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International Law Seminar

Cooperation on Family and Child Law

Secretariat for Legal Affairs, Department of International Law

Gabriela Mistral Room
1889 F. St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

DAY 1: MONDAY OCTUBRE 17, 2011

I. OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 10:30a.m.

- **Jean Michel Arrighi** – Secretary for Legal Affairs
- **Dante Negro** – Director, Department of International Law
- **John M. Wilson** – Senior Legal Officer, Department of International Law

II. COMPATIBILITY OF INTER-AMERICAN AND UNIVERSAL CONVENTIONS ON FAMILY LAW AND CHILDREN LAW

10:30 – 11:15a.m.

- **PANELIST: Nuria González Martín** – Researcher, Juridical Research Institute, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico D.F.

11:15a.m – 12:00p.m.

- **DEBATE:** Discussion between panelists and participants. Preliminary findings.

BREAK: 12:00–2:00p.m.

III. INTER-AMERICAN LEGAL COOPERATION IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

2:00 – 2:45p.m.

- **PANELIST: Gonzalo Ferrer Amigo** – Judge, Court of First Instance, Girona, Spain

2:45 – 3:15p.m.

- **DEBATE:** Discussion between panelists and participants. Preliminary findings.

BREAK: 3:15–3:30p.m.

IV. INTERNATIONAL LEGAL COOPERATION UNDER THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

3:30 – 4:15p.m.

- **PANELIST: Liliana Rapallini** – Professor, Private International Law, University of La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina

4:15 – 5:00p.m.

- **DEBATE:** Discussion between panelists and participants. Preliminary findings.

DAY 2: TUESDAY OCTUBRE 18, 2011

V. CONVERGENCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ABDUCTION, ADOPTION AND INTERNATIONAL CHILD TRAFFICKING

9:00 – 9:45a.m.

- **PANELIST: Mercedes Albornóz** – Professor, Private International Law, Center for Economic and Social Research (CIDE), México, D.F.

9:45 – 10:30a.m.

- **DEBATE:** Discussion between panelists and participants. Preliminary findings.

BREAK: 10:30–10:45a.m.

VI. ROLE OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL COOPERATION IN FAMILY AND CHILD LAW

10:45– 11:30p.m.

- **PANELISTS:**
 - **Julie Rosicky** – Executive Director, Internacional Social Services
 - **Felicity Northcott** – Director, Arthur C. Helton Institute for the Study of International Social Service

11:30a.m – 12:00p.m.

- **DEBATE:** Discussion between panelists and participants. Preliminary findings.

VII. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS. RECOMMENDATIONS.

12:00– 1:00p.m.

- **DEBATE:** Discussion between panelists and participants. Final Conclusions.

VIII. CLOSING

1:00p.m.