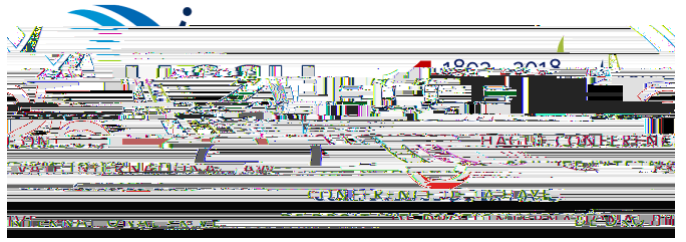


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On behalf of the Permanent Bureau, I would like to thank you for providing us with the opportunity to offer a contribution to this important work; I apologise for the delay in responding but do hope that this contribution is of use to you and your colleagues. The Permanent Bureau is grateful for



Contribution of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) to the report of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea

Due to other existing instruments, the HCCH has traditionally excluded maritime law from its scope of work. However, because several important matters in the area of private maritime law still have not been fully

emergency towage and salvage". This language is imported directly from the Choice of Court Convention, as the future Judgments Convention is based on that Convention. As such, the future Judgments Convention, once it is adopted, would still apply to certain important cases relating to oceans and seas, as stated above in Section A. Nonetheless, it should be noted that at the recent