

Future work of the HCCH

By the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

From 13 to 15 March 2018, Members of the HCCH gathered in The Hague for the meeting of the Council on General Affairs and Policy. The Council was attended by 171 participants, representing 63 Members, one REIO and observers from four IGOs / eight NGOs.

The Council reviewed the work of the Organisation carried out during the previous year and charted the course for future work.

It recognised the very good progress made on the **Judgments Project** and mandated the Permanent Bureau to continue preparations for a Fourth and final *Special Commission meeting in May 2018*. The Council asked the Permanent Bureau to make arrangements for the preparation of a *Diplomatic Session in mid-2019*.

The Council also welcomed the work of the **Experts' Group on Parentage / Surrogacy** and instructed the Permanent Bureau to convene two more meetings of this group. The Experts' Group will report to Council at its 2019 Meeting.

The Council invited the Members to provide the Permanent Bureau with comments and a list of additional issues to be addressed in the finalised Report on the **Tourists and visitors Project**. Following a meeting of an Experts' Group, the finalised Report of the Consultant and the Experts' Group's Conclusions and Recommendations will be submitted to the Members before the end of 2018, for consideration by the Council at its 2019 Meeting.

The **Draft Practical Guide to Family Agreements under the Hague Conventions** will be submitted to the Council at its meeting in 2019.

Furthermore, the Council mandated its Chair to advise the Netherlands Standing Government Committee on Private International Law that it recommends the reappointment of the Secretary General for a further term of five years.

The full Conclusions & Recommendations are available in **English** and **French**.

For further information, see
<https://www.hcch.net/en/governance/council-on-general-affairs>.

Please note that the meetings above-mentioned are 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.