DAY ONE (Monday, October 30)
Location: Loy Henderson Room, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C St., NW, Washington DC 20520
Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm; 2:30pm - 5:30pm

I. Introduction: Objectives of Meeting

Meeting participants will need to agree on objectives and work methods. Questions that may be asked include:

-- What does it mean to work on a consensus basis?

-- What should be the effect of not having consensus in certain areas?

-- How can we best make progress before the first session of the Diplomatic Conference in June 2001?

II. Jurisdiction (Chapter II, Articles 3-18)

-- Identify the grounds of jurisdiction on which substantial "in principle" consensus exists (i.e., not focusing on drafting).

-- Identify areas where there is not yet consensus in principle

-- Explore those areas where further work is likely to be most fruitful, with a view to establishing broader consensus, and/or identifying further study and discussion needed to develop such consensus.
DAY TWO (October 31)
Location: Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C St., NW, Washington DC 20520
Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm; 2:00pm - 5:30pm

Continue discussion of Item II above.

III. Recognition and Enforcement (Chapter III, Articles 23-36)

-- Identify the recognition and enforcement topics on which substantial “in principle” consensus exists (i.e., not focusing on drafting).

-- Identify topics where there is not yet consensus in principle

-- Explore those areas where further work is likely to be most fruitful, with a view to establishing broader consensus, and/or identifying further study and discussion needed to develop such consensus.

DAY THREE (November 1)
Location: International Law Institute, 1615 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington DC 20009
Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm; 2:30pm - 5:30pm

IV. Special Topics

-- Relationship with Other Conventions (Articles 2 & 37)

-- Exclusive Jurisdictions (Article 12)

-- Substantive Scope (Article 1) [Note that government consumer agency experts from several Hague countries are available to join the meeting from 2:30-4:00pm for this agenda item, as well as litigating agency officials from U.S. agencies.]

-- (If there is time) Lis pendens and declining jurisdiction (Articles 21, 22).

V. Recap and the Path Forward