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## PROGRAMME

### WORKING GROUP CHILD MEETING N° 2

The Hague (NL), 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

12-13 December: HAMPSHIRE HOTEL

Bezuidenhoutseweg 53

14 December Morning: Churchillplein 6b

Elaboration of the Comparative Study on the application by religious and secular judges of the international norms concerning the best interests of the child

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#### Participants:

- Members of the Working Group CHILD, SPCs secular and religious judges
- Representative of the Hague Conference on Private International Law
- EuroMed Justice Senior Short Term Experts
- EuroMed Justice Key Experts

## Objectives:

*In its second session the Working Group (WG CHILD) should work at the drafting of the [Comparative Study – which has been distributed in advance to the participants](#) on the application by religious and secular judges of the international norms concerning the best interests of the child.*

Main objectives of the Working Group are:

1. To give the feedback on the content of the draft Comparative Study
  - a. in particular regarding all passages that refer to the analysis of the SPCs legal systems;
  - b. to make suggestions for text changes or additions relating to the analysis of the legal system;
  - c. to provide the experts with any missing sources of law and case law and with any information on most recent relevant case law, that is not yet mentioned in the study.
2. To clarify the questions from experts or other members of the WG.
3. WG CHILD participants are asked to bring with them copies of the relevant laws from national legal system and in particular those the study refers to in the footnotes
4. To follow up the discussions on the Hague Conference on Private International Law issues discussed in the 1<sup>st</sup> WG CHILD seminar: Hague Children's Conventions, possible designation of a member to the International Hague Network of Judges, possible designation of a participant to the Working Party on Mediation, etc.

## Methodology:

Starting from the [Comparative Study](#) sent in advance to the WG members, the 2<sup>nd</sup> CHILD Working Group will give inputs, discuss and decide on the above-mentioned topics from 1 to 4.

## Experts:

- Hague Conference on Private International Law
  - *Mr Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General*
  - *Mr Philippe Lortie, First Secretary*
  - *Mr Frédéric Breger, Legal adviser*
- EuroMed Justice Key Experts:
  - *Victoria Palau, Team Leader*
  - *Virgil Ivan-Cucu, Capacity Building*
  - *Dania Samoul, Coordinator*
- European Experts
  - *Ms. Juliane Hirsch, Consultant on Private International Law and International Family Law, Germany julianehirsch.jh@gmail.com*
  - *Ms. Roberta Ribeiro Oertel, Lecture EIPA Luxembourg, r.oertel@eipa.eu*
  - *Ms. Dolly Hamad Najjar Expert, Lebanon- Tunisia, dolly-najjar@hotmail.com*
  - *Mr Ahmed Bakry El Sayed, Judge Egypt, ahmedbakry0205@yahoo.com*

# PROGRAMME

Monday 11 December 2017

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## Arrival of the participants

17.00 – 19.00 **Coordination meeting Short Term Experts and Project Management Team**

Tuesday 12 December 2017

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09.30 Opening & Welcome

09.45 **General presentation and introduction of the Working Group CHILD tasks.**

Presentation - EuroMed Justice Key experts will explain the objectives and the outputs, the WG CHILD tasks

- *Questions and comments from the participants*

10.15 **Introduction of the Comparative Study Draft - Presentation of the PART I**

- *Ms. Juliane Hirsch*
- *Ms. Roberta Ribeiro Oertel*
- *Questions and comments from the participants*

11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.20 **Presentation of the PART II. A Comparative Analysis – Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Palestine**

- *Mr Ahmed Bakry El Sayed*
- *Questions and comments from the participants*

**Presentation of the PART II. B Comparative Analysis - Lebanon, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco**

- *Ms. Dolly Hamad Najjar*
- *Questions and comments from the participants*

12.45 *Lunch Break*

14.00 **Working Group CHILD** debates and discussions, together with the experts addressing the **PART I**

15.15 *Coffee Break*

### 15.45 PARALLEL PANELS

#### PANEL A - MAIN MEETING ROOM

15.45 Debates and discussions on the **PART II. A.** of the **Comparative Analysis**

**Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Palestine** representatives together with the experts *Ms. Juliane Hirsch, and Mr Ahmed Bakry El Sayed*

#### PANEL B – SECONDARY MEETING ROOM

15.45 Debates and discussions on the **PART II. B.** of the **Comparative Analysis**

**Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia** representatives together with the experts *Ms. Roberta Ribeiro Oertel and Ms. Dolly Hamad Najjar*

**17.30 End of the first day**

## Wednesday 13 December 2017

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09.30 **WG CHILD debates, comments and proposals** for the completion of the **Comparative Study**

- WG CHILD and the experts

10.30 **Introduction by the Experts of the proposals for the Recommendations of the Comparative Study**

- Questions and comments from the participants

11.15 *Coffee Break*

11.45 **WG CHILD debates** and discussions regarding the **proposals for the Recommendations of the Comparative Study**

12.45 *Lunch Break*

14.00 **Finalisation of the Recommendations of the Comparative Study**

15.15 *Coffee Break*

15.45 **WG CHILD debates, comments and proposals** for the completion of the **Comparative Study** - continuation

- WG CHILD and the experts

**17.00 End of the second day**

## Thursday 14 December 2017

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09.00 **Departure** from the hotel to the premises of the Hague Conference on Private International Law

Address: Churchillplein 6b, 2517 JW The Hague

09.30 **Joint Working session at the Hague Conference on Private International Law**

- HCCH presentation
- Follow up of 1<sup>st</sup> WG CHILD: Hague Children's Conventions, the International Hague Network of Judges, Working Party on Mediation
- Questions and comments from the participants

11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.30 **WG CHILD FINAL debates, comments and proposals** for the completion of the **Comparative Study**

WG CHILD and the experts

12.30 **WG CHILD discussions** to encourage the identification of possible regional needs to be covered by the Technical Assistance Facility (TAF).

13.00 Departure from the HCCH to the hotel

13.20 *Lunch Break*

14.30 **Conclusions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WG CHILD meeting; to do list and the intersessional calendar.**

15.30 Preparations for the Seminar/Training based on the Comparative Study to take place in April 2018

16.30 **End of the 2nd WG CHILD meeting**

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