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Subject: Draft Annotated Agenda - Meeting of the Public International Law Working Group

Date: 2 June 2016
Time: 10.00
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

I. The Chair of COJUR proposes the following draft annotated agenda:

1. Report of the COJUR-ICC meeting of 24 May 2016

The Chair will report on the COJUR-ICC meeting of 24 May 2016

2. International Humanitarian Law

a) *Implementation of the EU Guidelines on IHL*

Delegations are invited to provide an update on their activities regarding implementation of the Guidelines.

3. Recent developments in international law

- a) *Issues of public International Law, including on sanctions, arising in the case law of the Court of Justice (Table of cases)*

Delegations are invited to exchange views on the “Running” List of Cases before General Court and Court of Justice of interest to COJUR. CLS will provide additional explanations or clarifications concerning specific cases to Delegations.

- b) *State immunity and State Responsibility*

Delegations are invited to exchange information on topical cases of state immunity and state responsibility involving their respective governments or taking place in their national courts.

4. Exchange of views with Ms Catherine Marchi-Uhel, the Ombudsperson for the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee

Delegations are invited to exchange views with Ms Catherine Marchi-Uhel, the Ombudsperson for the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al Qaida Sanctions Committee on the basis of her presentation concerning the Lack of transparency of the Ombudsperson's mechanism [working title]

5. Update of the 1949 Geneva Conventions Commentaries

The representative of the ICRC will brief the Group on the update of the 1949 Geneva Conventions Commentaries, with the one of the first 1949 Convention launched in March.

6. Reservations to multilateral treaties

The Chair will introduce a discussion paper concerning the “COJUR Reservations Process” as a basis for discussions in the group of agenda item 5. (Meeting document to follow)

Delegates are invited to exchange views on the following declarations and reservations made to international multilateral agreements by third States:

- *OMAN, Withdrawal of reservations to Articles 7, 9, 21 and 30 of the CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (1989) on 12 June 2015. Deadline for objections 11 June 2016.*
- *OMAN, Modification of reservation made in relation to the CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (1989) on 13 August 2015. Deadline for objections 12 August 2016.*
- *BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, Partial withdrawal of reservations made in relation to the CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (1989) on 10 August 2015. Deadline for objections 9 August 2016.*
- *AZERBAIJAN, Declaration made upon ACCESSION to the CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN TAX MATTERS (1988) AND PROTOCOL AMENDING THE CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN TAX MATTERS (2010) on 5 June 2015. Deadline for objections 4 June 2016.*

- *SOMALIA, Reservation made upon RATIFICATION of the CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (1989) on 1 October 2015. Deadline for objections 30 September 2016.*
- *DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Partial withdrawal of reservations made upon accession, CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, (1979) on 23 November 2015. Deadline for objections 22 November 2016.*
- *UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, Reservation made upon accession, OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY (2000), on 3 March 2016. Deadline for objections 2 March 2017*
- *FIJI, Reservation made upon ratification, CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT (1984), on 16 March. Deadline for objections 15 March 2017*
- *BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, reservation made upon ratification, CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (2006) on 18 April 2016. Deadline for objections 17 April 2017.*

7. Recurrent activities and issues

- a) *EU-US Informal Legal Advisors Dialogue on Counter-Terrorism and International Law*

Delegations are invited to exchange views on the recent EU-US informal dialogue that took place on 2 March 2016 in Strasbourg.

8. AOB

- II. The meeting will be held at the Council headquarters, Justus Lipsius building, 175 rue de la Loi, Brussels, and will convene at 10h00 on 2 June 2016.
- III. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the names of their participants by 12h00 on 31 May 2016 to the General Secretariat by e-mail (secretariat.cojur@consilium.europa.eu) if they wish the Accreditation Service to prepare a badge in advance in order to ensure a swift entrance.

NB: Delegates requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document [14387/1/12 REV 1](#) on how to obtain them.