

**Declaration, annexed to the minutes of the Council, adopted during the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 28 and 29 May 1998 when drawing up the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Matrimonial Matters**

(98/C 221/02)

The Council, conscious of the adverse effect which the length of proceedings on requests before the Court of Justice of the European Communities might have in the field of family law, stresses the need for an examination as soon as possible of possible ways of reducing the length of such proceedings; the Council proposes that this examination be carried out by the Competent body within the Council, together with the Court of Justice.

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