HCCH Preliminary Explanatory Report on the Draft Convention on Judgments

The Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) has issued a Preliminary Explanatory Report on the draft Convention on Judgments (Preliminary Document No 7 of October 2017) in both English and French for the attention of the *Special Commission meeting of November 2017 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments*.

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More information relating to the meeting is available at https://www.hcch.net/en/projects/legislative-projects/judgments/special-commission/. As is evident from the Information Documents currently listed (some of which are available), the meeting will deal in particular with intellectual property rights and the extent to which they should be included in the scope of the draft Convention.

By way of comparison, it should be noted that intellectual property rights were discussed at length during the meetings of the *Hague Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements* (see Articles 2 n) and o) and 10(3) and eventually, Article 21). This was, in my view, a good compromise.

Please note that the meeting above-mentioned is open only to delegates or experts designated by the Members of the Hague Conference, invited non-Member States and International Organisations that have been granted observer status.