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8. External relations

(a) EU - United States

- Possible cooperation between the United States and Member States in the context of the 1993 Hague Convention on Adoption

The Chair invited the Working Party to discuss the paper from the United States concerning a possible cooperation in the context of the 1993 Hague Adoption Convention (see document 13880/10 JUSTCIV 160).

Several delegations indicated that they would support all efforts to make the 1993 Convention work properly and that they would be willing to cooperate with the United States in this respect. They all stressed however that it was for the individual Member States to put such cooperation into practice, not a matter for the Union.

The Chair concluded the debate by indicating that the Presidency would send a reply containing that message to the United States. She promised to circulate a draft reply to delegations before sending it to the US delegation

In connection with this discussion on the relations between the EU and the United States, the Chair invited the Commission representative to inform the Working Party of an informal meeting with the US delegation which took place at the beginning of October.

The Commission representative explained that the meeting concerned was part of the dialogue at experts level which had been put in place by the Washington declaration adopted on 28 October 2009 (see doc. 15184/09 JAIEX 79 RELEX 981 ASIM 114 CATS 112 JUSTCIV 224 USA 93).

The parties had exchanged information on the state of play concerning various Hague Conventions. The US delegation had indicated that good progress had been made on the 2007 Child Support Convention with the Senate approving the Convention at the end of September. However, implementation legislation at State level could take another two years.

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