

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MEETING OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW STUDY GROUP ON ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS

There will be a public meeting of the Study Group on Enforcement of Judgments of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday March 29 at the new headquarters of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office: Henry Reimsen Building, 400 Dulany Street, Conference Center (Lobby Level), Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. The purpose of the meeting is to seek consultations on the proposed draft Hague Convention on Exclusive Choice of Court Agreements. The draft Convention will be considered at the 20th Diplomatic Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, June 14-30, 2005, and is expected to be adopted and opened for signature at that time.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee will bring experts from industry, trade associations, bar associations, non-governmental associations, and other interested parties to consider in more detail those aspects of the draft convention that bear on intellectual property rights and related litigation, in order to assist the U.S. delegation prepare for the

Diplomatic Conference. The current draft of the proposed convention may be found on the web site of the Hague Conference (www.hcch.net).

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Persons wishing to attend must notify Ms. Cherise Reid by email (reidcd@state.gov), fax (202-776-8482), or by telephone (202-776-8420).