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Subject: Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions)  
Date: 18 September 2012 (10.00)  
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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 Abduction<sup>1</sup>
  - (a) Examination of the opinion of the legal service  
11163/12 JUR 327 JUSTCIV 235
  - (b) Japan's accession to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction<sup>2</sup>
4. Special Commission meeting on the Choice of Law in International Contracts (The Hague, 12-16 November 2012)
  - Preparation of the meeting<sup>3</sup>
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 views<sup>4</sup>
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. The 2001 Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the 2001 Protocol on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment
  - (a) Draft consultation copy of the Official Commentary to the Convention and Aircraft Protocol
    - Possible comments from the Union<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> A working document was circulated on this issue on 15 May 2012.

<sup>3</sup> The agenda for the Special Commission can be accessed at the following address:  
[http://www.hcch.net/upload/wop/contracts\\_agenda2012e.pdf](http://www.hcch.net/upload/wop/contracts_agenda2012e.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> The proposal of the Commission should be circulated prior to the meeting.

<sup>5</sup> See the message sent by e-mail on 6 September 2012.

8. 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
9. 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
10. 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
11. External relations
  - (a) EU-US JHA Senior Officials Meeting  
(Nicosia, 25 and 26 July 2012)
    - Outcome of the meeting  
12987/12 JAIEX 58 RELEX 733 ASIM 94 CATS 56 JUSTCIV 266 USA 25
  - (b) 16th EU-Russia PPC (JHA) (Nicosia, 2-3 October 2012)
    - Information on the meeting
12. Any other business
  - (a) Council Decision on the accession to the Vienna Protocol on nuclear liability
    - Information by the Commission
  - (b) Data protection issues relating to the 2007 Hague Convention  
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    - Follow-up on the General Questions meeting on 11 June 2012
  - (c) The revision of the Brussels IIa Regulation
    - Information by the Commission on the consultation process
  - (d) UNIDROIT Study Group - conflict of laws rule relating to close-out netting
    - Information by the Commission
  - (e) Fundamental Rights Conference: Access to justice in times of crisis
    - Information on the conference

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