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Chapter 1: Introduction

Globalization has made world without borders, and makes us horrendously mindful of the limits of our present instruments, and of governmental policy, to meet its difficulties. In the present times when the global relations are developing at very fast pace and ties between individuals living in different countries have grown substantially the problems concerning Conflict of Laws are increasing day by day. Private International Law is the body of conventions, model laws, national laws, legal guides, and other documents and instruments that regulate private relationships across national borders. Private International Law has a dualistic character, balancing international consensus with domestic recognition and implementation, as well as balancing sovereign actions with those of the private sector." Private International Law is that part of the law of any State which comes into operation when a court is called upon to determine a suit containing a foreign element. Such a foreign element may exist, for instance, because a contract has been made or is to be performed in another State or because the recognition of a divorce obtained by persons domiciled abroad may arise. Because the courts of the other State may also be asked to exercise jurisdiction in the suit, or because the laws of that other State may be different, in determining the proceedings before it, court may be confronted with a conflict of laws. Privαte International Law is the group of traditions, model laws, national laws, legitimate αides, and different αrchives and instruments that direct private connections crosswise over national fringes. It might be viewed by one law as displaying an issue of agreement and by the other law as an issue of torts or property, by one law as an issue of wedding property and by the other law as an issue of progression, by one law as an issue of progression and by the other law as an issue of organization. The menial of cases includes the capability of the joining

component. A decision of-law principle of the discussion may focus lawful relations by reference to the law of residence, the law of the spot of getting, the law of the spot of execution, or the law of the spot where the tort is submitted. The expressions "habitation," "spot of contracting," "spot of execution," or "spot of the wrong" are here associating components. The law of the discussion and the remote law included may have the same interfacing figures their frameworks of the Conflict of Laws however diverse implications may be joined to them.

On the off chance that the issue is replied on the premise of the law of the gαthering, one law gets to be relevant; on the off chance that it is replied on the premise of the lex causae, another law decides the arrangement of the case. Here yet again, one finds private overall law endeavoring to framework fissure, reduce conflicts, and give conscious and effective instruments of level headed discussion determination. Inquiries regarding authority go to the very center of individuals' lives, and gatherings are regularly eager to go to remarkable lengths to get what they need and need.

1.1 Basis of Private International Law

The bαsis or foundation of the rules of conflict of lαws is principally the need to do justice. It would be unjust if a dispute with, say, French element is decided by αn Indian court applying only the rules of law in force in India merely because it is αn Indian court which is deciding it.. The result would have been different had a French court decided it applying the rules of French law. [1]In the matter of Stephens vs. Fαlchi [2], it was correctly held by the court that "Whether or not the conditions are such αs to require the application of the rules of law of another country is a question that must be decided by court under their own lαw"

[1] Technip S A vs. SMS Holding (P) Ltd. (2005) 5 SCC 465
[2] 1938] 3 DLR 590

The function of conflict of lαws is to indicate the area over which the rule extends – its deals with the αpplication of laws in space. To quote a distinguished writer, “it is the diversity of positive laws [in different territorial units] which makes it necessary to mαrk off for each in sharp outline, to fix the area of its authority, to fix the limits of different positive laws in respect to one αnother.” It has also been suggested that the doctrine of comity of nations is the basis for applying the principles of conflict of lαws. Comity means the accepted rules of mutual conduct between statesn which each state adopts in relation to other states and expects other states to adopt in relation to it. An instance of the Indiαn Legislature recognizing the rule of comity occurs in Section 11 of the Foreign Marriages Act, 1969. The Act permits Indian diplomatic & consular officers to perform the marriαges of persons, one of whom is a citizen of India, αbroad, but provides that no such marriage can be performed if such a mαrriage is prohibited in the country where it is to be performed. The Joint Committee of Parliament also gave explanation as to why this rule was enacted, “it was done because permitting the performance of mαrriage prohibited in the country where it is performed would have been contrαry to international law or the comity of nαtions, and parliament desired that a marriage performed under the Act have a high degree of internationαl vαlidity.”

CHAPTER 2. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES UNDER PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Matrimonial matters form a delicate part of Private International Law and they are becoming more and more acute. The reason for this can be attributed to the rapid movement of people from one place to other and the increase interaction among people. The increase in the mobility of the people has led to the increase in cross borders marriages. Over the years a substantial number of Inter-country marriages took place in India. Deserted spouse in misery because of runaway outside nation occupant Indian mate, focused on non-inhabitant Asian parent quickly looking companion in India who has expelled their child from a foreign purview infringing upon an outside court request, urgent guardian looking for child backing and support, non-inhabitant life partner looking for authorization of foreign separation announce in India, disturbed offspring of perished non-occupant Indian turning turtle in attempting to look for move of property in India and its repatriation to foreign shores, on edge and energized outside new parents urgently attempting to determine Indian lawful customs for embracing a child in India, confused authorities of foreign High Commission attempting to comprehend the standard practices of marriage and separate only spared by Indian enactment, foreign police authorities attempting to comprehend intricacies of Indian law in catching guilty parties of law on outside soil, these are a few examples of issues emerging consistently from cross-border relocation. Accordingly the quantity of issues is bunch, however the arrangements are a couple of or non-existent.

Many a man and woman of India with different personal laws have migrated and are migrating to different countries either to make their permanent abode there or for temporary residence. Likewise there is also immigration of the nationals of other countries. The advancement in communication and transportation has also made it easier for individuals to hop from one country to another. It is also not unusual to come across cases where citizens of this country have been contracting marriages either in this country or abroad with nationals of the other countries or among themselves, or having married here, either both or one of them migrate to other countries. There are also cases where parties having married here have been either domiciled or residing separately in different foreign countries. This migration, temporary or permanent, has also been giving rise to various kinds of matrimonial disputes destroying in its turn the family and its peace.[3]According to the National Commission for Women (NCW), the problem is much

[3] Y. Narasimha Rao vs. Y. Venkata Lakshmi, JT 1991 (3) SC 33

bigger in scale than it may seem. Over 20,000 Indian girls have not seen their husbands after their honeymoon. "Most of the times the girls are very young and unaware of the laws in a foreign country[4].Areas of family law that the problems of jurisdiction are seen occurring very frequently relate with dissolution of marriage, inter-parental child abduction, inter country child adoption and succession of property connected with non-resident Indians. In matters connected with divorce, since irretrievable breakdown of marriage isn't a ground for dissolving the particular marriage under Indian law, Indian Courts in principle usually do not recognize foreign matrimonial judgments dissolving matrimony by such breakdown. Surprisingly, even very little help can be found in areas of matrimonial offences and problems arising outside of child abduction. Leaving a helpless deserted Indian spouse on Indian shores met with a matrimonial litigation of a foreign court which she or he neither has the means or ability to invoke often results in lose heart, frustration and disgust. Likewise, enforcement of the foreign court order in whose violation a child of the family has been removed and brought to Indian soil brings a mother or father to India desperately seeking any legal remedy. The list of problems is myriad but the solutions are few or non-existent. Unfortunately, no special Indian legislation exists to combat such remedies. The numbers of Indians on foreign shores have increased multifold but the multiple problems which bring them back to India are still left to be resolved by the conventional Indian legislation. Times have changed but laws have not. However, the dynamic, progressive and open minded judicial system in the Indian Jurisprudence often comes to the rescue of such problems by interpreting the existing laws with a practical application to the new generation problems of immigrant Indians. Fortunately, judicial legislation is the only crutch available[5].

2.1 **Divorce**

Separation may be considered as the end of the legitimate relationship in the middle of spouse and wife by a demonstration of the law. In the event that a spouse and wife are hitched and have

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[4] Piyush Mishra, Fraudulent NRI Marriage on the rise, The Times of India,Dec 20,2013 , available at http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/Fraudulent-NRI-marriages-on-the rise/articleshow/27667834.cms

[5] 219th Indian Law commission Report, Need for Family Law Legislations for Non-resident Indians, available at http://www.lawcommissionofindia.nic.in

their home in one state, lawful inquiries concerning their separation are nearby matters just. These will incorporate the justification for separation, the specific court in which the activity is brought, the technique to be taken after from beginning to end of the activity. This may be the distinguished of the declaration liberating the gatherings from the obligations of marriage, the impact to be given to a request for divorce settlement, conjugal rights in foreign property, or the case to authority of the child's. The inquiries, particularly as among the conditions of the United States, are numerous, and frequently troublesome.

Judicial Divorce was first introduced into English law by Matrimonial Causes Act, 1857. After coming into force of this Act many reforms took place in modern English law of Matrimonial causes is contained in Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973 and the Domicile and the Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973. The modern English law recognize only one ground of divorce viz: the marriage has broken down irretrievably , which has been given in subsection 2 of section 1 states the facts that constitutes such breakdown as adultery , cruelty ,desertion etc. The USA has long maintained a theory that a divorce could only be supported through advisory proceedings and grounds, usually related to fault, which satisfy the interest of states in the preservation of marriage bond. This Theory has now been abandoned in many state of the union by the introduction of a concept of dissolution of marriage that requires only proof, largely consensual of a disrupted relationship without regard to either party's fault. Though divorce is now accepted all over the world, until recently there were a few countries that prohibited it. Italy, before the reform of 1970, rejected divorce even to foreigners whose personal law admitted it. Divorce was also prohibited in Ireland till 1997.

2.1.1 Indian Perspective

Various relational unions happen inside India and in outside nations which are outside the ambit of different individual laws and also they can't be represented by the general and normal law of common relational unions for the reason of not having been formally solemnized or enrolled under it. In spite of the fact that these establishments are implied just as for all groups of India, yet they contain few procurements which significantly hinder individuals of specific groups to profit them. The Muslims too have choice between their uncodified personal law and the Special Marriage Act, 1954. But the issue of availability of the Special Marriage Act, 1954 for a marriage, both parties to which are Christians, remains unresolved.

In perspective of the contentions of different individual laws, all just as perceived in India, it will be in the wellness of things that all between religious relational unions (with the exception of those inside the Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Jaina groups) be obliged to be held just under the Special marriage Act, 1954. Regardless of the fact that such a marriage has been solemnized under some other law, with the end goal of wedding reasons and cures the Special Marriage Act, 1954 can be made appropriate to them. Such a move will bring all between religious relational unions in the nation under uniform law. This will be as per the hidden standard of Article 44 of the Constitution of India identifying with uniform civil code.

The present linkage between common relational unions and the relevant law of progression significantly restrains or demoralizes certain groups for selecting a common marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 as it would deny them of their laws of progression. The Muslims and Parsis give most extreme significance to their own laws of progression and they don't make utilization of the Special Marriage Act, 1954. There is by all accounts no motivation behind why the Special Marriage Act, 1954 ought to have a procurement in regards to progression law to be connected in the event of common relational unions.

Under the present lawful arrangement of India nationals have a decision between their particular religion-based and group particular marriage laws from one perspective and, then again, the general and basic law of common relational unions. While the laws of the first of these classifications are for the most part portrayed by the inclusive articulation "personal laws", the recent law is found in the accompanying two institutions:

(i) Special Marriage Act 1954;
(ii) Foreign Marriage Act 1969.

The first of these Acts is meant for those getting married within the country and the latter for those Indian citizens who may marry in a foreign country.

The Special Marriage Act 1954 is not concerned with the religion of the gatherings to a planned marriage. Any individual, whichever religion he or she pronounces, may wed under its

procurements either inside his or her group or in a group other than his or her own, gave that the planned marriage in either case is as per the conditions for marriage set down in this Act[6].

The Special Marriage Act 1954 additionally gives the office of transforming a current religious marriage into a Civil marriage by enrolling it under its procurements, gave that it is as per the condition for marriage set down under this Act[7]. The Act provides for the appointment of Marriage Officers who can both solemnize an intended marriage and register a pre-existing marriage governed by any other law.[8]

The Foreign Marriage Act 1969 encourages solemnization of common relational unions by Indian natives outside the nation, with another resident or with an outsider. This Act additionally is not concerned with the religion of the gatherings to an expected marriage; any individual can wed under its procurements either inside his or her own group or in an alternate group. For conveying its reasons the Foreign Marriage Act engages the Central Government to assign Marriage Officers in all its political missions abroad. Various relational unions happen in India which are outside the ambit of different individual laws however can't be administered by the Special Marriage Act either for the reason of not having been formally solemnized or enlisted under it. The inquiry which law would then apply to such relational unions stays uncertain.

Both the Special Marriage Act 1954 and the Foreign Marriage Act 1969 are implied similarly for all Indian groups. Yet they contain a few procurements which extraordinarily repress individuals from specific groups to benefit their procurements.

Special Marriage Act 1954:

In 1954 the first Special Marriage Act of 1872 was revoked by and supplanted with another law bearing the same title. This is a discretionary law, a different option for each of the different individual laws, accessible to all subjects in every one of those ranges where it is in power. Religion of the gatherings to an expected marriage is insignificant under this Act; one can wed under its procurements both inside and outside one's group.

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[6] Section4, Special Marriage Act, 1954

[7] Section15, Special Marriage Act, 1954

[8] Section 3, Special Marriage Act, 1954

The Special Marriage Act does not independent from anyone else or consequently apply to any marriage; it can be intentionally decided on by the gatherings to a proposed marriage in inclination to their own laws. It contains its own extensive procurements on separation, nullity and other marital reasons and, not at all like the first Special Marriage Act of 1872, does not make the Divorce Act 1869 material to relational unions administered by its procurements. For the Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs wedding inside these four groups the Special Marriage Act 1954 is a distinct option for the Hindu Marriage Act 1955. The Muslims wedding a Muslim have a decision between their uncodified individual law and the Special Marriage Act. The Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872, then again, says that all Christian relational unions should be solemnized under its own procurements [Section 4]. The issue of accessibility of the Special Marriage Act for a marriage both sides to which are Christians in this way stays uncertain.

Inter- Religious Civil Marriages

The Special Marriage Act is available also for inter-religious marriages and does not exempt any community from its provisions in this respect. The Hindu Marriage Act 1955 relevant to the Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs does not permit them to wed outside these four groups. Along these lines, if any individual from these groups wishes to wed an individual not having a place with these groups, the main decision accessible would be the Special Marriage Act 1954. The Muslim law permits certain between religious relational unions to be administered by its own particular procurements. Under this law a man can wed a lady of the groups accepted by it to be Ahl-e-Kitab (People of Book) – an articulation which incorporates Christians and Jews and may incorporate supporters of whatever other monotheistic confidence. Since Muslim law just allows a between religious marriage and does not oblige that such a marriage must occur under its own particular procurements, it doesn't come in clash with the Special Marriage Act 1954.

The Foreign Marriage Act 1969

A Foreign Marriage Act was initially established in India in 1903 amid the British tenet. It stayed in power till 1969 when another Foreign Marriage Act was ordered on the example of the new Special Marriage Act 1954.

Under this Act a marriage may be solemnized, in an outside nation, between two Indians or an Indian and a nonnative, regardless in either instance of the religion and individual law of the

gatherings, if the conditions for marriage set down in the Act are satisfied (Section 4). The Government of India is enabled by this Act to designate Marriage Officers in outside nations from amongst its political and consular staff in those nations (Section 3). The Act does not have any procurement identifying with separation, nullity or whatever other wedding cure or alleviation. For this reason the Act makes the significant procurements of the Special Marriage Act 1954 appropriate, mutatis mutandis, likewise to all relational unions solemnized or enlisted under its procurements (Section 18). The Act is completely discretionary and its procurements don't unfavorably influence the legitimacy of a marriage solemnized in an outside nation overall than under its procurements (Section 27). A marriage solemnized in a foreign nation under some other law including the nearby law of that nation can be enlisted under the Foreign Marriage Act 1969 on the off chance that it satisfies the conditions for legitimacy of relational unions set down in this Act [Section 17 (1) to (3)]. The method for enlistment of prior relational unions under the Act is same with respect to solemnization of new relational unions.

2.2Judicial Separation

A decree of judicial separation entitles the petitioner to live apart from the respondent, but does not dissolve the marriage. It merely leads to the suspension of marital obligation. Parties, after the decree of judicial separation, are not bound to cohabit with each other but they remain husband and wife. In most of countries, the need for and accordingly the function of separation varies according to prevailing law of the divorce. Thus, where the divorce is easily obtainable, separation ordinarily serves merely as a dispensable first step in the process of dissolving the marriage. Where this is the case and where divorce is unknown, separation represents a vital substitute. Judicial separation is the remedy seldom sought in England. As per section 17 of Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 the grounds of Judicial separation are the same as those that constitute the breakdown of marriage.

In Ireland a decree of divorce can be obtained on grounds, such as adultery, cruelty and unnatural practices, Judicial separation based on adversary proceedings may be granted in most American states and in those civil law countries that follow the pattern of the French Civil Code. In some countries, on the other hand, judicial separation has become almost obsolete.It has remained unknown in Greece and has been abandoned in Germany.

2.3Restitution of Conjugal Rights

In modern times, the remedy of restitution of conjugal rights is much criticized. In its essence this decree means that the respondent is asked to live with petitioner, which becomes the worst form of tyranny or call its slavery. It has now been abolished in English law."

2.4Custody of Child and Inter –Country Adoption

Once the court assumes Jurisdiction in any matrimonial proceeding, it is also called upon to deal with matters of ancillary relief related with matrimonial causes. Custody of children is one such relief, which court grants. Part III of the Matrimonial Proceeding Act 1973, deals with protection and custody of children. It gives power to the courts to refuse a decree or divorce, separation or nullity, if they feel that doing so would serve the interest of children. The court has power to keep the children under the supervision of any person, if it think proper to do so. The laws regarding matrimonial causes differ from country to country. Attempts are being made to unify these laws. Steps in this direction have been taken in the European Union in the form of various Hague Convention, which lay down the rules of Jurisdiction, choice of law and recognition and enforcement of foreign decrees. At present these rule apply to EU only.

Debate identifying with authority and appearance privileges of the youngsters emerge in some NRI relational unions that have gone on for at some point. Now and again, fathers coercively take away the child's abroad, while in others, moms come back with their youngsters to India thinking that it hard to live in an antagonistic foreign environment. In doing as such, they may be damaging authority and appearance requests allowed by foreign courts. In the event that guardianship requests have not been beforehand truly, then frequently the fathers secure them ex-parte in a foreign nation in their own particular support. Transnational guardianship fights raise a few lawful difficulties, for example:

- Whether Indian Courts have jurisdiction to decide the question of custody of a child who, in these cases, may be a foreign citizen? [9]
- Does the intention of the mother and the child to reside in India confer jurisdiction upon Indian courts? [10]

[9] Ruchi Majoo v Sanjeev Majoo AIR 2011 SC 1952.

- Whether Indian Courts should uphold custody orders passed by foreign courts? In what circumstances can they be upheld? [11]
- Whether Indian courts should undertake summary proceedings in the face of a pre-existing custody order from a foreign court to send the child back to the foreign country? [12]
- What principles govern the issue of custody in such cases? Should the question of the welfare and interests of the child prevail? [13]

In a long line of choices, the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts had maintained the welfare and best advantage of the youngster to be the directing guideline in care matters, actually when they included child's who had been conveyed to India. Consequently, regardless of the possibility that an outside court had officially chosen the issue of authority, Indian courts took a re-take a gander at the inquiry through the edge of the best advantage of the child if one of the folks petitioned for these processes in India. This went to the support of parents who needed to escape a foreign nation because of the antagonistic environment with their youngsters. Courts considered it in the child best enthusiasm to concede care to the moms who were their essential guardians.

However, the recent decision of a Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court of India in V.Ravichandran v. Union of India [14] makes a break from the long line of precedents. It prioritized the principle of comity of nations over that of the welfare of the child, by ordering that the child, a US national aged 7 years old, should be sent back to the United States of America. The SC held that instead of approaching Indian courts, the mother should apply for variation of custody orders in that country. On facts, the mother had been moving from place to place with the child in an attempt to escape legal proceedings initiated by the husband. The child, accordingly, had also been compelled to regularly switch schools, preventing him from developing a stable life in India. It appears that the Court was greatly swayed by this fact. The

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[10] Mst. Jagir Kaur and Anr. v. Jaswant Singh, MANU/SC/0242/1963 : AIR 1963 SC 1521.

[11] Dhanwanti Joshi v. Madhav Unde (1998) 1 SCC 112.

[12] Elizabeth Dinshaw v. Arvand Dinshaw, AIR 1986 SC 3.

[13] Gaurav Nagpal v. Sumedha Nagpal, MANU/SC/8279/2008 : (2009) 1 SCC 42.

[14] (2010) 1 SCC 174.

Court also blamed the mother for not asking for custody when she first arrived in India. This authoritative precedent by the Supreme Court has thrown the previous line of authority into disarray, such that subsequent cases have had to justify their orders against this decision.

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Parental Child Abduction provides one solution to address this heterogeneous trend of decisions. However, India is not currently a signatory to this. Though the Law Commission of India in its 218th Report, and some other entities, have recommended that India should accede to the Convention, women's rights activists have opposed it. This is because the Convention pays no heed to women who are often forced to flee a foreign country with their children to escape mistreatment and abuse by their husbands. It instead blindly provides that if a parent abducts a child in contravention of custody orders from a country in which the child was residing, the courts in the recipient country are bound to summarily decide the case and return the child to the country of earlier residence, except in limited circumstances.

2.4.1Inter-country Adoption:

Between nation appropriation is an inexorably basic type of family development. Between nation selection can be characterized as reception of a youngster by an individual of another nation. Between Country appropriation may be more suitable decision than local selection for some families particularly the individuals who need to receive a sound baby.

Throughout the most recent 10 years, the quantities of child's who are embraced by families who live outside of the youngster's introduction to the world nation has multiplied. Our undeniably globalize world is smearing the edges of racial, ethnic or national character. Nowhere is this phenomena more realized than in the demonstration of building a family through between nation appropriation. In the United States, alone, more than 20,000 child's a year are being embraced from China, Russia, and other Asian, Eastern European, and Latin American nations.

Yet, this increment in quantities of child's accepting permanency and the chance to develop and grow inside adoring families, can be beguiling, as it speaks to yet a little rate of the a huge number of youngsters naturally introduced to neediness or ill-use, who, due to the absence of satisfactory reception administration framework, are mulling in organizations, living in the city, or leading existences of unmitigated destitution with no chance to create to their fullest potential.

Also, sadly, they speak to however a little rate in examination to the child's who have kicked the bucket from treatable sicknesses, unhealthiness and disregard.

The increase in the numbers of children being adopted by families from other countries has also been the cause of an enormous increase in Public Policy Controversy, leading to The Hague Convention and Treaty on International Adoption, and numerous countries changing their internal laws and policies, to regulate inter-country adoption practices. It has also led to an actual decrease in opportunity for hundreds of thousands of children who need families to ever have this opportunity, or to benefit from this opportunity early enough in their lives to escape the ravages of lack of nurture, institutionalization, malnutrition, and lack of educational opportunity. Nevertheless, it must be recognized that some children adopted from foreign countries arrive in their new families with special needs. In some cases the child's special needs are known or diagnosed prior to adoption, in some cases not. Some inter-country adopted children may be immediately diagnosed with treatable medical conditions, while some children may later develop conditions which entail a longer term commitment to treatments or therapies. However, it is important that prospective adoptive parents recognize that there are risks associated with inter-country adoption and be prepared to deal with them. Inter-country Adoption has become much more controversial than what used to be the case. As a result of this, there have been many moves to "clean up" inter-country adoption that often seem to have a polarizing effect between agencies and adoptive families. In addition, legislators, NGOs, and other interest groups have been prone to jump on the bandwagon of increased regulation in attempts to repair the causes that have led to the unfortunate minority of adoption cases mired by poor practices and controversy.

International Perspective: Comparison

India

In this part, an endeavor has been made to think about the procurements of the laws winning in diverse nations. Here, with the end goal of rearrangements, the investigation of ICA has been contracted down to correlation between European, American and Indian Laws.

In India there is scarcity of enactments with respect to ICA. The primary laws controlling ICA infers its power and legitimacy from Judicial Pronouncements and CARA Guidelines. The

Government of India, in compatibility of its protected command, has advanced a National Policy for the welfare of children. The push of this arrangement is summed up in the accompanying words: "The Nation's youngsters are an especially imperative resource. Their support and anxiety are our obligation. Youngsters' projects ought to discover an unmistakable part in our national arrangements for the improvement of HR, so that our child's grow up to wind up vigorous residents, physically fit, rationally caution and ethically solid, blessed with the abilities and inspiration required by society. Rise to open doors for advancement to all youngsters amid the time of development ought to be our point, for this would fill our bigger need of lessening disparity and guaranteeing social equity." The National Policy for the Welfare of Children likewise focuses on the fundamental part which the intentional associations need to play in the field of training, wellbeing, amusement and social welfare administrations for child's and announces that it should be the try of the state to energize and reinforce such willful associations. There is no express procurement with respect to ICA and India is currently a signatory to Hague Convention of 1993. India has marked the settlement in 2003 The "Modified Guidelines for the Adoption of Indian Children-1995" were issued by the Govt. of India on 21st May'1995 and it has now been chosen to further change this Guidelines keeping in view the improvements, for example, the endorsement of the Hague Convention on Inter-nation Adoption-1993 by India on 06.06.2003 and so forth from that point forward.

United States America

Inter-country Adoption Act of 2000 (P. L. P. L. 106-279; 114 Stat. 825; 42 U.S.C. 14901 et seq.).The real objective of the Act was to accommodate execution by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect to Inter-country Adoption (otherwise known as The Hague Convention). By so doing the Act acknowledged norms and strategies for selections between actualizing nations that averts misuses such snatching or offer of youngsters, guarantees legitimate assent for the reception, considers the children exchange to the getting nation, and created the received child's status in the accepting nation. The law is late along these lines, is in consonance with the late changes and slants and is comprehensive in nature and in all.

United Kingdom

In UK, the provisions of ICA are governed by the children and Adoption Act, 2006. Part 2 of the Act makes provision for the Secretary of State to suspend ICA from a country if he has concerns about the practices there in connection with the adoption of children.

Section 13 of the act makes other provision for the following other matters relating to ICA: Providing a power for the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales to charge a fee to adopters or prospective adopters for services provided in relation to ICA; Preventing an overlap of functions by local authorities where a child is brought into the country for the purposes of ICA; and amending section 83 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 to make it harder for inter- country adopters to circumvent restrictions on bringing children into the UK.

CHAPTER3 : ISSUES ARISING IN SUITS RELATING TO MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

The issues that arise in matrimonial suits under private international law are those of jurisdiction, choice of law and recognition of Foreign Judgement. The laws of every country vary in this regard. Each country has its own laws for determining jurisdiction ; some country assume jurisdiction on the basis of nationality while some on the basis of domicile .With regard to choice of law it is usually observed that countries prefer to apply their own laws. The recognition of foreign judgements to a great extend depends upon the public policy of recognizing state.

3.1Jurisdiction

There is no uniformity with regard to rules of Jurisdiction. The courts of different states assume jurisdiction on the basis of different grounds. In England the issue of jurisdiction was decided by the Privy Council.

English Law:

In respect of Jurisdiction of English court, some fundamental changes have been effected by the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973: now English Court assume Jurisdiction on two grounds Domicile, habitual residence of the parties[15]. All the basis of Jurisdiction have been abolished[16]. Domicile as a basis of jurisdiction has to be understood in the light of Section 1of the Act, which abolishes wife's dependent domicile.

Domicile : In case of Le Mesurier v Le Mesurier,[17] which was conformed by House of Lords in Indyka v Indyka it has been settled proposition of English law that the English court has jurisdiction to entertain a petition for divorce if parties domiciled in England at the time of Commencement of proceedings.[18]The Domicile and Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973 lays

[15] Section 2, Domicile and Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973
[16] Section 5(2), Domicile and Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973

[17] (1895) A.C. 517

[18] Niboyet v Niboyet (1878) 4 PD

down that court will have jurisdiction to entertain a petition for divorce if either of the parties to marriage is domiciled in England on the date which proceeding began[19].

Once the court has jurisdiction to entertain the petition its jurisdiction cannot be defeated by a subsequent change of husband's domicile[20] . Under the Act, not only the petition already filed will not be affected by the subsequent change of domicile by the party on the basis of whose domicile petition was filed, but the court will retain Jurisdiction to entertain any cross petition that may be filed subsequently for the different form relief (suppose, the petition is filed for divorce, the respondent may cross petition for judicial separation or vice versa.[21])

Habitual Residence: with Hague Conventions adopting: habitual residence" as a basis of jurisdiction, the English law is giving now giving it full reception. The Domicile and Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973adopts it as second basis of jurisdiction: if either party to marriage was habitually resident in England throughout the period of one year ending on the date when the proceeding are begun , the English court has jurisdiction to entertain a petition for divorce . What is meaning of habitual residence has however, not been defined either statutorily or judicially. According to the law commission it can be proved, "by evidence of a course of conduct which tends to show substantial link between a person and his country of residence". "The factual element" of habitual residence has been emphasized by the council of Europe on Fundamental Legal concept thus : " In determining whether a residence is habitual , account is to be taken of the duration and the continuity of the residence as well as other factor of personal and professional nature which point to durable ties between a person and his residence.

Indian Law

Although the matrimonial law in India differs from community to community, the Jurisdictional rules differ only slightly. The matrimonial laws of all communities, except the Muslims and the Jews, is now statutory laws. The peculiar feature of all these statutes except the Divorce Act,

[19] Section 5(2), Domicile and Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973

[20] Leon v Leon (1966) 3 W.L.R.1164

[21] S.5(5), Domicile and Matrimonial Proceeding Act, 1973

1869 a petition is in any matrimonial cause. The outstanding feature of all statutes is that in all causes the Jurisdictional basis is the same.

Under the Divorce Act , 1869 a petition is in any matrimonial cause may be present to the District Court or the High Court , in any matrimonial cause on the basis of resided together within the jurisdiction or that the parties last resided together within the Jurisdiction or that the parties are domiciled in India at the time of presentation of the petition .

A further jurisdictional requirements in a petition for nullity are that such a petition can be presented only if the marriage was solemnized in India, and further that the petitioner was resident in India at the time presentation of petition.[22] In respect of a petition for judicial separation or resistution of conjurals rights the additional requirement is that at the time of the presentation of the petition the petitioner must be residing in India. The Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1961[23] stipulates for the establishment of sepical courts known as Parsi chief Matrimonial Courts at Calcutta , Bombay and Madras and at such other places as the Parsi District Matrimonial Courts. The Act lays down that a suit in a matrimonial cause may be filed:

(i) In the Parsi matrimonial court within the limits of whose jurisdiction the defendant resides at the time of intuition of suit .

(ii) (if the defendant is not residing in India), in the Parsis matrimonial court within whose jurisdiction parties last resided together.

(iii) (with the permission of court) at a place where the plaintiff is residing or at a place where the parties last resided together irrespective of the fact whether the defendant resides in India or not .

Thus main basis of jurisdiction is 'residence' which has been used in broad sense. [24] The domicile or the nationality of either party does not figure anywhere. The Act applies not merely to Indian Parsis but also to all Zoroastrians[25](including from Iran) who are either

[22] Taylor v Wenkenbasch (1937) Cal, 417

[23] Section2(5), The Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1961, husband is defined to mean "Parsi husband " and in s.2(9) wife is defined to mean "Parsi wife".

[24] Panthaky v Panthaky , 1941 Bom 330

[25] Section 2(7), The Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936

temporarily or permanently residing in India. The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 applies to all Hindus . It is also not necessary that they should be Indian national [26] The domicile has significance in respect of those Hindus who are outside India.Under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, domicile is important only in respect of those Indian citizens who are outside is important only in respect of those Indian citizens who are outside India. Again in the jurisdictional rules no difference is made between the matrimonial causes. The jurisdictional grounds under both the statues are the same. Under the Acts a petition for dissolution of marriage, nullity of marriage , judicial separation or restitution of conjugal rights may be presented to the District court within the local limit of whose jurisdiction –

- The marriage was solemnized,
- The parties last resided together
- The respondent, at the time of presentation of petition resides and
- The petitioner is residing at the time of presentation of petition in a case where the respondent is at the time, residing outside the territories to which the Act extends has not been heard of being alive for seven years.

Residence: Time and again courts have said that residence is a question of fact; whether or not a person is residing at a particular place would depend upon the facts of each case.[27] The word residence is obviously capable of a narrow as well as a broad meaning. In the former sense it means any place where a person is living, permanently or temporarily.In its narrow meaning the term means "the abiding or dewelling' in a place for some continuous time it means the place where the person eats drink and sleeps.[28] In short, in its natural and ordinary meaning (which is called the narrow meaning). The words 'reside' together have not only been used in the Indian matrimonial statutes, but s. 488 of the CPC also uses these words. The latter provision came for interpretation before the Supreme Court in Jagir v Jaswant.[29] Subba Rao , J said that the word 'residence' include both permanent dwelling and temporary living at a place , but does not include " a causal stay in, or flying visit to, a particular place". His Lordship defined

[26] Section 2, Hindu Marriage Act,1955

[27] Jagir Kaur v Jawant Singh, 1963 S.C, 1521

[28] Kumud Nath v Jotindranath,(1911)38 Cal.394

[29] 1963 S.C 1521

3.2 Choice of Law: The question of choice of law has never been so prominent in the England rule of Conflicts of Laws relating to divorce or judicial separation. Once the English court decides that it has jurisdiction, it invariably applies the English domestic law. Supporting this state of English law, Wolf said the question whether the marriage would be dissolved or not touches the fundamental English concept of morality, religion and public policy and therefore is a matter exclusively decided by English law. This may be justified on the ground that since common law, jurisdiction is assumed on the basis of domicile of the parties and therefore the law that is applied is that of domicile. But even in those cases where the Jurisdiction was assumed on the basis of resident of the parties, the English domestic law was applicable.

Before a judge can select the choice-of-law rule applicable to a situation presented to him, he must know whether the question relates to contracts, torts, property, succession, or some other field. He's going to usually be quite sure of the category to that your question belongs. Many differences do exist, how- ever, between different systems of law inside the classification of appropriate transactions, and the question is what a judge is to perform when confronted having a situation treated variantly in various systems. Most writers appear to feel that in today's stage of our law there is absolutely no practical alternative to the effective use of the law on the forum. It is conceded that this is an undesirable state of affairs because different solutions will likely be reached in different countries having equivalent Conflicts rules. Robertson is in general agreement with the above views but contends that further clarification is necessary concerning the process of qualification by the lex fori. He makes particular objection to the statement that the qualification must be on the basis of the "internal" law of the forum. in the case of DeNicols v. Curlier.[30] A French couple came to reside in England. At the husband's death, the widow claimed one-half of all the property acquired by the husband during the marriage, including the property acquired in England, basing her claim on the French matrimonial property regime. No such property regime was known to the internal English law. The House of Lords felt that the French law should con- trol and, in so holding, recognized a foreign institution which did not exist in England and so could not fall within the framework of the English internal law. Robertson therefore concludes that, insofar as the characterization of foreign legal situations is

[30] (1900)A. c. 21.

determined by the lex fori, the term does not mean the strictly internal law of the forum, but a wider concept which needs to be worked out for purposes of the Conflict of Laws.

3.3 Problem of characterization: Prosecution might it could be said be isolated into two classes. The customary case includes agent truths and issues which are connected with just that administrative purview in which the court sits and the court basically applies the law of the discussion. The second class the contention of laws case-includes agent truths and issues some of which are associated with authoritative jurisdictions other than that of the gathering. In this kind of case nobody arrangement of positive law manages the whole circumstance. The court may either choose self-assertively without reference to any arrangement of law, or apply its own law only, or allude the matter to the arrangement of law with which the case appears to have the nearest affiliation. This last course is the one took after. It is regular to think about this reference as being finished through the use of a contentions lead, a guideline of the gathering by which the issue as characterized is alluded to a certain law by method for a joining variable or spot component. This associating element may be a legal idea or an additional legitimate actuality. Hence, ability to wed may be alluded to the law of the house; progression to a1891 Kahn in Germany brought up that the same case may be chosen distinctively in diverse states due to the conflicts which may exist in the contentions tenets of the states concerned.

(1) The contentions rules themselves may be patently different, as where ability to wed is alluded by one state to the party's domiciliary law and by another state to his national law.

(2) The contentions guidelines may be obviously the same, regardless distinctive on the grounds that diverse implications may be given to the interfacing figure every state, as where habitation is the interfacing consider every state, except one technique for deciding home does not compare to the next.

(3) The contentions guidelines may be obviously the same in every state, with the interfacing considers the same substance, however the issue not characterized in the same way in every state, as where the need of parental assent is legitimately characterized as an issue of limit in one state and as an issue of structure in an other elements may be alluded to the law of its situs.

The frequently referred to instance of Odgen v. Ogden[31] may be given as an outline of the last sort of contention said, in particular the difference in the meaning of the issue. A minor Frenchman had hitched an Englishwoman in England without beforehand acquiring the assent of his guardians as needed by French law. An English court considered the French prerequisite a matter of structure what's more, connected the English clashes decide that structure is administered by the law of the spot of festival (England). The court discovered the French law inapplicable and maintained the legitimacy of the scratch rage. Without further ado in the recent past, a French court needed to choose the legitimacy of the same marriage. Characterizing the need of parental assent as an issue of ability to wed, the French court connected the French clashes decide that such limit is represented by the party's national (French) law, and proclaimed the marriage invalid. Both Eng- area and France had the same clashes decides that structure is hinder mined by the law of the spot of festival and limit by the law of the party's home (or nationality-here the same), yet a distinction in the meaning of the issue prompted a distinction in result. The issue of characterizing the issue and the associating element is known as the issue of portrayal; this has additionally been called "capability," or "order.'"

Six years after Kahn's statement, Bartin concluded that the problem could not be solved. To Bartin, conflicts rules were as much a part of the law of the forum as the rules of internal law. As such they were phrased in terms of the internal law. To give them other characterizations, such as those of a foreign law, would be to give them a meaning not intended by the sovereign. Hence all characterizations must be by the law of the forum." Bartin admitted that the sovereign may deliberately use a characterization which would fit similar concepts or institutions in other systems of law, but such a characterization could not be used out- side of its own jurisdiction. In considering this law the foreign court would have to characterize its terms according to its own local concepts. It is vital to note that the contentions tenet has, as per Bartin, the same tying constrain generally speaking of inner law and must be connected in the way in which the sovereign under- stands it. It is not such a law as will discard the issue, yet a guideline of reference, one which will allude the issue to a certain law, neighborhood or outside, for determination; a "characteristic" as opposed to a "dispositive" tenet." Therefore, the juridical definition of the issue must be known before the contentions standard can be chosen and the law

[31] (1908) P. 46.

alluded to connected. In the expressions of Falconbridge, the arrangement of a contentions case obliges the characterization of the issue, determination of the law to be connected by method for the contentions principle, and use of the law chose Each state having its own particular ideas and establishments which can't be required to be the same in different states, the portrayals of one state won't fundamentally comply with those of another, and in this manner it is vain to expect consistency of result for comparative clash cases in diverse courts. Bartin presumed that there can be no answer for such clash of choices in comparable cases; this could be disposed of just by having the same laws with comparative portrayals in every state; such consistency can't be expected. It must be recalled that Bartin contemplated to the necessity of portrayal by the law of the gathering on the ground that to utilize outside ideas as a part of the neighborhood tenet would prevent the planned application from securing the nearby clashes principle. At the same time if the utilization of outside ideas in a neighborhood clashes principle may bring about the misuse of that manage, the utilization of the foreign law regarding the nearby portrayals may bring about a misapplication of the outside law.[32]Therefore, contended Despagnet, characterization of the issue must be made as far as the law to be connected. H. Donnedieu de Vabres conceded that the foreign law couldn't be issued its planned application with nearby portrayals, yet presumed that this outcome couldn't be kept away from: how might it be conceivable to figure out what law is pertinent before characterizing the issue? In this manner, as he would like to think, Despagnet's perspectives involved an endless loop.

Bartin's view of the approach to the conflict of laws has been adopted by Arminjon [33] and Niboyet[34]in France, by Cheshire [35] in England, and by Falcon bride in Canada. In the United States, Lorenzen takes the same view and Beale seems to be in accord for he dismisses the problem with the statement that in America "all qualifications are determined by the law of the

[32] By extending Bartin's reasoning we could say that the sovereign creating the conflicts rule has no intention to apply the foreign law, but only a law of its own, the content of which is to be found by interpreting the foreign law in terms of local concepts. That such is not actually the case hardly needs refutation. The sovereign might as well direct that its internal law be applied to conflicts cases. The fact that a use of the foreign law is directed would seem to indicate an intention that it be interpreted and ap- plied as in that foreign state.

[33] Arminjon, Precis de Droit International Priv6 (2 ed. 1927) 133-136. For translated selections, see Harper and Taintor, Cases and Other Materials on Judicial Technique in Conflict of Laws (1937) 258.

[34] Niboyet, Notions Sommaires de Droit International Priv6 (3 ed. 1937) 121-125, nos 197-202.

[35] Cheshire, Private International Law (2 ed. 1938) 24-45.

forum." This is not as astonishing as it may seem at first, for the process of characterization, selection, and application gives rise to difficulty only if the concepts and institutions of the states involved cannot be characterized in the same manner. Since the laws of most of the states of the Union are based upon a common tradition of law, the concepts, institutions, and classification of the internal laws are likely to be the same or so similar that conflicts will arise but infrequently. Rheinstein has noted that the use of concepts as a basis of approach to the conflict of laws "is unobjectionable as long as we have to deal exclusively with conflicts between various bodies of law inside of one single legal system, e.g., between various statute of the medieval Italian cities, between various French costumes', between various laws of the ancient Dutch provinces, between various jurisdictions inside the Common Law. It would seem that the approach by means of characterization, selection, and application may be used within certain limits in the conflict of laws.

3.4 Recognition of Foreign Decrees

The English court have, from early times, accorded recognition of foreign Judgements, though direct effect could not be given to them. Today most of the countries of Commonwealth including India and USA give recognition to foreign decree. On the other hand the position is different in continental countries. The continental system places much reliance on reciprocity. Different continental country have different rules of Conflict of Laws[36]. However, the pea that the matter had been finally litigated upon between two parties can be taken in courts of many continental countries. The European countries also recognize the foreign Judgement relating to status[37]

The recognition of any foreign decree is mainly considered to be an issue related to the public policy of the recognizing state. This is true for all matrimonial causes except for decree of custody of children where the welfare of child is given paramount importance. The recognition and enforcement of foreign decree poses a lot of problems. International law does not provide a concrete rule in this regard. Problem arise when in particular state a particular practice is not recognized. For example in Ireland until 1997, divorce was prohibited. As a result any divorce

[36] Arthur Kuhn, Commentaries on Private International Law,pp.102- 114
[37] *Id*

decree obtained outside the Ireland was never recognized. Such problem cause considerable hardship to spouse who wishes to enforce that decree.

International law supplies little direction regarding recognition of foreign judgement because there is no agreed principles governing recognition and enforcement of foreign judgement ,Usually aa Nations refuse to recognize or enforce foreign Judgments that are rendered without jurisdiction or without fundamental fairness or obtained by fraud or that violates some local police. Though these are some common grounds, there is great variation regarding what policies are deemed as important as to override the foreign Judgment.

The above discussion about the various aspects of matrimonial causes shows that there is vast diversity in the laws of different states. The rules of private international law of each state greatly vary from each other though in certain aspects they are similar, for example non –recognition of divorce decree on the ground of public policy. But such instances are few and there are many areas in Private International law where there is need for having uniform rules to be applied by the countries uniformly in order to avoid unnecessary hardship to the parties to matrimonial disputes.

3.4.1 Recognition of Foreign Decrees in India

While using the advent of globalisation sufficient reason for India poised as a major international as well as global player on the globe economy, it is apposite to take into account the law related to enforcement of international judgments in Asia. In law, the enforcement regarding foreign judgments may be the recognition and enforcement caused to become in another ("foreign") jurisdiction. Foreign judgments might be recognized based on bilateral or multilateral treaties or maybe understandings, or unilaterally lacking any express international deal. The "recognition" of a foreign judgment occurs once the court of a single country or jurisdiction accepts a judicial decision made by the courts regarding another "foreign" land or jurisdiction, and issues a new judgment in drastically identical terms without rehearing the substance with the original lawsuit. Foreign judgment can be enforced in India in one of two ways:

Firstly Judgments from Courts in "reciprocating territories" can be enforced by filing an Execution Petition under Section 44A[38] of the CPC.

Secondly Judgments from "non-reciprocating territories", can be enforced by filing a suit upon the foreign judgement/decree.

"Reciprocating territory" is defined in Section 44A (explanation 1) of India's Civil Procedure Code as: "Any country or territory outside India which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare as a reciprocating territory." According to Civil Laws in India Reciprocating Territories are United Kingdom, Singapore, Bangladesh, UAE, Malaysia, Trinidad & Tobago, New Zealand, the Cook Islands (including Niue) and the Trust Territories of Western Samoa, Hong Kong, Papua and New Guinea, Fiji, Aden.

In both above cases the decree should undergo the test of S. 13[39] CPC which deals with certain exceptions under which the foreign judgement becomes inconclusive and is therefore not executable or enforceable in India.

In the case of *Y. Narasimha Rao v. Y. Venkata Lakshmi*[40], the Supreme Court in respect of a marital question held that just those Courts which the Act (statute) or the law under which the gatherings are hitched perceives as a court of capable locale can enliven the wedding debate in that respect unless both sides deliberately, and genuinely subject themselves to the purview of that court.

In the case of *Satya v. Teja*[41], while dealing with a matrimonial dispute, the Supreme Court held that the test under S. 13 was not restricted to civil dispute alone however could likewise be taken in criminal incidents. For this situation an outside declaration of separation acquired by the spouse from the Nevada State Court in USA in absence of the wife without her submitting to its ward was held to be not tying and legitimate upon a criminal court in incidents for upkeep.

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[41] AIR 1975 SC 105.

The case of *Anoop Beniwal v. Jagbir Singh Beniwal*[42] The facts of the case are that the offended party had filed a suit for separation in England on the basis of the English Act, that is the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973 The particular ground under which the suit was filed was "that the respondent has behaved in such a way that the petitioner cannot reasonably be expected to live with the respondent." This ground is covered by S. 1(1)(2)(b) of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973. The decree was obtained in England and came to India for enforcement. The respondent claimed that since the decree was based on the English Act, there was refusal by the English Court to recognise the Indian Law. The Court held that under the Indian Hindu Marriage Act under S. 13(1)(ia), there is a similar ground which is "cruelty" on which the divorce may be granted. Therefore the English Act, only used a milder expression for the same ground and therefore there was no refusal to recognise the law of India. Thus the decree was enforceable in India.

In the case of Panchapakesa Iyer v. K.N. Hussain Muhammad Rowther[43]

The facts were that the foreign Court allowed the probate of a will in the support of the agents. The property was for the most part under the purview of the outside Court, yet some of it was in India. A suit came to be recorded by the wife of the testator against the agents for a case of an offer in the property. The suit of the widow was declared and a piece of it was fulfilled. The remaining part the widow relegated for the Plaintiff in the present suit. In the present suit the Plaintiff depended upon the outside judgment for a case against the respondents for an offer in the property inside the locale of the household Court. One of the barriers which was taken for opposing the suit was that the dowager's case was established upon a break of a law in power in India. "She made as the Learned Subordinate Judge has found in another piece of his judgment, a case which couldn't be completely upheld by the law of British India; however that is an alternate thing from establishing a case on a rupture of the law in British India, for example a case in appreciation of an agreement which is disallowed in British India. "Another issue which succumbed to the Courts thought was that whether the outside Court had proclaimed the suit on a mistaken perspective of International Law. In this respect the Court held that the foreign Court had received a mistaken perspective of International Law, since an outside Court does not have

[42] AIR 1990 Del. 305 at 311.
[43] AIR 1934 Mad. 145.

ward over the enduring property arranged in the other Country's Court's purview. Along these lines the judgment was proclaimed to be uncertain and unenforceable in India.

In the case of *Sankaran Govindan v. Lakshmi Bharathi*[44], the Supreme Court while interpreting the scope of S. 13(d) and the expression "principles of natural justice" in the context of foreign judgments held as follows:

> "… it merely relates to the alleged irregularities in procedure adopted by the adjudicating court and has nothing to do with the merits of the case. If the proceedings be in accordance with the practice of the foreign court but that practice is not in accordance with natural justice, this court will not allow it to be concluded by them. In other words, the courts are vigilant to see that the defendant had not been deprived of an opportunity to present his side of the case. … The wholesome maxim audi alterem partem is deemed to be universal, not merely of domestic application, and therefore, the only question is, whether the minors had an opportunity of contesting the proceeding in the English Court. If notices of the proceedings were served on their natural guardians, but they did not appear on behalf of the minors although they put in appearance in the proceedings in their personal capacity, what could the foreign court do except to appoint a court guardian for the minors."[45]

For this situation it was held that since the natural guardians who were presented with the notification did not show any enthusiasm for joining the processes, the arrangement of an officer of the court to be watchman commercial litem of the minors in the transactions was considerable consistence of the tenet of Natural equity.

In the case of *T. Sundaram Pillai v. Kandaswami Pillai*[46], the plaintiff filed a suit against two defendants on the premise that the cash reached out by him towards the marriage of the offended party's girl to Defendant No. 1 was repayable by the two litigants mutually. The litigants were situated ex-parte. Nonetheless, litigant No.2 got the exparte request put aside and recorded his composed articulation in which he took the supplication that there was no ward with the Court. Yet litigant No. 2 did not show up, from there on and was situated ex-parte. The announcement

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[44] AIR 1974 SC 1764.
[45] *Id*
[46] AIR 1941 Mad. 387.

was gone for the offended party. At the point when the announcement wanted execution, the litigant No. 2 took the request that it was gotten by misrepresentation.

The Court held as follows:

"All that can be said on this point is that the case brought by the plaintiff was a false case and that defendant 1 assisted him in obtaining a decree by withdrawing from any resistance. It does not seem to me that the words "by fraud" can possibly be applied to circumstances such as these. It cannot be argued that merely because a plaintiff obtains a decree upon evidence which is believed by the Court but which in fact is not true, he has obtained that decree by fraud. There must be fraud connected with the procedure in the suit itself to bring the matter within this clause. This clause also therefore does not apply to the present case.

CHAPTER 4: UNIFICATION OF MATRIMONIAL LAWS

It is well established principle that there is no uniformity in the rule of private international law. These rule vary from state to another. Every state makes its own rules on Private international law and these are usually based on internal laws of the state. Since internal laws of one state differs from the other, the rule of private international law also differ. This disparity in the rules of private international law give rise to conflict of law situation. The conflict of law situation can be avoided if there is uniformity in the rules of private international laws.

4.1 Need for Unification

Dictionary meaning of unification is "being united or made into a whole." [47] A hundred years ago, many lawyers believed that the law of individual nations could, and would, eventually become unified. In a well know speech made in 1888, Ernst Zitelmann advanced a case for "global law" (Weltrecht). According to his argument, because the formalities of legal provisions are common everywhere and the policy goals are, or are going to be shared by every civilized nation, the law of every nation will in end converge.Now, it has been said earlier that the need for private international law arises because the internal laws of different countries differ from each other. If the internal laws of the countries of the world lay down uniform rules, probably there will not be any need for private international law. But then, difference is not only in the internal laws of different countries but also in the private international laws of countries, on account of which sometimes conflicting decisions are pronounced by the courts of different countries on the same matter. Thus, the need for the unification of rules of private international law arises.

If such rules are unified then there would be no conflicting judgments on the matter involving foreign elements by different courts. Secondly, unification of laws will make the court proceedings less time consuming, as the courts will be aware of what laws are applicable in a matter, and would not have to spend time in deciding the applicable substantive law in the matter. Thirdly, as it is the era of globalization and people get involved in personal and commercial relationships often, therefore, if there is unification then there would be less conflict at the first place, and if it is still there, then it would be easy to settle the dispute quickly. Also,

[47] Meeriam-webster online dictionary

due to unification world can be brought up on same platform. If states have contradictory rules, and benefits of avoiding the contradiction are large enough then there will be an incentive for states to choose to unify their laws. A simple example is the traffic rule providing which side of the road a car shall drive on. Neither the right side rule in continental Europe nor the left side rule in Japan and Britain has proven to be superior. However, the coexistence of both rules may be harmful to the facilitation of international traffic.

Modes of Unification

There are two modes for unification of private international law:[48]

i. Unification of the internal laws of the countries of the world, and

ii. Unification of the rules of private international law

4.1.1Unification of the Internal Laws of the Countries of the World

Bern Convention, 1886[49] -

The Berne Convention deals with the protection of works and the rights of their authors. It is based on three basic principles and contains a series of provisions determining the minimum protection to be granted, as well as special provisions available to developing countries that want to make use of them.

(1) The three basic principles are the following:

(a) Works originating in one of the Contracting States (that is, works the author of which is a national of such a State or works first published in such a State) must be given the same

[48] Paras Diwan and Piyushi Diwan, Private International Law – Indian and English, 4th Edition , Deep and Deep Publication ,New Delhi.

[49] Since then the convention has been amended several times.

protection in each of the other Contracting States as the latter grants to the works of its own nationals (principle of "national treatment").

(b) Protection must not be conditional upon compliance with any formality (principle of "automatic" protection.

(c) Protection is independent of the existence of protection in the country of origin of the work (principle of "independence" of protection). If, however, a Contracting State provides for a longer term of protection than the minimum prescribed by the Convention and the work ceases to be protected in the country of origin, protection may be denied once protection in the country of origin ceases.

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)[50]

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) is an independent intergovernmental Organisation with its seat in the Villa Aldobrandini in Rome. Its purpose is to study needs and methods for modernising, harmonising and co-ordinating private and in particular commercial law as between States and groups of States and to formulate uniform law instruments, principles and rules to achieve those objectives.

Warshaw Convention 1929[51]

The Warsaw convention was created in 1929 with 152 member state all over the world. It determined the conditions under which air transport could be obligated for the demise or harm to travelers, misfortune or harm to stuff and postponement; sets breaking points to the measure of pay that could be guaranteed; and avoided resort to national laws.

Brusels Convention 1922- 23: Created for unification of rules related to carriage of person and goods through sea. Geneva Convention 1956: Created for unification of rules related to carriage of person and goods through Road. If looked at in the background of fundamental differences in the various systems of law in the world, this achievement is not very poor, though looked at in

[50] The institute is now closely linked with the United Nations and the Council of Europe
[51] Amended by Hague Convention in 1955

the overall perspective, it is quite insignificant. Some successful attempts at the unification of internal law at regional level have also been made of these mention must be made of the four Scandinavian countries , Finland , Denmark, Norway and Sweden who have signed conventions unifying several branches of law such as related to bankruptcy, res judicata and recognition of judgement and enforcement of decree . In the USA since every state has its own private law, acute problem of conflict of laws often arises. One way of solving this difficulty has been found in the form of restatement of Private International Law.

There has also been an attempt at the unification of civil law between the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe. These countries have also attempted to unify certain laws with the West European Countries. For instance, Convention on Economic Assistance. [52]

But this method of unifying laws is not successful due to reasons such as the kind of society of one nation differs from society of another nation. Public policy is also one such illustration, due to which unifying internal laws of all the nations of world in not practically possible

[52] Convention on Economic Assistance, 1956

CHAPTER 5: UNIFICATION OF MATRIMONIAL LAWS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

The thought of a unification of family law is on a fundamental level nothing new. In the light of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR), a few pundits have discovered a certain distinguishment of the shapes of an 'European Family Law'. It appears that this Convention has an expanding impact on national family. However, few improvements in making extra substantive law have happened. As needs be, European family law was in the past frequently just seen as the standards of this Convention and other universal instruments, and not as substantive law all things considered. At the point when one considers all the more nearly the likelihood of a unification of family law, a mixture of inquiries emerge. Which uniform principles as of now exist? On the off chance that and as for which topics is there a requirement for unification? What hindrances would need to be succeed? Which foundations have the comparing skills? Inside what system could a unification or even a close estimation occur? Any endeavor to attempt to give answers to these inquiries must consider the differing qualities of ways to deal with family law, which verifiably raises still another subset of issues of a general nature, for example, the contrasts between basic law and common law nations. These issues might be talked about in this paper to the degree they touch on the eccentricities of family law. This is additionally not the spot to examine what specifically fits in with the field of family law (rather than family approach); nor will singular local arrangements be analyzed. Before talking about a potential unification of family law, it might be advantageous to first consider the distinct options for such a goal-oriented undertaking.

5.1 The Alternative of Rules Governing Conflicts of Law

A choice prior a unification of family law in an overall brought together European financial and social circle would definitely involve choosing issues of family status and support commitments under the private global law and common methodology guidelines of the particular residential wards. In this regard, a unification of the principles overseeing clashes of laws must be considered. This option, flourishing with the fluctuations in substantive lawful standards, includes just a moderately restricted cut into any one residential legitimate framework and mitigates the distinctions among legitimate frameworks. It maintains a strategic distance from, at any rate, the likelihood that issues in regards to individual status –, for example, the

distinguishment of relational unions or paternity and in addition conjugal property connections – could be liable to disparate principles administering clashes of laws. An answer can be most effortlessly achieved through an acknowledgement of general global standards in regards to worldwide common methodology. There remain, in any case, the challenges of the vaults tic discussion in comprehension and effectively applying new outside tenets and standards. It is thusly regularly contended that private global law arrangements will demonstrate progressively inadequate.

The Hague Conference on Private International Law has applied the best impact on the advancement of an 'European International Family Law' through the institutionalization of the tenets of contentions of laws as per multilateral bargains. For our purposes, reference need be made to the Hague Conventions on the Protection of Minors,[53] on Maintenance Obligations,[54] on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction,[55] on Inter-Country Adoption,[56] on the Protection of Children[57] and the Convention on the International Protection of Adults.[58]

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[53] For our purposes, reference need be made to the Hague Conventions on the Protection of Minors,16 on Maintenance Obligations,17

[54] Hague Convention on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations of 2 October 1973, AJCL 21 (1973), p. 596; Hague Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions Relating to Maintenance Obligations of 2 October 1973, U.N.T.S. 209 (1973) 1021, reprinted in: AJCL 21 (1973), p. 156; Hague Protocol of 23 November 2007 on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations, OJ 2009, L 331/19; Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, Rev.crit. dr. i. p. (2008), p. 411.

[55] Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction of 25 October 1980, U.N.T.S. 1343 (1983) 89, BGBl. II (1990), 207.

[56] Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-Operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption of 29 May 1993 I, BGBl. II (2001) 1034. In force for Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

[57] Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children of 19 October 1996 Rev.crit. dr.i.p. (1996), p. 813. Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom are signatories to this convention.

A unification of family law would be totally, or at least partially, superfluous if sufficient uniform international laws already existed. Such is not however the case. Much attention has been devoted to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20 November 1989. This comprehensive multilateral treaty not only facilitates the human rights protection of the child, but also contains, in its 54 articles, a number of substantive family law provisions. The guiding principle of the convention is that the 'best interests of the child' shall be the primary consideration in all actions concerning children. This treaty, to be sure, advances specific values such as non-discrimination, as well as common parental responsibility, thereby influencing the development of uniform substantive law. Domestic family law as such remains, nonetheless, largely untouched.

Another important document is the ECHR,[59] which all Community Member States have ratified and which has come to enjoy the 'status of a constitution of basic rights for Europe'. Its Article 8 demands respect for private and family life. Article 12 protects the right to marry. Article 14 prohibits discrimination against children born out of wedlock. The convention's impact with respect to the unification of laws is primarily twofold: Firstly, and most importantly, the specific domestic practices of individual national legal orders are called into question. Secondly, and partially in light of the foregoing, the provision for the collective enforcement of a number of human rights and fundamental freedoms facilitates the development of a common European consciousness and promotes a basic understanding regarding rights to be respected in family law legislation. The European Court of Human Rights, terming the ECHR a 'living instrument', has made it feasible for the Court, in applying the arrangement, to consider resulting social advancements, to adjust procurements to changed view of what is just, and to add to the importance of the specific assurances. The Court has found, for instance, that there is a positive commitment innate in a viable 'appreciation for family life' emerging from the tradition. In the Marckx case, where the Court held that Belgium had a positive obligation to give an arrangement of legacy principles which protect the illegitimate youngster's combination into the family, the

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[58] Convention on the International Protection of Adults of 13 January 2000. In force for France, Germany, Switzerland and the UK (Scotland).

[59] European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 4 November 1950, ETS No. 5; BGBl. II (1952), 685, 953.

British individual from the Court, Sir Fitzmaurice, contended in a disagreeing sentiment to treat Article 8 of the tradition only as a guarded right and not to peruse an 'entire code of family law' into the article. Luckily the case law of the Court has grown in a way that neglects to notice his notice, and today the ECHR compels nations in their enactment representing guardian and youngster relations. Be that as it may, inside the parameters set around the Court, there is still a lot of space for a mixed bag of individual household statutory arrangements.

5.2 Basic Issues in a Unification of Family Law

5.2.1 Increasing Convergence

Rather than other legitimate branches of knowledge, for example, the law of carriage and the law on securities, which by their extremely nature are worldwide and subsequently render a substantive unification inside achieve, family law is an all the more inherently neighborhood matter. A mixed bag of components encourage the impression of household sources being extraordinary and inconsistent with a unification, including national traditions, the consolidation of distinctive perspectives into laws, religious and enthusiastic bonds, and in addition the absence of foreign ties. Upon closer examination, these variables may be over- accentuated. Relative law has positively caused to be reinvestigated cases about the uniqueness of one's own lawful system. The cross-country gathering of individual ideas from the Roman and standard law, and also the basic law, shows that even in the region of family law, foreign legitimate thoughts are fit for transference and further the procedure of unification. 'Social requirements' fluctuate solid in diverse fields of family law.to put it plainly, sticking to one's own national legitimate customs may have no other source than an inherent question of the burden of outside principles onto one's own local legitimate request easing Convergence.

Doubtlessly in a few regards the family law of the new Central and Eastern European Union Member States still mirrors the beginning of a communist foundation. Then again, in numerous regards as to the non-separation of genders or youngsters resulting from wedlock, there are no contentions with cutting edge patterns. In a few fields, particularly in marriage law and wedding property law, there were and there are changes in progress which bring more adaptability. A

current premise of regular qualities has as of now been specified. Improvements in European nations, and in other mechanical and post-modern social orders, affirm imparted patterns in the changing way of the family: the propensity towards littler families, the increment in the quantity of single- guardian family units, the noteworthy rate of youngsters conceived out of wedlock, and the expanding acknowledgement of unmarried cohabitation. This union of living and familial connections has implied that officials the world over have been faced with comparable issues. Today there are likewise indications of a more global orientated milieu of attorneys, e.g. there are specific legal advisors inside the national Central Authorities and 'contact officers' managing universal youngster snatching cases.

5.2.2 Relationship to a European Codification of Civil Law

Family law does not involve a lawful framework independent from anyone else. In various European nations, this theme has been organized principally inside the system of an exhaustive codification of common law. This is the circumstance in Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain. An alternate methodology has been taken in the northern nations of Denmark, Finland, and Sweden, where separate statutory authorizations have been declared to manage particular parts of family law, 78 and also in Great Britain and Ireland. In the previous communist nations there is for the most part a different family code. Just when a beginning choice has been made to continue with a general European codification of common law will the results for family law get to be evident. A further choice will then must be made in regards to the degree and profundity of any unification of family law. It is possible that family law could structure a subordinate piece of a general codification. Then again, in perspective of the trouble postured by the topic, one could forego an expansive codification and attempt, from the earliest starting point, just a restricted unification, for instance, as for specific parts of the law of marriage. The dismissal of a general codification – consequently confining any institutionalization to particular, maybe less questionable issues – would make the undertaking simpler. A piecemeal codification of this nature could, at any rate, offer ascent to co-appointment challenges.

5.2.3Relation to Other Fields of Law

Numerous tenets of family law are exemptions to general standards of the law of commitments and individual and genuine property, or they have a tight association with specific principles of procedural, regulatory, and government disability law. Family law no more serves its previous, simply common law capacities; it is today progressively bound up, in an assortment of courses, with different limbs of law. This is especially valid concerning the intercession privileges of powers and the procurement of social advantages. Family law is additionally seriously mixed with procedural law, another zone that has still not been bound together. In perspective of these boundaries of a legitimate specialized nature, choices will must be made concerning whether a unification of family law in the European Union is significant without a unification of these other lawful topics.

5.3 Family Law Subject Matters

5.3.1 Family Law and the Law Concerning Persons

The legitimate improvements and changes of the most recent decades have made a unification of family law simpler to attain to. Have the previous political coalitions disappeared, as well as the real good level headed discussions among the Member States in regulation of family law matters have calmed down. Aside from a couple of unshakable running battles, debates no more revolve around the legitimizations for sexual fairness, the need of agreeing equivalent status to out-of-wedlock child's,[60] or the reasonability of separation. The purposes of conflict today are more concerned with the execution and results of these standards. Since a fundamental assention in regards to general standards does not block contrasting individual statutory arrangements, the assignments included in accomplishing a unification have not get to be less demanding: The essential issues having been determined, the center has moved to various auxiliary intricacies and the shortages of past change enactment. Current issues that have yet to be settled incorporate the outcomes of separation, progressive family connections, the development of new families, single-guardian families, and an expanding mixed bag of living and family courses of action. Demographic changes additionally make inexorable a change of the principles with respect to the

[60] Resolution on Discrimination between Single Mothers and Married Women as regards Filiation in Certain Member States of 11 February 1983, OJ 1983, C 68/120.

custodianship for the elderly.[61] There is, in whole, no deficiency of issues that could structure the premise of a discourse on unification. The accompanying outline of a portion of the more critical regions of family law will demonstrate that each has been affected to an alternate degree by unification propensities.

5.4 Matrimonial Law

5.4.1 Formation of Marriage

A unification of matrimonial law was considered by the Council of Europe from the get-go, however without anything being done. Recent changes in the law of marriage incorporate the evacuation of obstructions to marriage and other formalities. The differences between required common services (as honed in Germany) and the admissibility of religious functions (as permitted in most European nations) have ended up less imperative. The consideration committed to this point in political and legitimate circles has correspondingly diminished.

5.4.2Marital Property Law

While English and Irish law, in permitting general contract and property laws to oversee – with obviously the likelihood for impartial appropriations – don't contain exceptional administrations for marital property, all other Member States in the European Union have authorized their own particular statutory conjugal property administrations. The net result is a confounding plenty of property systems. In the previous communist nations regularly an extra marital property administration has been presented (e.g. group of acquisitions in Hungary and Poland). On the off chance that a companion takes part fundamentally in trans- border exchanges in a brought together financial district, different principles in regards to spousal organization of conjugal property and risk for obligations could constitute a hindrance to business exchanges inside the inner market.86 accordingly, conjugal property law is regularly specified as a conceivable subject for unification. Be that as it may, because of the compelling many-sided quality of this field, no solid arrangements are really taking shape for the acknowledgment of such a venture.

[61] See the Council of Europe's Recommendation on Principles Concerning the Legal Protection of Incapable Adults of 1999.

Besides, there is still an absence of sufficient involvement in the European inward market as to the need for a co-appointment of the frameworks of conjugal property law. These frameworks speak to essentially group of after-gained property and, to a lesser degree, separate property administrations (as honed in England). A unification could, at least, recommend a progression of essential sorts of property administrations. Every European official could announce one of these sorts to be the national conjugal lawful property administration. Life partners would then be qualified for choose treatment under one of alternate administrations and make elective contractual arrangements. Another plausibility would be the improvement of an 'European marriage or an arrangement of marital property that would be perceived in all Member States as a supplement to their individual household administrations. There is additionally a French-German arrangement securing an extra marital property administration in view of a group of acquisition.

5.4.2 Divorce

Except for Malta, separation is conceivable today all over the place in Europe. Noteworthy divergences, particularly as once existed in Ireland, Italy and Spain, have disappeared, and a certain agreement concerning separation has grown in the European Union. Regarding the justification for separation, the teaching of unrecoverable breakdown has ended up generally acknowledged. A party's craving not to proceed with a marriage is respected; and after a time of living separated, the marriage is attempted to have separated. Additionally boundless is a framework that permits diverse separation grounds with the procurement for different sorts of separations, as rehearsed in Austria, Belgium, and France. French law, as a representation, perceives, notwithstanding separate by shared assent, separate on the premise of breakdown of the group and also blame based divorce. Among these nations, then again, there stays just a restricted agreement in their lawful requests. Neither this nor the way that different nations, (for example, England and Germany) have just a solitary class of separation grounds ought to be a considerable boundary to a unification. There remains, in any case, the trouble that additionally in admiration to the results of separation there exist different arrangements. Separate by common assent was once esteemed associate on the grounds that with the worry that the continuation of the marriage would then be left at the parties' transfer. Today the accord wins that repelled mates

ought to be given the chance to work out between themselves the plan for their separation, typically subject to some manifestation of legal support. One of the primary outcomes of separation includes youngster care determinations. In this admiration, Germany was not by any means the only nation that expected to get rid of the standard that guardianship was to be recompensed to stand out guardian. After changes in Germany and in different nations, joint guardianship is [62] undeniably perceived. Numerous nations, the Netherlands for instance, have stated the 'insurance of family life' requested by Article 8 of the ECHR in authorizing reforms.

5.5 Means of Achieving a Unification

5.5.1 Treaties

On a basic level, lawmaking inside the Community is not constrained to regulations, orders and choices; initially Member States could likewise close assentions among themselves with respect to matters associated with the Treaty. Until as of late the unification of universal family law inside the European Union has been accomplished solely through the usage of arrangements. There are still some global traditions in power between the Member States. Nonetheless, today the fitness of the European Union limits the capability of the Member States. While unification of substantive family law through the utilization of an arrangement is hypothetically possible, the dreariness of drafting and concurring upon procurements for such a bargain, coupled with its restricted chances for approval and the absolutely system character which any tenets are prone to tackle, recommends that a significant and powerful unification of family law is not to be accomplished by this implies. It stays to be checked whether the French-German arrangement on a marital property administration will keep on remaining as an exemption.

5.5.2 Regulations

Regulations now assume a significant part in European global common method. Particularly in the field of global family law method, a few instruments are in power and there are new activities for group legislation. As officially said (cf. 1.3) the Brussels II is Regulation manages the

[62] Art. 287 of the French Code civil, 1671 German Civil Code.

procedural parts of separation and parental obligation though the Maintenance Regulation spreads worldwide upkeep cases. In different territories, for example, the law appropriate to separate and additionally the ward for and the law pertinent to wedding property and progression, work proceeds. Directives Although binding directives have been the most effective instrument for creating a common European civil law, they have until now played no role with respect to family law matters as a result of the Union's lack of competence. Were a unification to be limited to the promulgation of guiding principles, directives would be a potential tool for achieving this goal.

5.5 Framework Rules and Model Laws

No worldwide association has yet to assemble a model family law. While model laws need tying compel under global law, they may be received into household law by individual lawmaking bodies. In the European setting it is not clear what association, if any, would assume the danger of such a venture. In the United States, where each of the individual state governing bodies has the skill for family law matters, a progression of model laws have been drafted. Some of these uniform laws, which are frequently exceptionally point by point, concentrate on interstate matters, for example, the implementation of support obligations or the locale for guardianship procedures. Others endeavor a far reaching unification of the law concerning a whole subject area. The last, at any rate, are at times embraced by the individual states, with the outcome that the level of unification shifts all through the country. Despite the fact that these endeavors have not brought about any far reaching unification on a countrywide premise, they have con- tributed a noteworthy feeling of cognizance and straightforwardness to the procedure of lawful change and its execution.

5.5.1 Restatements and Principles

The mixed bag of local laws in Europe makes it basic that a general diagram of existing laws be assembled. In the United States, this has been attained to in numerous zones with the support of 'Restatements of the Law', created by the American Law Institute. A restatement lays out what the law in a general zone is, the way it is changing, and what bearing the analysts think this

change ought to take. Despite the fact that restatements have been utilized fundamentally for topics outside of family law, 'Standards of the Law of Family Dissolution' have been developed. At the European level endeavors are being made for aggregation of a restatement covering the law of commitments. There would be, it appears to be, no explanation behind dismissing a further restatement on family law. A stock-taking of this nature could serve to depict and go hand in hand with, as well as to impact the procedure of progress inside European lawful frameworks. In the meantime, one would need to manage in see any problems that the huge number of laws which would need to be overviewed, coupled with quickly changing authoritative changes, could fate this endeavor from the beginning to disappointment.

The European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions Concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children is a worldwide bargain of the Council of Europe that arrangements with universal child snatching. Like the Hague Abduction Convention it was drafted in 1980 and went into power in 1983. Beginning 1 March 2005 the European Convention has been to a great extent superseded by the Revised Brussels II Regulation and generally just works with nations which are not individuals from the European Union or in admiration to specific requests which originate before the Revised Brussels II.

Both the Hague Convention and the European Convention have the same reason; to dissuade universal child snatching and to secure the arrival of youngsters wrongfully expelled or held from their nation of origin. Despite the fact that are both established on the decently perceived standards that choices in regards to the consideration and welfare of childs are best made in the nation inside which they have the nearest association, and that requests made in that nation of origin ought to be perceived and authorized in different nations, the two Conventions have distinctive methods for accomplishing those objectives.

The European Convention deals with the standard of the shared distinguishment and requirement of requests made in contracting states. Appropriately, there must be in presence a request of a court or other power with the important purview in a Convention Country, which can be perceived and authorized in the accepting state. Indeed preceding the Revised Brussels II, the European Convention was seldom utilized as a part of child napping situations where a child's

arrival was looked for on the grounds that it just works where a request as of now exists. It has more successive application to the authorization of access orders.

5.6 The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction 1980

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, or Hague Abduction Convention is a multilateral bargain grew by the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) that gives a quick system to give back a child globally stole by a guardian starting with one part nation then onto the next. The Convention was closed 25 October 1980 and went into power between the signatories on 1 December 1983. The Convention was drafted to guarantee the brief return of kids who have been snatched from their nation of routine home or wrongfully held in a contracting state not their nation of chronic residence.

The essential proposition of the Convention is to safeguard whatever the present state of affairs kid authority game plan existed promptly before an asserted wrongful evacuation or maintenance consequently hindering a guardian from intersection universal limits looking for a more thoughtful court. The Convention applies just to kids less than 16 years old. As of February 2015, 93 states are gathering to the convention. In 2014, the tradition became effective for Japan on April 1, for Iraq on 1 July and for Zambia on 1 November.

Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility (“Brussels II”)

The purpose of this regulation is to bring together in a single document the provisions on divorce and on parental responsibility. Among other matters, it establishes the automatic recognition of judgments on rights of access, which formed part of an initiative presented by France in 2000. This regulation replaces Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000.

5.6.1 Prioritising children's rights

The European Union (EU) gives priority to the child's right to maintain normal relations with both parents. The child will have the right to make his or her views known on all aspects of parental responsibility, having regard to his or her age and degree of maturity.

5.6.2 Scope, definitions and jurisdiction

The regulation applies to civil proceedings relating to divorce, separation and marriage annulment, as well as to all aspects of parental responsibility. Parental responsibility refers to the full set of rights and obligations in relation to a child's person or property. In order to ensure equality for all children, the regulation covers all judgments on parental responsibility, including measures to protect the child, independently of any matrimonial proceedings.

The regulation does not apply to civil proceedings relating to maintenance, which are covered by Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 on jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.

The accompanying are additionally barred from the extent of the regulation:

- Establishing and testing paternity;

- Judgments on appropriation and the related preparatory measures, and dissolution or disavowal of selection;

- The kid's first and last names;

- Emancipation;

- Trusts and legacy;

- Measures taken after criminal encroachments carried out by kids.

The regulation makes a full arrangement of standards on ward. As respects separation, it assumes control over the principles on purview of Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000. By and large, matters identifying with parental obligation go under the purview of the courts of the EU nation of continual habitation of the youngster. In specific instances of migration, that is of a legal change of home of a youngster, where the courts of the EU nation of the previous habitation of the kid have officially issued a judgment on parental obligation (especially as concerns privileges of access), this matter keeps on going under the locale of the courts of that nation. Also, the companions may acknowledge the purview of the separation court to likewise choose matters of parental obligation. In specific cases, the folks might likewise consent to bring the case before the courts of another EU nation with which the kid has a nearby association. Such an association might, for occurrence, be in view of the nationality of the youngster.

Where a tyke's frequent home can't be made, the EU nation in which the kid is available will expect locale as a matter of course. This procurement applies, for occasion, to instances of exile kids or youngsters universally dislodged due to aggravations happening in their nations of cause. Where it is unrealistic to characterize locale on the premise of the particular procurements set around the regulation, every EU nation may apply its national enactment. In uncommon

circumstances, the case may be alluded to the court best set to hear it, where this is to the greatest advantage of the tyke.

The courts are obliged to confirm they could call their own movement whether they have purview for the reasons of this regulation. On the off chance that a court of an EU nation has no locale in a matter submitted to it, it must proclaim of its own movement that it has no purview. Where procedures are brought against a respondent who is continually inhabitant in another EU nation, the courts must check whether the respondent got the record initiating the procedures in sufficient time to empower him or her to organize his or her protection. In earnest cases, the courts might likewise take interval defensive measures identifying with persons and property.

5.6.3 Rules on kid snatching

The regulation additionally sets down tenets on tyke snatching (unlawful evacuation or maintenance of the youngster). The object is to battle tyke kidnapping in the EU. A holder of privileges of care may seek the arrival of a kidnapped tyke to a focal power or to a court. By general administer, the courts of the EU nation in which the kid was periodically inhabitant quickly before the kidnapping keep on having ward until the kid is routinely occupant in another EU nation (subject to the consent of all persons holding privileges of care and a base time of one year of living arrangement).

The court being referred to must issue its judgment inside six weeks of the case being submitted to it. The kid is heard amid the procedures, unless this seems unseemly because of his or her age and level of development. Return of the tyke can't be rejected if the individual requesting return

has not been listened. The courts of the EU nation to which the kid has been stole can just deny return of the kid if there is a genuine danger that arrival would open the youngster to physical or mental damage (under Article 13(b) of the Hague Convention of 1980). Nonetheless, the judge must request the youngster's arrival in the event that it is created that sufficient courses of action have been made to guarantee the assurance of the kid after his or her arrival.

On the off chance that a court decides that a tyke is not to be returned, it must exchange the case document to the capable court of the EU nation in which the youngster was constantly occupant preceding evacuation. This court takes a definite conclusion in the matter of whether the kid is to be returned. The judge must give the youngster and the gatherings concerned the chance of being heard and must additionally consider the reasons and the confirmation in view of which the first judge decided that the tyke was not to be returned. On the off chance that the judge in the EU nation of birthplace achieves an alternate choice, i.e. that the kid ought to be given back, this judgment is naturally perceived and enforceable in the other EU nation without the requirement for a statement of enforceability ("nullification of exequatur"). The judgment can't be tested, given that the judge in the EU nation of starting point has issued an authentication.

5.6.4 Recognition and requirement

The standards on distinguishment and authorization are those set around Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000 on this matter. The regulation accommodates programmed distinguishment of all judgments with no mediator system being needed. It confines the grounds on which distinguishment of judgments identifying with wedding matters and matters of parental obligation may be declined to the accompanying:

- recognition is manifestly as opposed to open strategy;

- the respondent was not presented with the record that organized the procedures in sufficient time to orchestrate his or her resistance;

- recognition is hostile with another judgment.

For judgments in matters of parental obligation, there are two further justification for non-distinguishment:

- the tyke was not given a chance to be listened;

- a individual cases that the judgment encroaches his or her parental obligation, on the off chance that it was issued without this individual having been given a chance to be listened.

A judgment on the activity of parental obligation can be proclaimed to be enforceable in another EU nation on the use of an invested individual (and, on account of the UK, after it has been enlisted for implementation). The choice on the application for an announcement of enforceability may be offered against.

With respect to judgments on marital matters and parental obligation, the skilled court must, at the solicitation of any invested individual, issue a declaration utilizing the standard structures .All judgments on privileges of access and return of kids brought as per the regulation will be naturally perceived and implemented in all EU nations without the requirement for exceptional methodology (nullification of exequatur), gave that they are joined by a testament. Standard structures for endorsements concerning privileges of access and return of kids .A declaration issued to encourage authorization of a judgment is not subject to claim. In any case, procedures for redressing the endorsement can be started in the event that it doesn't effectively mirror the judgment.

The implementation strategy is administered by the national law of the EU nation of requirement. A refinement must be made between a judgment recognizing privileges of access and the handy courses of action for practicing such rights. The judge in the EU nation of authorization can focus the commonsense plans for practicing privileges of access if the vital techniques have not been determined in the judgments by the courts of the other EU nation in which privileges of access were conceded. In deciding these useful plans, the judge must at all times conform to the essential components of the judgment giving the privilege.

5.6.5 Cooperation between focal powers

Every EU nation assigns one or more focal powers to practice a few capacities, specifically to:

- promote trades of data on national enactment and methodology;

- facilitate correspondence between courts;

- provide help to holders of parental obligation trying to perceive and implement choices;

- seek to determine contradictions between holders of parental obligation through option means, for example, intercession.

The focal powers are frequently united in the European Judicial Network in common and business matters. All holders of parental obligation can ask for with the expectation of complimentary help from the focal power in the EU nation in which the tyke is chronically inhabitant.

When in doubt, the regulation replaces the current traditions between two or more EU nations that worry the same matters. It will beat certain multilateral traditions on relations between EU nations that worry matters represented by the regulation: the Hague Convention of 1961 (law material to assurance of minors), the Luxembourg Convention of 1967 (distinguishment of choices on marriage), the Hague Convention of 1970 (distinguishment of separations), the European Convention of 1980 (authority of youngsters), and the Hague Convention of 1980 (common parts of global tyke snatching).

As to relations with the Hague Convention of 19 October 1996 on ward, relevant law, distinguishment, requirement and collaboration in admiration of parental obligation and measures for the assurance of youngsters, this regulation is completely pertinent if the youngster being referred to is periodically occupant in an EU nation. The guidelines on distinguishment and implementation likewise apply if the skillful court in an EU nation issues a judgment, regardless of the possibility that the youngster being referred to is periodically occupant in a non-EU nation that is a gathering to this tradition.

Unique procurements are pertinent to:

- Relations of Finland and Sweden with Denmark, Iceland and Norway as respects the use of the Nordic Marriage Convention of 6 February 1931;

- Relations between the Holy See and Portugal, Italy, Spain and Malta.

A board of delegates of EU nations is to aid the Commission in offering impact to the regulation. By 1 January.

Chapter 6: CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

Though it is very clear that there is an urgent need of unification, one thing has to be accepted as a fact that it cannot be achieved immediately. It is slow process, which has to take its own course .Attempts can only be made to accelerate the process. Similarly Unification cannot be suddenly imposed on states because of vast diversities in social and cultural environment of each state. In fact it is process has to achieved step by step .The very first step that can be taken is that, the geographical scope of various Hague convention should be increased as done in the case of Child Abduction. This will facilitate the state to adopt the provisions of these conventions.

For unification to be effective and easy it is necessary that the internal laws of a state be unified. This minimizes the problem of Conflict of Laws. If state has more than set of internal laws like India , where each community has its own laws governing personal matters , then it becomes difficult to determine which law has to be applied in cases where spouse belong to different communities . To avoid this sort of conflict it is beneficial if the country has its own civil code governing all the communities of the country. Unification at this stage will prove to be more successful and then can be applied to wider scale.

Unification can be more effective if it is started at regional level. State having common background in terms of culture and social atmosphere should come together to unify the laws relating to matrimonial causes under private international law. For example, the countries of Southeast Asia , Africa ,SAARC , East Asia can have unification of laws in their region which can be effected by adopting regional conventions. Unification has proved to be more successful if started at regional level due to similarities in situation of countries of a particular region Guidance for this purpose can be taken from Hague Convention as these proved to be fairly successful. Slowly and gradually this method can be applied on a wider scale by spreading the process of unification to all the states.

The process of unification of private international law has already started but most of the work done in this field is with regard to commercial laws. Matrimonial laws have been unified only in EU. The Hague Conference has done commendable job for unification of laws as the instances of divorce, judicial separation and child abduction raise day by day.

- The following suggestion can be given for effective unification of Private International law
- The position of private international law should be in the form of generally binding, stable norms of international laws, whose application should depend on particular interests and acceptance of individual states.
- There is need for creation of a permanent and centralized mechanism for formulation of rules of private international law.
- In case of separation of parents it is child who is worst affected. Hence welfare of child should be taken into consideration while applying proper law.
- Counselling should be encouraged for couple in cases of Judicial separation, as it does not dissolve marriage. Proper Counselling can help in rejoin families.
- A permanent council should be formed which will work for the unification of matrimonial laws. Al the states should be equally represented in this council, so that laws accepted all can be formulated.

Their genuine numbers may be generally near to 30 million. Without a doubt, universal Indians are a substance independent from anyone else. Therefore there is an earnest requirement for a worldwide law to represent their contentions. The connection and maintenance of their ties with their more distant families in India and abroad has discovered statement in issues identifying with migration, nationality, marriage, separation, constrained relational unions, between parental youngster evacuation, spousal support, division of marital property, between nation appropriations, progression and legacy, tenure of Indian property and surrogacy game plans. Outside courts and abroad law experts are adrift endeavoring to determine these issues given that Indian laws relating to these issues have not been changed or upgraded. The pertinence of foreign laws, the legitimacy of judgments professed abroad and the verdicts of Indian courts which need clarifying, are issues that oblige elucidation by specialists. Individual laws

overseeing worldwide Indians — independent of the way that NRIs have foreign nationalities and abroad citizenships — are all over five decades old. They don't meet the test of time. They have outlasted their utility and don't answer current day family issues in the worldwide viewpoint. Conflict of purviews further mixes issues and result in broken homes and isolated families. Indian laws on the subject of custom, marriage, separation, spousal support, residential and between nation appropriations, child kidnapping, surrogacy, child rights, marital settlements, other than issues of nationality and citizenship found in existing statutory authorizations, don't accept a call when there are inputs from outside laws or when there is reconcilement with an abroad court judgment. Translation of foreign courts on family law has further hued the situation as they give new measurements not envisioned by Indian law. NRIs scanning for help measures face numerous jurisdictional conflicts and are not able to accommodate their rights with relating commitments in Indian.

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