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1996 Issues Agenda Announced

by Michael Sandler, Section Chair

Our Section's largest untapped resource is the array of projects our 50-plus committees and task forces are pursuing. This issue of the *International Law News* contains the "agenda" of the substantive legal issues each committee is following. I hope the publication of this list will lead more of our 15,000 members to become engaged in some of these committee activities.

Each issue listed may result in one of several possible projects: legislation, a publication, an update to committee members, model "uniform" rules, a proposed treaty, comments on pending regulations, a CLE program. Some projects may be well advanced. Many have not yet been launched, and are awaiting volunteers to form a subcommittee to take the lead.

I have listed the names and telephone numbers of each committee chair and

vice-chair, with the hope you will call the appropriate committee leader to learn more about any topic in which you are interested — and perhaps volunteer to take part.

To join the committee itself (and you may join up to three different committees), please contact our staff c/o: Committee Coordinator, ABA Section of International Law and Practice, 740 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005; (202) 662-1671; fax: (202) 662-1669; email: jgodfrey@attmail.com.

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Developments In Private International Law: Regional Approaches to Harmonization Draft 1994 Inter-American Convention on the Law Applicable To International Contracts — Plans for CIDIP VI — Other

by Don Wallace, Jr. and Harold Burman

In our prior column, we invited readers to write or call us with comments. Several of you have done so and in some cases we have referred you to possible activities in which you can become involved, within the Section

and the ABA, and elsewhere. We again encourage you to contact us.

In that column we referred to the fact that the pragmatic Anglo-American approach, based more on business practice, than the more doctrinaire continental approach,

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A Slow Boat to Chile The Prospects for Chilean Accession to the NAFTA

by John R. Magnus and
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Although there is substantial agreement in both Congress and the administration that the logical next step for the United States in expanding free trade should be to extend the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") to include Chile, it appears unlikely that this step will actually be taken any time before the 1996 elections. The cause: a political and ideological dispute over the terms on which Congress should extend "fast-track" procedures governing its consideration of new agreements negotiated by the president. Without fast-track, Chile's NAFTA accession most likely cannot proceed.

