convention with the Lugano States on
 - (a) Service of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters, and
 - (b) Cooperation between the courts in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters
 - Presentation and first exchange of views³
6. Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Space Assets
 - (a) Exchange of views on Member States' interest in becoming party to the Protocol
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 - (b) Draft official commentary to the Protocol
 - Possible comments from Member States
7. Forty-fifth session of the General Assembly of UNCITRAL
(New York, 25 June - 6 July 2012)
 - (a) Online dispute resolution
 - Progress report and follow up
 - (b) Insolvency law
 - Progress report
8. 2001 UN/ECE Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI)
 - Clarification of certain issues and possible follow-up

¹ See 5306/12 JUSTCIV 9, 5307/12 JUSTCIV 10, 5309/12 JUSTCIV 12, 5310/12 JUSTCIV 13, 5311/12 JUSTCIV 14, 5312/12 JUSTCIV 15, 5218/12 JUSTCIV 7, 5308/12 JUSTCIV 11

² A working document was circulated on this issue on 15 May 2012.

³ The proposal of the Commission should be circulated prior to the meeting.

9. Draft Declaration of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Desirability of International Standards dealing with Forum Shopping in respect of Defamation, “Libel Tourism”, to Ensure Freedom of Expression
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 - Report on the discussions within the Council of Europe
 10. External relations
 - (a) EU-US JHA Informal Senior Official's Meeting (Nicosia, 25 and 26 July 2012)
 - Outcome of the meeting
 11. Any other business
 - (a) Council Decision on the accession to the Vienna Protocol on nuclear liability
 - Information by the Commission
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