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PRESS RELEASE

"The exchange of authentic instruments within the European Judicial Area"

Rachida Dati, Minister of Justice, is organising a conference on "The exchange of authentic instruments within the European Judicial Area" in partnership with the *Conseil supérieur du Notariat* (High Council for the Notarial Profession)

**On 6 October 2008 at the *Conseil Supérieur du notariat*
(High Council for the Notarial Profession)
*60, bd de la Tour Maubourg, 75007 Paris***

The purpose of this event is to examine how the exchange of authentic instruments may be improved within the European Judicial Area to facilitate the day-to-day life of citizens and businesses.

Recognising the legal scope of these documents as such, from a horizontal rather than sectional perspective, throughout the European Union, irrespective of the Member State with jurisdiction, may significantly simplify legal relations in Europe. The legal scope of these documents encourage the mobility of citizens (or businesses) by exempting them from complex procedures to recognise legal documents, which they wish to bestow a certain force, and encourage performance of these documents in all Member States of the European Union, irrespective of whether the document is a will, marital agreement, acknowledgement of paternity, donation, incorporation document for a company or any other authentic instrument.

The thought-process launched encourages EU judicial cooperation in order to consider the exchange of such documents from a wider perspective than their integration to court decisions and may be the first stage towards a European authentic instrument.

Given this objective, the French presidency supports the initiative of the Council of Notariats of the European Union, which consists in encouraging the European Commission to envisage introducing legislation to this effect.

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