

Draft Hague Convention on Jurisdiction and the Recognition
and Enforcement of Foreign Civil Judgments

Informal Meeting of Delegations
October 30 - November 1, 2000
Washington DC

SUGGESTED AGENDA

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