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Subject:	Special Commission on the Judgments Project, the Hague, 16 to 24 February 2017 - Preparation of the EU position to be taken at the Special Commission on Matters relating to intellectual property rights

1. The next Special Commission on the Judgments Project will take place from 16 to 24 February 2017 in The Hague. During this second meeting, the Special Commission will discuss and develop the 2016 preliminary draft Convention drawn up at the first meeting of the Special Commission held in June 2016. The *Aide Memoire* on this first meeting, prepared by the Chair, Mr David Goddard, lists the main outstanding issues. A first discussion on a number of outstanding matters has taken place in the Council Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions) on 2 December 2016. This discussion did not include intellectual property (IP) matters, on which inter-sessional work is ongoing.
2. The present paper aims at preparing the EU's participation in the next Special Commission as concerns certain IP issues which were debated in the last Special Commission of 2016 or which have been raised so far in the inter-sessional work. The paper is not exhaustive at this stage; other aspects of the draft text of the Convention may need to be discussed at a later stage.

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