

**SPECIAL COMMISSION ON THE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
JUDGMENTS CONVENED IN THE HAGUE**

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The Special Commission on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments was convened in The Hague in June 2016. It was composed of about 400 delegates who developed and finalized the Convention. Ambassador to the Netherlands Jaime Victor B. Ledda headed the Philippine delegation. Prof Elizabeth Aguilung-Pangalangan was elected as Vice Chair of the Special Commission during the 22nd Diplomatic Session held in the Peace Palace from June 18-July 2, 2019. The other members of the Philippine delegation were Consul Zoilo Velasco and Atty. Edgar Guibone.

The Philippine delegates signed the Final Act of the 2019 Judgment Convention during the Closing Ceremony held on July 2, 2019. The Convention set a uniform legal procedure for the recognition and enforcement of judgments issued by the courts of one State and are sought to be recognized and given effect in another State for disputes arising from cross-border civil and commercial transactions.