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Subject: Working Party on Civil Law Matters (General Questions)

Date: 11 June 2012 (10.00)

Venue: COUNCIL

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Proposals for a Council Decision on the declaration of acceptance by the Member States, in the interest of the European Union, of the accession of certain States to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction¹
 - (a) Examination of the opinion of the legal service² and possible follow up³
 - (b) Preparation of Japan's accession to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction⁴

¹ See 5306/12 JUSTCIV 9, 5307/12 JUSTCIV 10, 5309/12 JUSTCIV 12, 5310/12 JUSTCIV 13, 5311/12 JUSTCIV 14, 5312/12 JUSTCIV 15, 5218/12 JUSTCIV 7, 5308/12 JUSTCIV 11

² This opinion will be circulated shortly.

³ A working document will be circulated on this issue.

⁴ A working document was circulated on this issue on 15 May 2012.

3. The Council of General Affairs and Policy of The Hague Conference (17-20 April 2012)
 - Outcome of the meeting
9580/12 JUSTCIV 166

4. The Council of Europe Convention on contact concerning children
 - 12989/02 JUSTCIV 149
 - 18109/11 JUSTCIV 346

5. Draft Declaration of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Desirability of International Standards dealing with Forum Shopping in respect of Defamation, “Libel Tourism”, to Ensure Freedom of Expression
 - 10190/12 JUSTCIV 195
 - Coordination of the EU position

6. Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance
 - Data protection issues
10509/12 JUSTCIV 207

7. UNCITRAL: Twenty-fifth session of Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution, New York, 21-25 May 2012)
 - Outcome of the session and follow-up

8. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the application of Directive 2003/8/EC to improve access to justice in cross border disputes by establishing minimum common rules relating to legal aid for such disputes
 - Presentation and exchange of views
7660/12 JUSTCIV 88 + ADD 1

9. 2001 UN/ECE Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI)
 - Replies from Member States and possible follow-up
10247/12 JUSTCIV 196

10. Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Space Assets
 - Exchange of views on the possible follow-up

11. Any other business

- Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations
 - Information by Member States
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NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.