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#### NOTE

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1. The next Special Commission on the Judgments Project will take place from 16-24 February 2017. 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. In order to facilitate discussions at the upcoming meeting, two papers are being prepared by the co-Rapporteurs in co-operation with the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference (one is on the concept of 'civil or commercial matters' and the other is on Article 7(1)(c) of the 2016 preliminary draft Convention). In addition, the Permanent Bureau has been tasked with the preparation of a paper on the relationship between the Choice of Court Convention and the future Judgments Convention. Inter-sessional work is ongoing on intellectual property matters. The *Aide Memoire* prepared by the Chair, Mr David Goddard, at the end of the first meeting of the Special Commission, lists the main outstanding issues.

2. The present Non-Paper aims at preparing the EU's participation in the next Special Commission. It elaborates on some issues, as listed in the *Aide Memoire*, and gives some suggestions as to the position to be taken by the Union. The Non-Paper is not exhaustive at this stage; other aspects of the draft text of the Convention will need to be discussed at a later stage, still prior to the next meeting of the Special Commission.

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