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Subject: Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions)
Date: 31 January 2014 (10.00)
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation of the work programme of the Hellenic Presidency
3. Proposal for a Council Decision on the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Hague Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements 5445/14 JUSTCIV 7¹
 - Presentation and first exchange of views

¹ This document will be distributed as soon as the Commission has adopted its proposal.

4. Relations with the Hague Conference
 - (a) The Judgments Project
 - State of play
 - (b) Draft Commentary to the draft Hague Principles on choice of law in international contracts
 - Comments by the Union to the draft Commentary¹
 - (c) Report on the meeting of the working group on the service and evidence handbooks (The Hague, 13 to 15 January 2014)
 - (d) Preparation of the Special Commission on the practical operation of the 1965 Hague Service Convention, the 1970 Hague Evidence Convention and the 1980 Hague Access to Justice Convention (The Hague, 20 to 23 May 2014)
 - The questionnaires prepared by the Permanent Bureau for the three Conventions²
5. UNCITRAL 28th session of Working Group III: Online Dispute Resolution (Vienna, 18 to 22 November 2013)
 - Outcome of the session
6. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the application of Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) 17509/13 JUSTCIV 303
7. External relations
 - (a) Outcome of the EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs (Budva (Montenegro) 19 and 20 December 2013)
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 - (b) Outcome of the 17th meeting of the Russia-EU Permanent Partnership Council on Freedom, Security and Justice (Moscow, 17 January 2014)
8. Any other business
 - System of access to foreign law and case law in the framework of the Hague Conference
 - = Information from the Working Group on e-Law

NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.

Delegates requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document 14387/1/12 REV 1 on how to obtain them.

¹ A working document containing draft comments prepared by the Commission Services will be distributed in time for the meeting.

² The three questionnaires can be accessed at the following address:
http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=publications.details&pid=6017&dtid=2