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SPEAKER BIO

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Maria Chiara Malaguti is Full Professor of International law at Università Cattolica Sacro Cuore (Milan/Rome, Italy).

In July 2020 the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs appointed her as President of the International Institute for Unification of Private Law, UNIDROIT since 1 September 2020 for a mandate of five years. She is the first woman to be appointed in such position.

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