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Standard Contract Terms in Europe:
A Basis for and a Challenge to European Contract Law

Invitation to a Conference
Prague, 17 and 18 June 2005
Opening Address: Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Cyril Svoboda

I. Standard Contract Terms and the Evolution of European Contract Law

   (Dr. Röttinger, EU Commission) * with Discussion

10.15 2. Party Autonomy and Social Justice in Member States and EC Regulation - A Survey on Theory and Practice
   (Dr. Träger, Barrister)

10.45 Coffee

11.00 3. An Economic Analysis of the Standard Contract Terms Directive
   (Dr. Hatzis, Athens)

11.30 4. Discussion

12.15 Lunch Break

13.00 SECOLA General Assembly

II. Regulating the Problems of Standard Contract Terms on the EC Level - General Problems and Institutions

13.40 1. Cassis de Dijon and the Control of Standard Contract Terms
   (Prof. Micklitz, Bamberg) * with Discussion

14.20 2. Interpretation of Standard Contract Terms
   (Prof. De Boeck, Brussels/Prof. van Hoecke, Brussels) * with Discussion

15.00 Coffee

15.20 3. Standard Contract Terms and Information Rules
   (Prof. Armbrüster, Berlin) * with Invited Comment (Dr. Loos, Amsterdam)

16.20 4. The Rules applying when Standard Contracts are avoided
   (Prof. Maugeri, Catania) * with Discussion

17.00 Coffee

17.20 5. Standard Contract Terms - The Role of the Courts and Moral Suasion by Independent Authorities
   (Prof. Alpa, Rome) * with Discussion

18.00 6. Standard Contract Terms - Harmonisation and Self-Regulation
   (Prof. Cafaggi, Florence) * with Discussion

18.40 7. The Regulation of Unfair Terms and the Commission's Encouragement to Develop European Standard Contract Terms
   (Dr. Whittaker, Oxford) * with Discussion

20.30 Conference Dinner

III. Regulating the Problems of Standard Contract Terms on the EC Level - Specific Contracts and Terms

8.30 1. Standard Contract Terms and Financial Contracts
   (Prof. Volante, Ferrara) * with Discussion

9.00 2. Standard Contract Terms and Rules on Procedure
   (Prof. Podimata, Thessaloniki) * with Discussion

   (Dr. Cauffman, Leuven) * with Discussion

10.00 Coffee

IV. Implementation and Interpretation of the Directive in the Member States

10.20 1. Comparative Law Introduction
   (Prof. Amato, Brescia / Prof. Patti, Rome)

10.50 2. Panel on the Implementation of the Directive in the Member States, concentrating on four issues:
   (1) Scope of Application;
   (2) Integration or Incorporation of Standard Contract Terms into the Contract;
   (3) Interpretation of the General Standard of Fairness;
   (4) The Effects of the List of Unfair Terms
   Prof. Alessi (Palermo), Prof. Bosch Capdevila / Prof. Giménez Costa (Tarragona), Dr. Christodoulou (Athens), Prof. Deipenbrock (Berlin), Prof. Horgan (Cork), Dr. Lete (Santiago de Compostela), Prof. Pinto Oliveira (Minho), Prof. Tichy (Prague), Prof. Troiano (Foggia), Dr. Twigg-Flesner (Hull), Dr. Vigneron (Kent)

13.00 3. Standard Contract Terms and the Enlargement Process... and Concluding Remarks
   (Prof. Reich, Riga)

13.30 End of the Conference