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U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law

(ACPIL): Public Meeting on Family Law

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, gives notice of a public meeting to discuss a draft Guide to Good Practice on Article 13(b) of the Hague Abduction Convention. The public meeting will take place on February 27, from 12 pm until 5 pm EDT. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

At its 2012 annual meeting, the Council on General Affairs and Policy of the Hague Conference on Private International Law established a Working Group to develop a Guide to Good Practice on the application of Article 13(b) of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. The Hague Conference has provided multiple draft texts. The current text can be provided to public meeting participants. It is anticipated that this text will be finalized at the 2019 meeting of the Council on General Affairs and policy, which will convene on March 5.

The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders on the current draft Guide to Good Practice. Those who cannot attend but wish to comment are welcome to do so by e-mail to Michael Coffee at coffeems@state.gov.

Time and Place: The meeting will take place on February 27, from 12 pm until 5 pm EDT in Room 240, South Building, State Department Annex 4A, Washington, DC

20037. Participants should plan to arrive at the Navy Hill gate on the west side of 23rd Street, N.W., at the intersection of 23rd Street, N.W. and D Street, N.W. by 11:30 am for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend should e-mail pil@state.gov providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, and e-mail address. This information will greatly facilitate entry into the building. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should e-mail pil@state.gov not later than February 20, 2019. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please e-mail pil@state.gov to obtain the call-in number and other information.

You must notify pil@state.gov of your intention to participate in the meeting, either in person or by telephone, to receive an agenda for the meeting as well as the current draft of the Guide to Good Practice.

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The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at https://foia.state.gov/_docs/SORN/State-36.pdf for additional information.

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