

# HCCH Monthly Update: April 2021

On 14 April, the **Working Group on the Practical Handbook on the Operation of the 2000 Protection of Adults Convention** met for the first time. Comprised of experts with experience in the operation or implementation of the 2000 Protection of Adults Convention, the Working Group will meet via videoconference every two weeks, between 14 April and 23 June, in order to continue the development of a draft Practical Handbook on the operation of the Convention. More information on the 2000 Protection of Adults Convention is available [here](#).

On 20 April, the Permanent Bureau announced the launch of the ***Legal Guide to Uniform Instruments in the Area of International Commercial Contracts, with a Focus on Sales***, a joint publication of the Secretariats of UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT and the HCCH. The Legal Guide offers an overview of the principal legislative texts prepared by each organisation and illustrates how these texts interact to achieve the shared goals of predictability and flexibility. It is intended as a user-friendly resource for those interested in the adoption, application, and interpretation of uniform contract law. More information is available [here](#).

On 22 April, the HCCH participated in the **online international seminar “The Practical Operation of the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction”**, organised by the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The seminar was attended by more than 100 participants from Germany, Kazakhstan and Turkey. This event was a follow-up to the seminar on the HCCH 1980 Child Abduction Convention held on 9 December 2020. The recording of the seminar is available [here](#).

On 29 April, **Professor William Duncan**, former Deputy Secretary General of the HCCH, received an honorary doctorate from Trinity College Dublin, the highest form of recognition from the College. This honour follows his Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad in November 2020 and is a further tribute to Professor Duncan’s life-long contribution to academic research, law reform, and children’s rights both in Ireland and abroad. On behalf of the HCCH, the Permanent Bureau congratulates Professor Duncan on being awarded this prestigious honour.

**Vacancy:** The HCCH is currently seeking a(n) (Assistant) Legal Officer. The deadline for the submission of applications is this Sunday, 2 May 2021 (00:00 CEST). More information is available [here](#).

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