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**HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
AND THE HAGUE CONFERENCE
ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW**

This Host Country Agreement is entered into by and between the Argentine Republic and the Hague Conference on Private International Law (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”).

WHEREAS:

The Hague Conference on Private International Law has been working for the progressive unification of private international law since 1893, mainly through the preparation and promotion of international conventions in response to global needs and through measures to support their effective implementation;

The Argentine Republic has been a Member of the Hague Conference on Private International Law since 1972;

The results obtained by the Hague Conference on Private International Law’s Special Programme for Latin American States in furtherance of its mission to provide technical assistance to support the implementation of Hague Conventions in the countries of the Region have been remarkable; and

The Hague Conference on Private International Law has expressed its desire to establish a permanent regional office in the City of Buenos Aires in order to facilitate the achievement of the aims and objectives for which it was created.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. The Hague Conference on Private International Law (hereinafter referred to as the "Hague Conference") may establish a permanent regional office in the territory of the Argentine Republic (hereinafter referred to as "Argentina") in order to facilitate the achievement of the aims and objectives for which it was created.

2. The Office to be established shall exercise the functions assigned thereto by the Secretary General of the Hague Conference in furtherance of its founding aims and strategic objectives, and, especially, of its mission to provide technical assistance to the States of the Region for the purpose of the implementation of Hague Conventions, including those regarding the international protection of children, family and property relations, as well as international legal co-operation and litigation, and international commercial and finance law. The Office shall also foster international administrative and judicial co-operation by means of a better co-ordination between Central Authorities, judges, officials and other professionals involved in the application of the Hague Conventions, the facilitation of access to information by States of the region, and the development and promotion of the work of the Hague Conference in the Spanish language.

3. The Government of the Argentine Republic shall be represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

ARTICLE 2

The Hague Conference shall possess juridical personality in Argentina, and, in particular, shall have legal capacity to:

1. Contract.
2. Acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property.
3. Institute legal proceedings.

ARTICLE 3

The Office shall be under the authority and responsibility of the Hague Conference. However, health and safety regulations and such other legal provisions as may be relevant shall be applicable thereto.

ARTICLE 4

Argentina shall not be liable for any actions or omissions on the part of the Hague Conference or any persons working for the Hague Conference.

ARTICLE 5

1. In consultation with the Hague Conference, the Argentine Government shall make available office and conference space for the location of the Regional Office, including computing and telephone equipment, and shall absorb the cost related to the installation and operation of the Office, including communication expenses incurred as a result of the Office's business, but excluding personnel costs. For such purpose, on behalf of the Argentine Government, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship shall co-ordinate all such issues as may arise with regard to the implementation of this Agreement between Argentina and the Hague Conference.

2. In respect of communications, Argentina shall grant the Hague Conference, as well as its officials and personnel, the facilities set forth in Article III of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted on 13 February 1946.

ARTICLE 6

1. The Hague Conference, its property and assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process in the terms of Article II, Section 2, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted on 13 February 1946.

2. The premises of the Offices shall be inviolable. The property, funds and assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, and may not be expropriated except by reason of public utility stated by law and subject to prior compensation.

3. The archives of the Offices, and in general all documents belonging to it, shall be inviolable.

4. The Hague Conference, its assets, income and other property shall be exempt from:

(a) all direct taxes.

(b) customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by the Hague Conference for the operation of its Office and in furtherance of its aims and objectives, in accordance with the procedure, methods and regulations laid down to such effect by the Argentine Government for the international organisations of the United Nations System. Articles imported under such exemption shall not be sold or used in the country for commercial purposes, except under conditions expressly agreed with the Government.

(c) customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of its publications.

5. The Hague Conference shall be exempt from such Value Added Tax as may accrue on the property acquired in the country when making important purchases for official use of property. By means of a written agreement, the Parties shall agree on the minimum amount for a purchase to be regarded as important in the terms of this paragraph. Such amount shall be equal to that established for the international organisations of the United Nations System.

6. The Hague Conference may:

(a) hold funds or currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;

(b) transfer its funds or currency from one country to another or within the country and convert any currency held by it into any other currency;