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**FINAL REPORT – UPDATES TO PRINCIPLES FOR DRAFTING  
UNIFORM LEGISLATION GIVING FORCE OF LAW TO AN  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

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[1] The Civil Section adopted the Drafting Conventions (2023) at its annual meeting in 2023 to replace the Canadian Legislative Drafting Conventions adopted by the Section in 1989.

[2] At that meeting, it was noted that the Principles for drafting Uniform Legislation Giving Force of Law to an International Convention adopted by the Section in 2014 referred to the 1989 Drafting Conventions and that these references would need to be updated in light of the adoption of the Drafting Conventions (2023). Valérie Simard who chaired the working group on the Principles was tasked with making these updates.

[3] The Principles are set out in Annex 1 with the updates visible as tracked-changes. The updates do not change the essence of the Principles. Most updates are merely to update the reference to a particular section of the Drafting Convention. In addition, Principle #2 on the preamble now indicates that a preamble should only be used when there is a compelling reason rather than indicating, as it did before, that a preamble is not recommended. The wording of Principle #4 on definitions and Principle #12 on regulations was also updated to reflect the wording of the Drafting Conventions.

[4] The following resolution is proposed:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Final Report on updates to the Principles for drafting Uniform Legislation Giving Force of Law to an International Convention be accepted; and

That the updated Principles for drafting Uniform Legislation Giving Force of Law to an International Convention be adopted by the Civil Section.