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Directorate A : Movement of Persons, Citizenship and Fundamental Rights
Unit A3 : Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters

**Public hearing on alternative dispute resolution
in civil and commercial law**

21 February 2003

at the Charlemagne/Karel-De-Groote building
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 170 - 1040 Brussels

- Agenda -

- 09. 00** **Welcome**
- 09. 30** **Opening of the hearing and general introduction**
- 10. 00** **Work starts**
1. *The question of the articulation between the ADR processes and the judicial proceedings (in particular the compulsory or voluntary character of recourse to ADR, the problems linked to limitation periods, to the protection of confidentiality, etc)*
- 11. 30** **Coffee break**
- 11. 45** 2. *The quality of ADRs: questions concerning the training and accreditation of ADR providers*
- 13. 00** **Lunch break**
- 14. 30** **Work recommences**
3. *The quality of ADRs: questions concerning the "procedure" of ADR, codes of ethics and effectiveness of ADRs*
- 16. 00** **Coffee break**
- 16. 45** 4. *ADRs in certain specific fields, in particular as regards family conflicts*
- 17. 30** **Any other business**
- 18. 00** **Close**