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[1] At the Annual Meeting of the Conference in August 2010, the Conference decided to establish a Working Group to examine the possibilities for uniform legislation for the implementation of international conventions and commentaries and to report back in 2011.

[2] At the Annual Meeting of the Conference in August 2011, the Conference accepted the interim report of the Department of Justice Canada and resolved that a Working Group be established to prepare a final report on uniform legislation for the implementation of international conventions for consideration at the 2012 meeting.

[3] Over the past year, Justice Canada officials have continued preliminary work with a view to facilitating the work of a Working Group. Although initially a template for uniform legislation had been envisaged, the approach evolved to draw on the Conference's Uniform Drafting Conventions. Federal drafters, Jean-Paul Chapdelaine and Peter Birt have prepared a "Draft Guide Document for Provinces that Wish to Implement an International Private Law Treaty", along with a supporting presentation. Their documents are attached as annexes 1 and 2 for consideration by the Civil Section.

[4] The Conference is asked to provide comments and direction so that a Working Group can complete the draft Guide and commentaries.