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1. The next Special Commission on the Judgments Project will take place from 16-24 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 Civil Law Working Party on 2 December 2016. This discussion did not include the general and final clauses, on which the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference has circulated a Working Document on 23 December 2016.¹

¹ Working Document No 78.

2. The present paper aims at preparing the EU's participation in the next Special Commission as concerns the **general and final clauses** proposed and discussed in Working Document No 78. The paper is not exhaustive at this stage; other aspects of the general and final clauses of the Convention may need to be discussed at a later stage as the discussions on the operative provisions evolve.

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