Harmonization of Private International Law in the Caribbean (book)

It is my pleasure to announce the release of this work aiming at the preparation of a Model Law OHADAC of private international law. The project has been carried out thanks to the cooperation between ACP Legal, based in Guadeloupe (France), and the entity Iprolex, SL, Madrid, financed by European funds from the INTERREG project for actions in the field of harmonization of business law in the Caribbean.

The initiative began with the establishment of a team led by experts from Spain, France and Cuba: Prof. Dr. Santiago Álvarez González (Santiago de Compostela), Prof. Dr. Bertrand Ancel (Paris II), Prof. Dr. Pedro A. de Miguel Asensio (Complutense, Madrid), Prof. Dr. Rodolfo Dávalos Fernández (La Habana), and Prof. Dr. José Carlos Fernandez Rozas, (Complutense, Madrid). In carrying out this ambitious project Iprolex, SL has also benefited from the support of a large group of specialists who have worked along three distinct stages for a period of over a year.

In the book the preparatory works in view of the Model Law are preceded by in-depth studies on the various systems involved: Jose Maria DEL RIO VILLO, Rhonson SALIM and James WHITE*:* "Private International Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean and British Overseas Territories"*;* Bertrand ANCEL**,** "Départements et collectivités territoriales françaises dans l'espace caraïbe"**;** Lukas RASS–MASSON**,** "Enquête sur le droit international privé des territoires de l'Ohadac – l'héritage des Pays–Bas"**;** José Luis MARÍN FUENTES**,** "Caracteres generales del sistema de Derecho internacional privado colombiano"**,** Patricia OREJUDO PRIETO DE LOS MOZOS, "Le droit international privé colombien et le projet de Loi modèle de l'Ohadac"; José Carlos FERNÁNDEZ ROZAS y Rodolfo DÁVALOS FERNÁNDEZ, "El Derecho internacional privado de Cuba"; Enrique LINARES RODRÍGUEZ, "Le droit international prive du Nicaragua et le projet de loi modèle de l'Ohadac"; Ana FERNÁNDEZ PÉREZ, "El Derecho internacional privado de Puerto Rico: un modelo de americanización malgré lui"; José Carlos FERNÁNDEZ ROZAS, "Pourquoi la République Dominicaine a–t–elle besoin d'une

loi de droit international prive ?"; Claudia MADRID MARTÍNEZ, "Características generales del sistema de Derecho internacional privado venezolano".

The volume, written in Spanish, French and English and conceived as a combination of structured reflections and general proposals at a time, aims to achieve two main objectives. The first one is to consistently gather quantitative data and qualitative information in view of an assessment of already existing instruments that may be useful for optimizing the codification of private international law in the Caribbean geographical context. The second objective is to identify the need, social or institutional demands that must be met by a regulation, evaluating its legal and substantive feasibility and setting up the materials, steps and reports which are deemed appropriate to reach the final aim.

The great political and economic importance of the proposed Model Law, together with the fact that the regulation is complex and very broad, suggests that the involvement of stakeholders (through lobbies or directly), being crucial, may prove insufficient or incomplete. For this reason, public dissemination of the Draft is essential in order to make it known and to invite all agents or individuals interested in participating to express their views, opinions or propositions about a possible adjustment of the work while in progress. The following email address has been set for this purposes: iprolex@iprolex.com.

The deliberations that will start after the release of Draft will be vital: they will provide a sufficient perspective of the views and concerns expressed, thus allowing moving on to elaborate a final proposal, which will then be submitted to the corresponding legislative process.

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