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**CONVENTION ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY
REGIMES**

(Concluded March 14, 1978)

The States signatory to this Convention,

Desiring to establish common provisions concerning the law applicable to
matrimonial property regimes,

Have resolved to conclude a Convention for this purpose and have agreed
upon the following provisions –

CHAPTER I - SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION

Article 1

This Convention determines the law applicable to matrimonial property regimes.

The Convention does not apply to –

- (1) maintenance obligations between spouses;
- (2) succession rights of a surviving spouse;
- (3) the capacity of the spouses.

Article 2

The Convention applies even if the nationality or the habitual residence of the spouses or the law to be applied by virtue of the following Articles is not that of a Contracting State.

CHAPTER II – APPLICABLE LAW

Article 3

The matrimonial property regime is governed by the internal law designated by the spouses before marriage.

The spouses may designate only one of the following laws –

- (1) the law of any State of which either spouse is a national at the time of designation;
- (2) the law of the State in which either spouse has his habitual residence at the time of designation;
- (3) the law of the first State where one of the spouses establishes a new habitual residence after marriage.

The law thus designated applies to the whole of their property.